

# YOUNA

## Prolific, autonomous and maternal

### “Work is more flexible, the results improve”

“For us, the switch to the Youna sow was a daring bet : before, the productivity had reached 29 piglets per sow per year and it seemed to have reached a maximum in particular because of the losses in the maternity. Now, the level of 12 weaned per litter has been crossed. And frankly, I think that the potential of the Youna sow is far from being reached. The Youna sow requires a special behavioural approach during the introduction period. One of the employees voluntarily spends time in the boxes of the gilts. It is an investment which then makes it possible to save time during vaccinations, heat detection and in general for all the interventions. Giving birth goes smoothly as a consequence of the time spent during the introduction period.”

#### GTTT performances Youna 2006

Piglets weaned per sow per year : 30,51 - Total born / litter : 13,17 - Weaned / litter : 12,02.

### “An exceptionally calm sow”

“The behaviour of the Youna sows and gilts at the time of oestrus is very clear: standing still at the boars very evident. The Youna sow is very calm, which makes handling operations easy. In the maternity house, the sow remains lying down during the entire farrowing process and the number of crushed piglets strongly fell. We spend considerably less time in the farrowing house. The litter size at birth and homogeneity of the piglets has improved. Finally, we are weaning more piglets per sow per year without reducing the average weight of the piglets: this was one of our goals since we sell a proportion of the piglets at weaning.”

#### GTTT performances Youna 2006

Total born : 15,11 - Born alive : 13,89 - Weaned : 11,40.

### “14 to 15 piglets with the sow up to weaning”

“In 2002, I received the first Youli gilts, dams of the Youna sows. My goal with Youli sows was to keep 14 to 15 piglets under the sow up to the weaning age of 28 days. For that, only 5 % of the piglets in the farrowing batch are moved to even the litters. I chose the foster sows according to their number of teats, the size and homogeneity of their previous litters and their behaviour. Also, birth synchronisation is avoided, as much as possible. Vaginal exploration is rare and only performed to verify that delivery is complete. Finally, the Youli sows are harder (only 2 % sow loss per year) and have a good longevity: the sows on their eighth and ninth litter wean more than 12 piglets.”

#### GTTT performances Youli 2006

Piglets weaned per sow per year : 31,18 - Total born : 15,24 - Born alive : 14,26 - Weaned : 12,63  
Pregnancy rate at first mating : 91,7 %.



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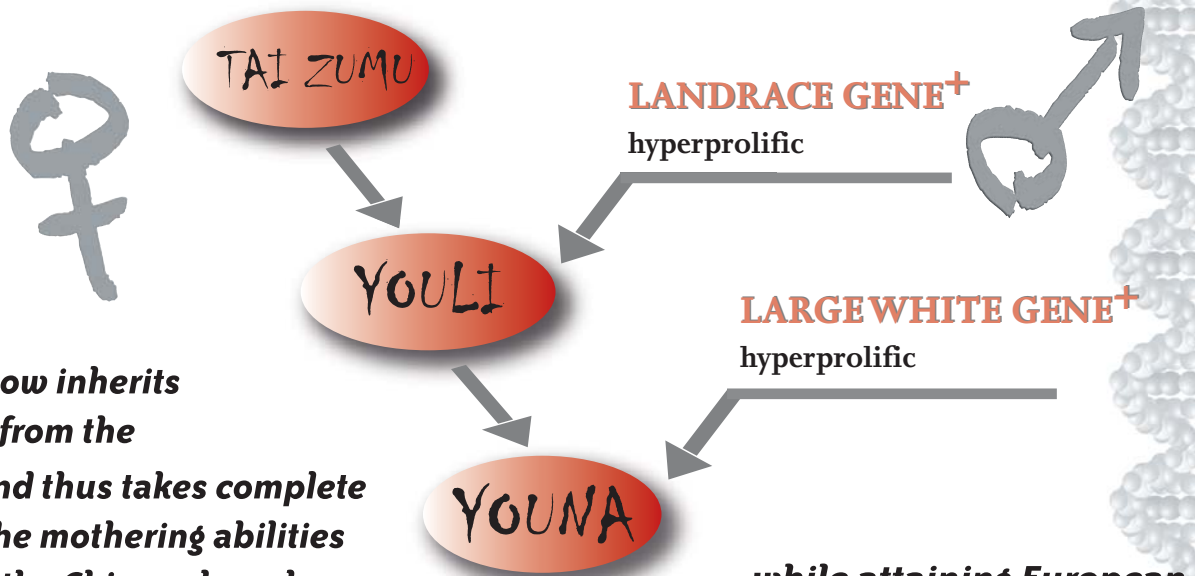
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The **YOUNA** sow comes from the **TAI ZUMU** composite line, first Sino-European line combining the European hyperprolific genes with genes from the Chinese Meishan and Jiaxing breeds. The **TAI ZUMU** sow has been selected for more than ten years on the criteria of prolificacy, teats, and mothering abilities, but also on growth and percentage of muscle.



The **YOUNA** sow inherits Chinese genes from the **[female line]** and thus takes complete advantage of the mothering abilities inherited from the Chinese breeds...

...while attaining European production **[Performances]**

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