



## The Uplands Program

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in Mountainous Regions of Southeast Asia



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# Management Of Pig Performance Data By Farmers With A Professional Software Databank

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# Data recording and data management

## Long-term objectives



- Data recording by farmers & researchers
- Develop a long-term stable data flow system between farmers & researchers
- Establish data management directly in the villages
- Training of a voluntary person from each village in
  - using a computer
  - data entry in a Herd Management Program
  - data saving, data management and data checking
  - preparing feed back information sheets for farmers



## Conducted activities March - May 2003



- Set-up a computer at the Veterinary Department, Son La } March
- Selection of 3 farmers from Ban Buon and Ban Bo, respectively, for a computer course } April
- Training of farmers in general use of a computer } April
- Selection of a Herd Management Program to establish a project data bank } May
- Selection of one farmer from each group for further training } May
- Training of that person in entering data in the Herd Management Program } May



## Details on the computer course

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	April	May
<b>Nr. of participants</b>	2 groups of 3 people from Ban Buon and Ban Bo, respectively	2 people from Ban Buon
<b>Nr. of lessons</b>	5	4
<b>Main topics of the course</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Introduce the computer and its possibilities</li><li>➤ Using keyboard and mouse</li><li>➤ Presentation of 2 handouts in Vietnamese</li><li>➤ Writing and text editing (MS Word)</li><li>➤ Storage of documents</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Explanations on the program “PigChamp” and its possible benefits</li><li>➤ Presentation of a handout to simplify data entry for participants</li><li>➤ Starting the program</li><li>➤ Practicing data entry</li><li>➤ Storage of data</li></ul>



# The 'PigChamp' program

## Main data entry screen



ID: 1052    Alt ID: LO,RU    Parity: 1    Status: WEANED  
Birth date: 15 APR 01    Sire:            Dam:            Genetics: MONG CAI

} General information

PARITY	DATE	EVENT	EVENT DATA
0	3 NOV 01	ENTER	Parity: 0    Origin: D2
	26 FEB 02	DISEASE	Disease: PARASITES, EXTERNAL
	17 AUG 02	MATING	Boar:
	8 SEP 02	ADULT WT	Weight: 63.8
	8 SEP 02	CONDITION	Score: 2
1	12 DEC 02	FARROW	Alive: 10    Stillborn: 1    Mummies: 0    Weight: 10.8
	22 DEC 02	PIG DEATHS	Died: 1    Reason: LOW VIABILITY
	14 FEB 03	WEAN	Pigs weaned: 9    Litter weight:

} Events in the life-cycle of the breeding animal

Add DElete EDit Header Up DOwn STore Next Options SWitch Quit  
Command: ADD  
Date: 14 FEB 03    Event: WEAN            Pigs weaned: 9    Litter weight:

} Commands and Data entry



# The 'PigChamp' Program Herd Performance Report



PigCHAMP	HERD PERFORMANCE			FARM: 1
HERD PERFORMANCE		PigCHAMP 2.1		
1 MAR 03 - 31 APRIL 03		(C) 1985,87,88 Univ of Minn		
FARM: BAN BUON		Licensed to ITP TU BERLIN		
		Printed: 31 MAY 03		
		MAR 03	APR 03	MAR 03 APR 03
BREEDING HERD PERFORMANCE				
<b>Total number of services</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Number of sows farrowed</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Farrowing rate		100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Average pigs born alive/litter</b>		<b>7.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>
<b>Litters / mated female / year</b>		<b>1.66</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>1.20</b>
Use cursor keys to move through the report, press <ESC> for options				



## Rating of achievements after the course



General use of the computer	• Turn on / off computer and monitor	√√√	√√√	• Start the program	Use of the Herd Management Program “PigChamp”
	• Using keyboard and mouse	√√	√	• Select the right farm for data entry	
	• Writing and text editing	√√	√√	• Start data entry	
	• Designing tables	√√	√	• Enter data for individual breeding pigs	
	• Save and re-open documents	√√	√	• Store entered data	
	Tasks accomplished with little advice			Tasks accomplished only with assistance	

- √√√ independently
- √√ with little advice and/or use of handouts and own notes
- √ only with assistance



## Problems encountered

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### Until now

#### Work in Ban Buon & Ban Bo

##### Time

- Considerable parts of the program "PigChamp" have not been taught yet
- Missing practice due to time schedule

##### Language

- English operating language of the program

##### Motivation

- No voluntary training person from Ban Bo could be found
  - No interest or direct relation to pig keeping husbandry?
  - Purpose and benefit of the work is not yet recognized?

##### Logistic

- Safety

### Expected future problems

#### Additional work in Na Huong, Bo Duoi, remote villages

##### Time

- Computer training in additional villages
- Greater distance to these villages

##### Language

- Language constraints remain

##### Motivation

- Find suitable persons for training in all investigated villages

##### Logistic

- Safety and electricity



# Improvement strategies to overcome constraints



## Time constraints

- Provide additional practicing possibilities

## Language constraints

- Optimize handouts & simplify as much as possible

## Motivation

- Take into account a compensation for entering data
- Find person with direct interest and relation to pig keeping husbandry

## Logistic constraints

- Assess security risk in each village and take appropriate measures
- External power supply



# Recommendations

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## For Ban Buon, Ban Bo

- Continue with work as started in test phase
- Concentrate on improvement strategies
- Take data entry sheets in Vietnamese language into consideration (Excel or Access)

## For other villages

- Computerization postponed
- Data recording on sheets by farmers
- Data entry and management with a computer by data entry staff