## Scottish Pig Farm Assurance

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# **Pig Farming in Scotland**

## **Scottish Breeding Herd**



## **Pig Farming in Scotland**

- @50 businesses
- 184 commercial sites
- Roughly half outdoor bred





## **Outdoor Breeding**



## **Indoor Breeding**



## Scottish Meat Production (t)



## Why Scottish Pigs?



## **Quality Meat Scotland Pigs Assurance Scheme**



# **Pigs Scheme overview**

183 approved scheme members

## QMS Pigs Assurance Scheme Categories

Category 1	To be assessed in 12 months
Category 2	To be assessed in 9 months
Category 3	To be assessed in 6 months
Category 4	To be assessed in 3 months
Category 5	Certificate of conformity withdrawn
	<ul> <li>Full assessment required at</li> </ul>
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## At a glance

THE PIGS Assurance Scheme is an essential element in the Quality Meat Scotland (QMS) 'whole chain' consumer assurance programme. To carry the Scottish Red Meat Industry's Specially Selected Pork brand containing the Saltire, pigs must have been born, reared and slaughtered in Scotland, from farms that are members of the scheme.

This whole of life brand eligibility is delivered by a suite of exeurance achemes: Pigs, Feeds, Haulage, and Processor. Whole chain exaurance underping the integrity of the Specially Selected Pork brand and provides reassurance to consumers of provenance, highest standards of production, animal welfare and wellbeing, to deliver a quality eating experience.

Manufactured feeds must be sourced from QMS approved feeds suppliers, animals must be transported by QMS approved livestock hauliers, and alaughtered by QMS approved processors. Whole chain assurance ensures that animals have the best possible quality of life on farm and throughout the live supply chain, resulting in the highest quality product reaching the consumer's plate.



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#### 'whole chain' consumer assurance programme.

The Scottish SPCA carries out joint visits to QMS approved livestock farms along with Lloyd's Register farm assessors.

The Scottish Pig Health Scheme is a proactive health management strategy that aims to keep Scottish producers at the forefront of global health, welfare and production efficiency (see Appendix 3). This includes an abattoir health monitoring programme operated by Wholesome Pige Scotland Ltd, which is a robust health checking mechanism that helps producers to achieve continuous herd health improvement. Abattoir monitoring by pig specialists is quickly reported to producers and their unit veterinary advisor. Zooncess are also covered through the Scottish Salmonella Scheme, A direct link through

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### **ISO/IEC 17065** accreditation.

the recognised international standard for product conformity certification.

QMS to the SRUC Veterinery Services accesses further expertise when required.

The overall strategy of QMS is to shape a sustainable and prospering Scottish Red Mest Industry and a commitment to animal welfare and wellbeing is a key factor in this strategy and of paramount importance in ensuring the highest product quality. The QMS Animal Welfare and Wellbeing Charter recognises the five freedoms of animal welfare and wellbeing and is a guiding principle for all QMS assurance achemes, which are supported and approved by the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Scottish SPCA), Scotland's independent animal welfare charity. The Scottish SPCA also carries out joint visits to QMS approved livestock farms along with Uoyd's Register farm assessors.

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The Pigs Assurance Scheme standards are reviewed annually to maintain ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation, the recognized international standard for product conformity certification. This annual review takes into account changing circumstances in the industry and the wider operating environment.

Assessment and certification of all farms is currently carried out by Lloyd's Register (formerly Acours). See Appendix 1 for details of How the Scheme Works and Appendix 2 for details of the Certification Regulations.

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Whole Chain Assurance

# What areas are assessed?

## The stock

Stockman ship

Animal welfare

Housing/Handling facilities

Medicine Storage

Feed store

Paperwork



## Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals



## The Value of Data

## **Quarterly Veterinary Reports**



## **Disease Elimination - PRRS**



Breeding Animals

## **Outbreak Control – Swine Dysentery**



## Impact on Antibiotic Use



## **Benefits for Scheme Members**







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## Any Questions?

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