

NSIF ON FARM TESTING COMMITTEE REPORT

December 5-6, 1977
 Holiday Inn West
 St. Louis, MO

Committee members present:

L. Heidebrecht - IN (Chairman)	D. Haerther - CO
C. Christians - MN (Secretary)	E. Peace - MT
W. Ahlschwede - NE	J. Phillips - MN
R. Bennett - IN	J. Rea - MO
R. Denniss - --	J. Russell - --
J. Fleenor - IA	T. Socha - NE
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The committee spent most of their time discussing the Guidelines and changes recommended at the 1976 meeting.

1. The general format as listed in the Guidelines should be changed. The On Farm Testing should be a major heading with the sow productivity recommendation listed under the reproduction section, listed under Item 3 of the On Farm Program along with all indexes and adjustment tables.
2. The committee recommended that the On Farm index subcommittee develop an additional index which includes 21-day litter weight. A brief statement should accompany each index as to the index emphasis and breeder use of the index.
3. The heading for Item 3 on Page 20 should be changed from "80-day gain test" to "Post-weaning gain test." The last statement, "All pigs will be weighed off-test after an 80-day test," should be deleted.
4. The committee recommended that the Reproductive Performance committee evaluate end point weights for gilts and boars being tested on farms.
5. A publicity editorial committee composed of John Russell, John Rea, and Charles Christians was appointed to write a series of popular articles covering the recommended NSIF On Farm Testing Program.

Submitted by,

Larry Heidebrecht, Chairman
 Charles Christians, Secretary