

The health condition of breeding boars reared in free range and indoor systems

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Summary

The study was focused on assessing health condition of breeding boars kept in free range and indoor systems. The assessment included 88 animals, and was conducted in seven pig breeding farms producing breeding boars in the Podkarpackie voivodeship. The study registered incidence of diseases and injuries of the body as well as diseases and injuries of the limbs. The results showed that a higher ratio of the animals with diseases and injuries of the body as well as diseases and injuries of the limbs were found in pigs reared within the indoor farming systems. The problems of indoor rearing system include diseases and injuries of the limbs, particularly lameness and leg deformations. Assessing the health condition of livestock is a significant element of evaluating pigs' well-being.

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