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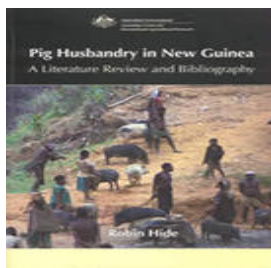
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A Literature Review and Bibliography

Pigs are (or have been) an integral part of the culture and political organisation of many New Guinea peoples. Pig production is the most significant part of smallholder livestock management in both Papua New Guinea and West Papua. In New Guinea as a whole, there are estimated to be nearly 2.5 million domestic pigs, or approximately one animal for every three people. This publication provides a bibliography of the literature on New Guinea pig husbandry and reviews that literature. It is intended as a guide to, and overview of, the current state of knowledge on pigs in New Guinea and thus as a resource for people concerned with animal production, food supply, nutrition, and animal and human health in the country.

Topics covered include pig origins, prehistory and breeds; husbandry systems; pig numbers, distributions and ownership; production performance under village husbandry (feeding, growth, reproduction, mortality, and labour); transfers and transactions in trade and exchange; research trials; the nutritional role of pork in human diets; pig diseases; zoonotic diseases; and environmental impacts. (The paperback print version includes a CD-Rom containing an e-copy of the book, as well as an e-copy of the bibliographic file in EndNote file format).

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