

Systèmes d'identification et de traçabilité des porcs dans différents pays de l'UE

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Different systems for pig identification and traceability within the EU

The identification and traceability of pigs within the EU are governed by European rules. Moreover, each country within the EU has adopted specific systems, because of their specific needs concerning health problems or animal welfare. In order to understand the different systems that exist, comparisons have been made between Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium and France. Some countries identify their piglets according to the site number before their departure from the farm, others, such as the Dutch and the Belgians, systematically identify their piglets at weaning with an individual number. All countries in this study use paper documents to follow pig movements, but in some countries, this documentation is more complicated to manage. These movements are then registered in electronic databases, which are presented in this study. This article focuses on the Danish system which pays particular attention to its database, which is core to the health management of the herd. The database allows the Danish to follow pigs without documents and even in some cases without markings. This database should be an example for other EU countries to simplify procedures for the stakeholders.