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In the mountainous areas of North Vietnam, pig production is conducted on a semi-intensive level and can be characterised as demand driven. Are local pig breeds and improved introduced pig genotypes suitable for smallholders? What are the potentials and limitations for future development of the existing pig production systems?

Background and objectives

- To assess the suitability of local pig breeds and improved introduced pig genotypes for smallholders in the research area Son La province,
- To identify potentials and limitations for future development of the existing pig production systems.

These objectives lead to a comparison of the Vietnamese improved breed 'Mong Cai' in a demand driven production system with the Vietnamese local breed 'Ban' in a resource driven production system and thus to the central question: Is it reasonable to integrate Ban breed in a breeding and marketing program in the resource driven system, or is it better to replace the local breed by higher-yielding genotypes?

Material and methods

Results and discussion

Conclusions

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