



**“Dr. Hastad’s unconventional approaches to nutrition for improved pig performance and profitability.”**

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# About NFP

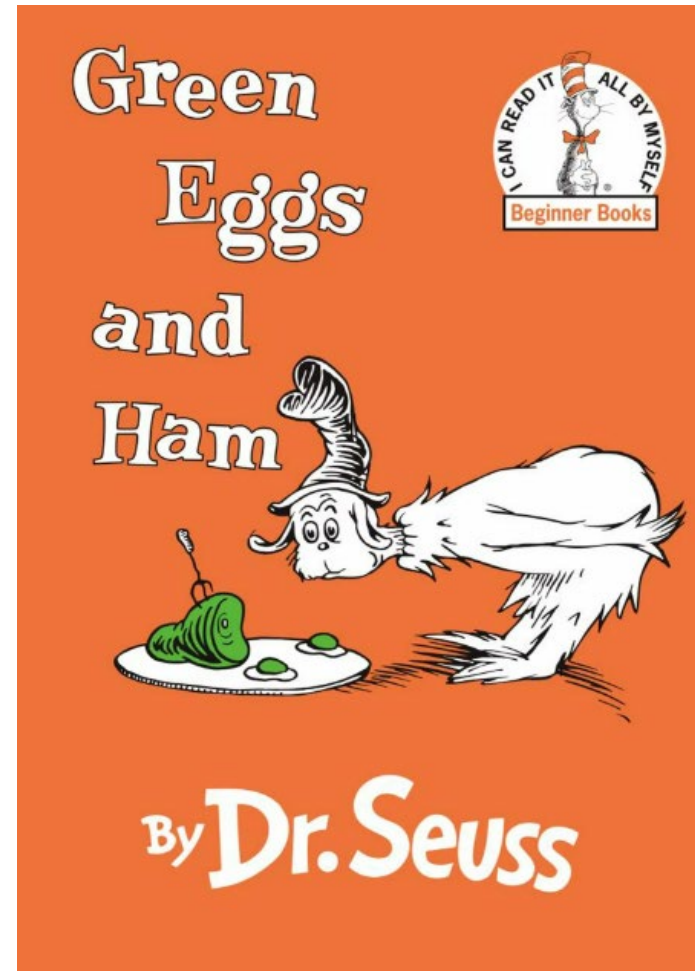
*Farm Family Values*

- Celebrated 30 years in business this year.
- NFP is the 20<sup>th</sup> largest producer in the United States:
- Integrated pork production enterprise
- People-centered business employing over 400 people
- Produce over 1.40 million head of market hogs per year
- We have over 58,000 sows in 12 locations across Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, South Dakota, Wyoming, Illinois and Wisconsin.
- Operate four feed mills located in Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and Indiana
- Over 200 nursery, grow-finish sites encompassing 650,000 grow-finish spaces
- Own and operate two A.I. Centers, housing a total of 400 boars
- Based out of Jackson, Minnesota



*Kerri Hopkins said....*

*“That’ll be like a  
Dr Seuss book  
but in swine a  
presentation”*



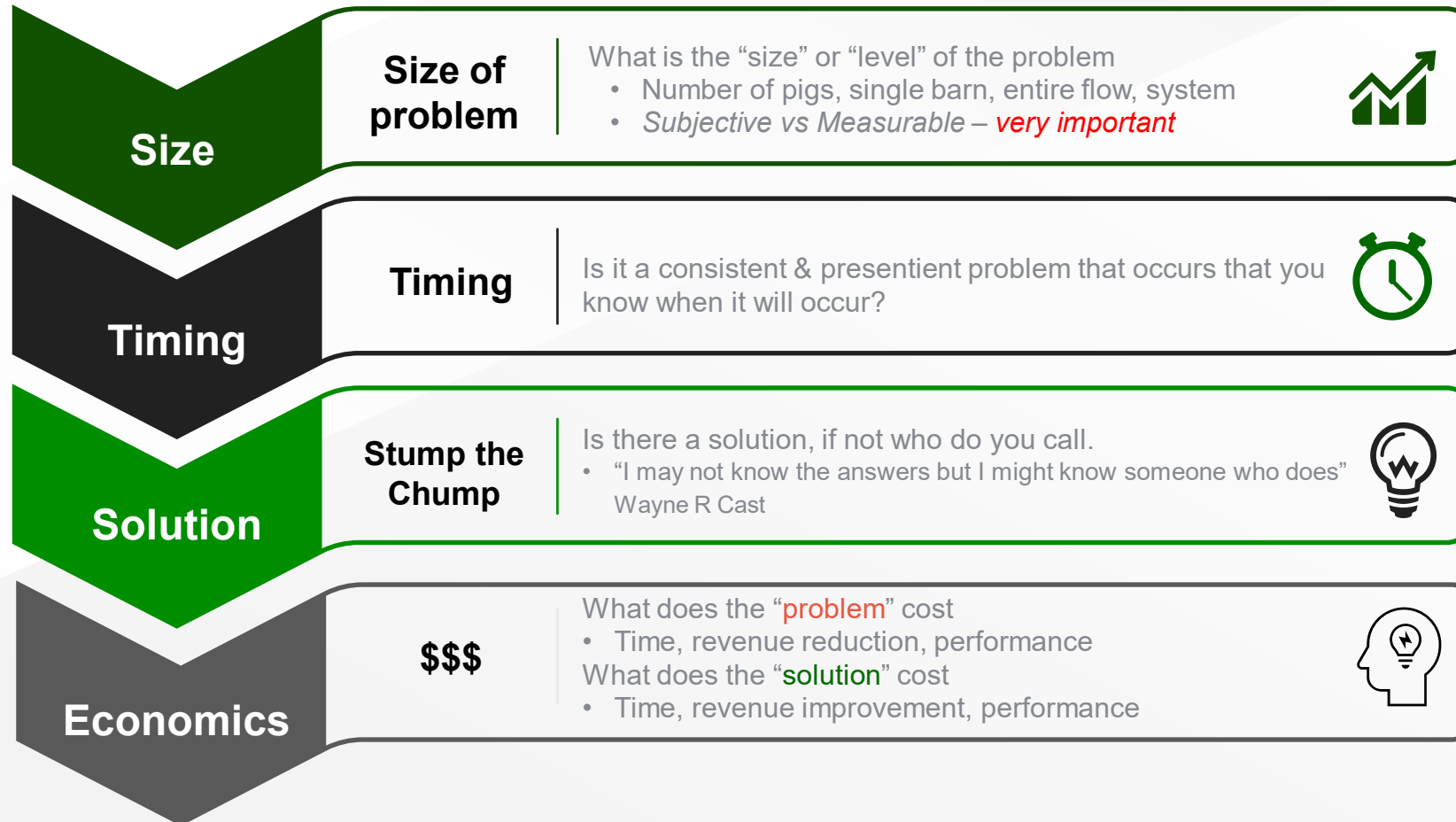
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# The Process



# What are we often taught or told ?



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Feed Mill Mgr

Chad



# *Consider a simple wean pig group*

<b>Nutrition</b>			
Energy Level			
Protein Level			
Vitamin Level			
Mineral level			
Fiber Level			
Micro Mineral Level			
Ingredient tolerances			
Particle Size			
Product quality			
Mycotoxins			
Fiber type			
Pro / Prebiotic			

# Consider a simple wean pig group

<b>Nutrition</b>	<b>Sow</b>		
Energy Level	Sow farm / Unique "bugs"		
Protein Level	Sow Partity		
Vitamin Level	Wean Age		
Mineral level	Staging Room		
Fiber Level	Litter Size		
Micro Mineral Level	Sow Feeder design		
Ingredient tolerances	Piglet Proccessing		
Particle Size	Birth Order		
Product quality	Scour/ No Scour		
Mycotoxins	Heat mat / lamps		
Fiber type	Brooder / No Brooder		
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Vitamin Level	Wean Age	Grueling mats or bowls	
Mineral level	Staging Room	Water cup size	
Fiber Level	Litter Size	Water cup placement	
Micro Mineral Level	Sow Feeder design	Flooring type	
Ingredient tolerances	Piglet Proccessing	Lighting type	
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Product quality	Scour/ No Scour	Ventilation	
Mycotoxins	Heat mat / lamps	Pen stock	
Fiber type	Brooder / No Brooder		
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<b>Nutrition</b>	<b>Sow</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Health</b>
Energy Level	Sow farm / Unique "bugs"	Feeder Design	PRRS Vaccine
Protein Level	Sow Partity	Pen size/shape	E Coli Vaccine
Vitamin Level	Wean Age	Grueling mats or bowls	Water vitamin supplementation
Mineral level	Staging Room	Water cup size	Circovirus Vaccine
Fiber Level	Litter Size	Water cup placement	HPS Vaccine
Micro Mineral Level	Sow Feeder design	Flooring type	Ileitis Vaccine
Ingredient tolerances	Piglet Proccessing	Lighting type	Salmonella
Particle Size	Birth Order	Light duration	K88
Product quality	Scour/ No Scour	Ventilation	Mycoplasma Hyopneumoniae
Mycotoxins	Heat mat / lamps	Pen stock	Erysipothrix
Fiber type	Brooder / No Brooder		Iron
Pro / Prebiotic	Crate flooring type		Grazix
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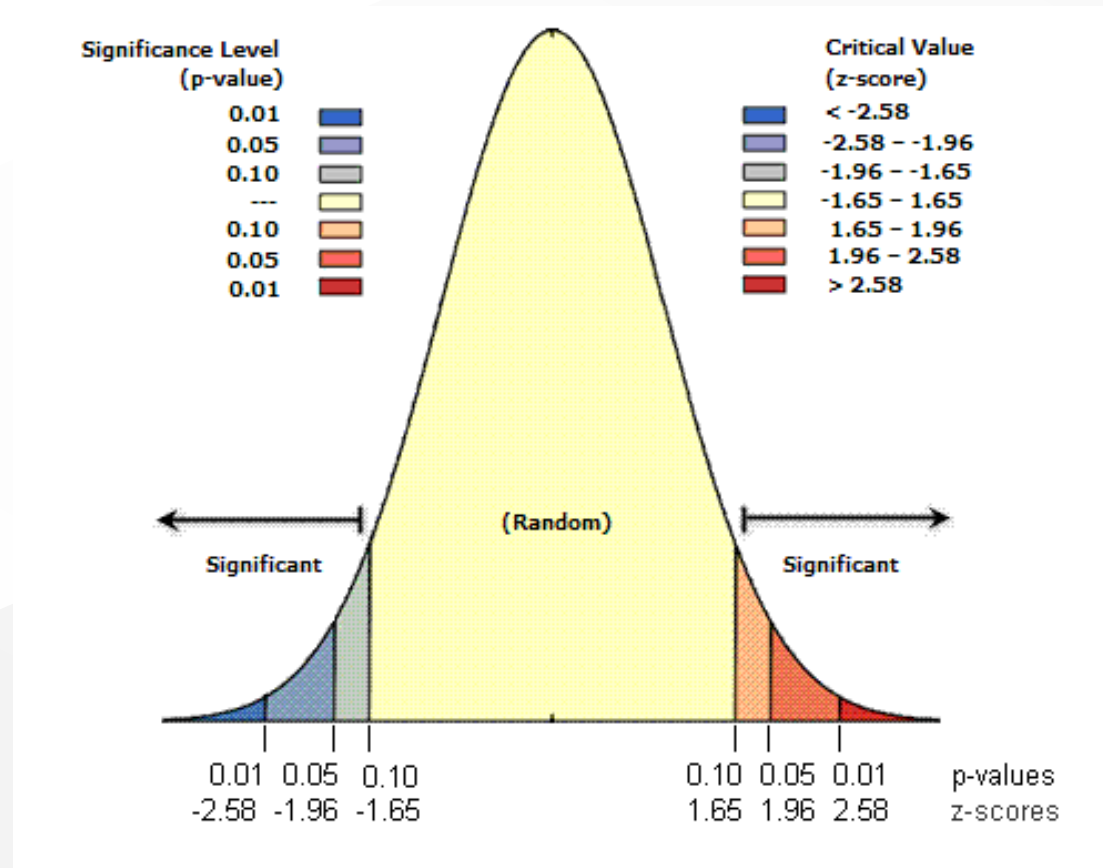
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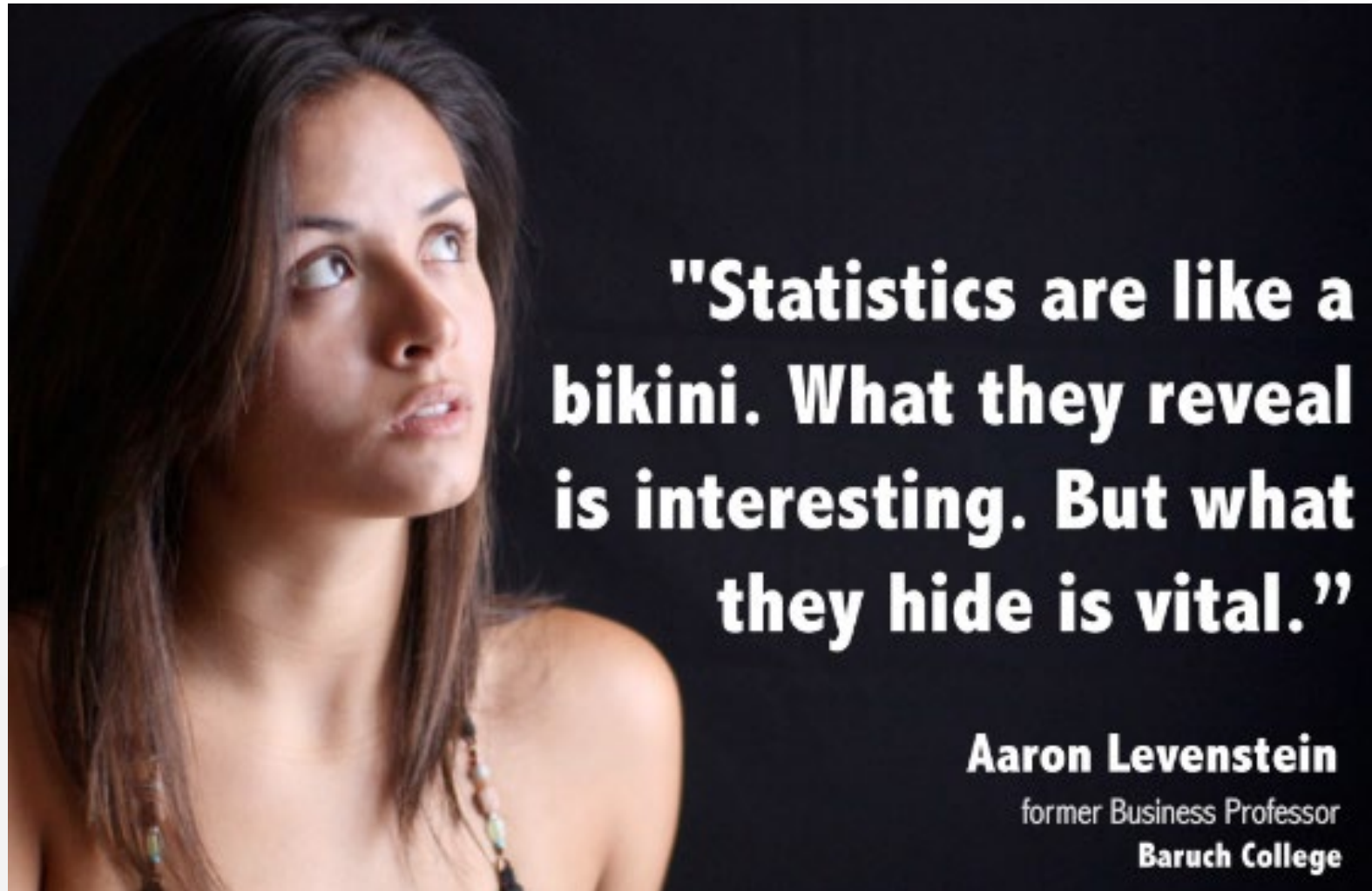
**That's BEFORE we even talk about herdsmanship**



# Getting better...





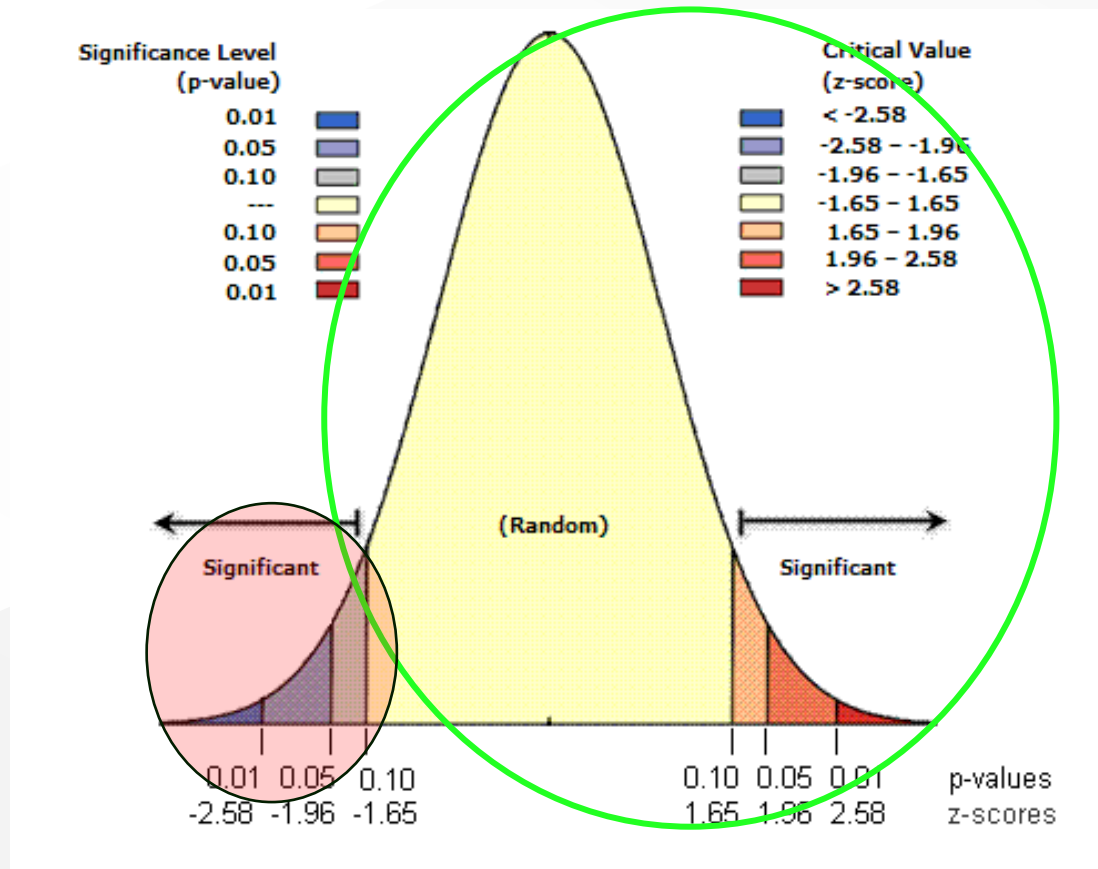


**"Statistics are like a bikini. What they reveal is interesting. But what they hide is vital."**

**Aaron Levenstein**

former Business Professor  
Baruch College

# Getting better...



Has anyone considered that our swine *livability* is *similar* to how we set level of significance in many requirement studies?



Chad what is  
something you  
do that is  
“Unconventional”

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riboflavin; thiamin; vitamin B12; betaine; vitamin C; carnitine; copper; iodine; iron; manganese; selenium; zinc; cobalt; and chromium. Questions about supplementation of vitamin D from a cross-linked vitamin AD3 beadlet, potential use of natural (d-alpha-tocopherol) vitamin E as a source of vitamin E, and the use of chelated trace minerals were included.

**Results:** Results indicated variation, but most vitamins and trace minerals were included at concentrations above the total dietary requirement estimates reported by the National Research Council (2012). Chelated sources for partial or complete supplementation of copper, manganese, or

zinc ranged from none to 46% and none to 77% for chelated selenium across diet type. The chelated sources were more prevalent in breeding-herd and nursery-pig diets.

**Implications:** Adding a margin of safety for vitamin and trace-mineral supplementation appears to be standard practice in US swine diets. This survey provides a baseline for supplementation rates of the vitamins and trace minerals used in the US swine industry.

**Keywords:** swine, trace minerals, vitamins, swine industry, survey

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Zinc (mg/kg)	17	112.9	123.0	1.2	28.3	56.7	108.0	125.0	147.2	165.0
<b>Conditionally essential nutrients</b>										
Carnitine (mg/kg)	2	50.0	50.0	NA	0.0	50.0	ND	50.0	ND	50.0
Chromium (mg/kg)	9	0.20	0.20	NA	0.0	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
Cobalt (mg/kg)	1	0.39	0.39	NA	ND	0.39	ND	0.39	ND	0.39
Vitamin C (mg/kg)	1	250.0	250.0	NA	ND	250.0	ND	250.0	ND	250.0

\* Seventeen producers' nutritionists provided information for gestation diets, totaling approximately 2,223,600 sows (38.6% of the US sow herd). All reported values are on a complete-feed basis.

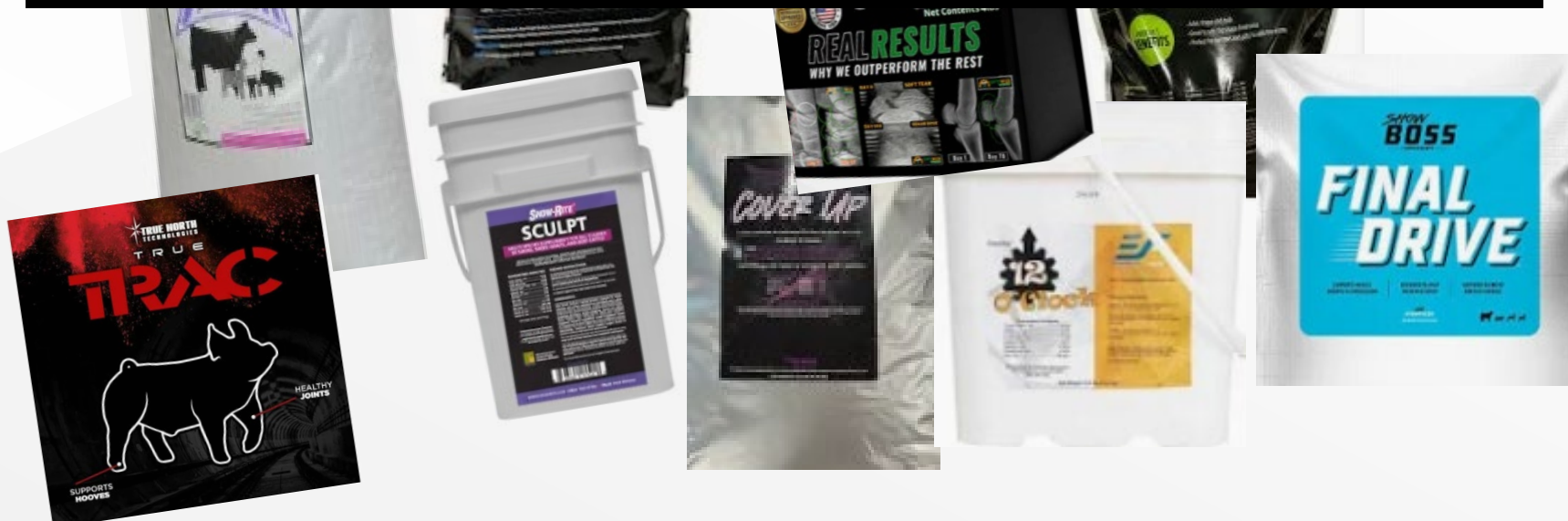
# Consider the Swine Show Industry



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*Who is learning from whom ???*





# ***Belling the Cat***

## ***Mice in Council***



- The fable about a group of mice and dealing with a new cat.
- One of them proposes placing a bell around cat's neck
- Everyone loves and thinks a good idea
- Then, one mouse asks..  
*“who will volunteer to place the bell on the cat”*
- Evaluate a plan on not only the desirable the outcome,  
*but also how it can be executed.*



## ROLES OF FUNCTIONAL AMINO ACIDS IN THE IMMUNE SYSTEM OF PIGS

Dr. John Htoo, Evonik Nutrition & Care GmbH

### KEY INFORMATION

- Amino acids are involved in various important metabolic pathways

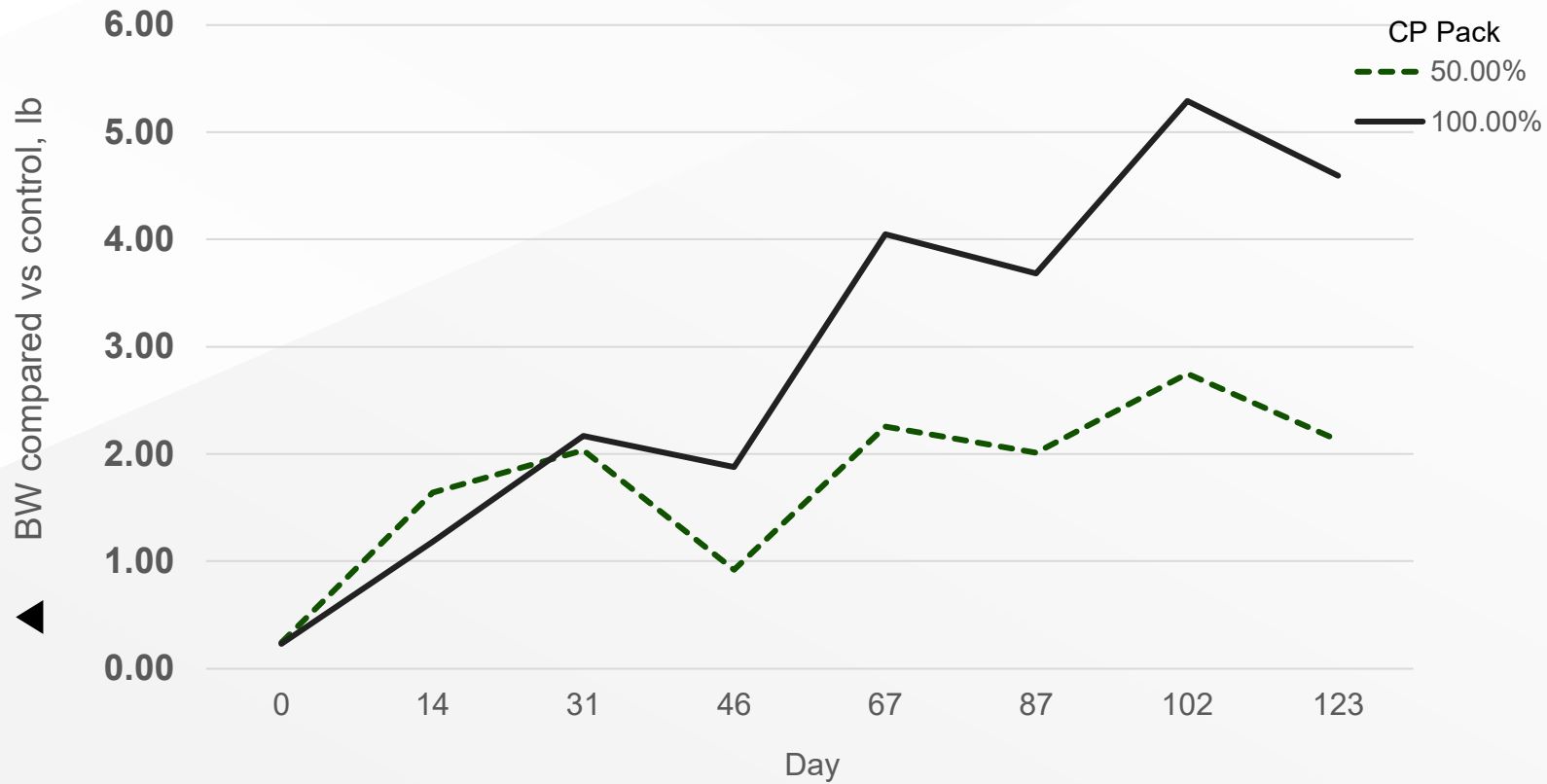
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## Using the research

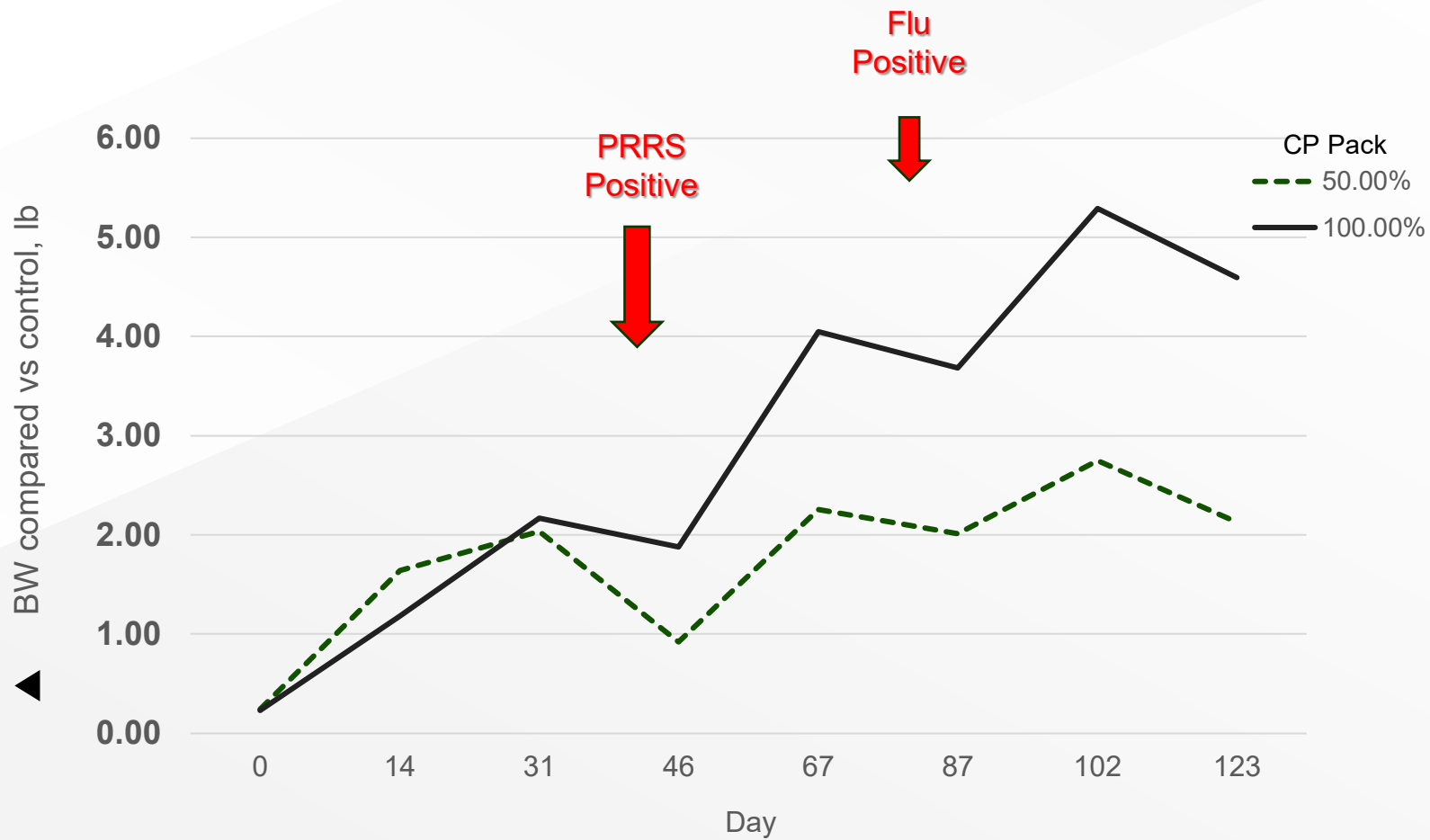
Lots of good published research shows the benefit of different nutrition “interventions” on health & productivity.

- MCFA
- Fiber Types
- Amino Acid Levels
- Vitamin Levels
- Fatty Acids
- Mineral Ratio

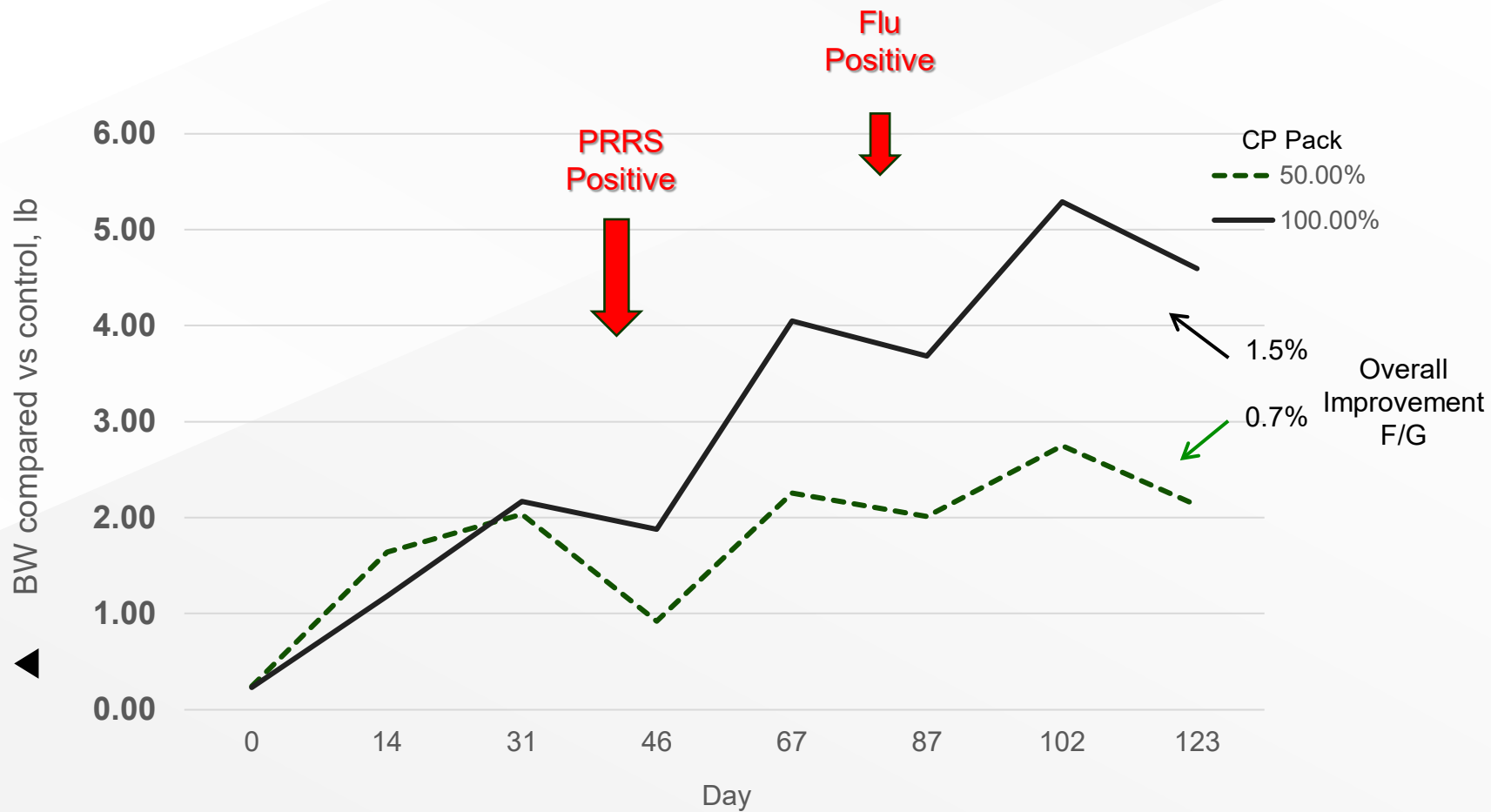
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1

Eliminate  
"hand adds"

2

"Made to order"  
feed

3

Easy to use  
nomenclature

4

Understand  
"batching system"

5

Know when &  
when *not* to  
"just sub" corn

# What does the data tell you..

Vitamin D, ng/mL	Control	Trt 1	Trt 2	Trt 3	P-value
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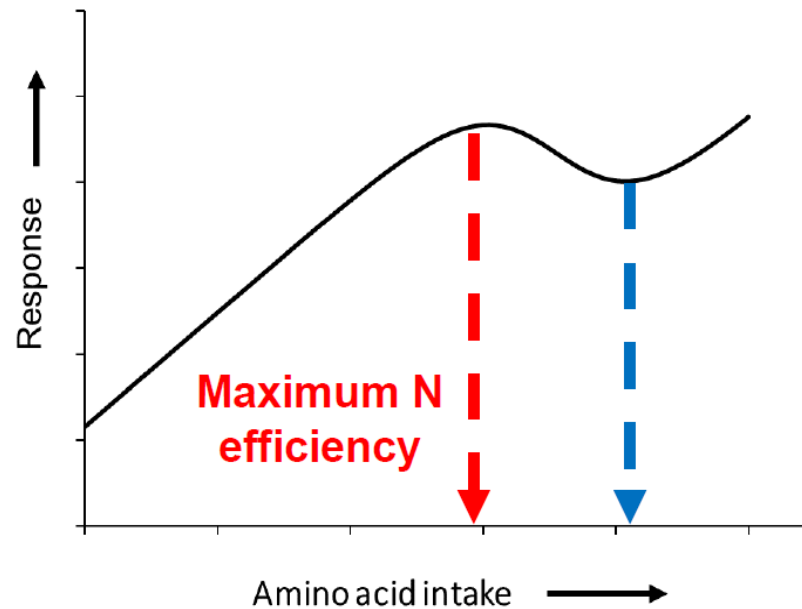
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<b>Removals, %</b>	27.4	30.5	21.4	22.5	≤ 3.02	0.056

*My hope for the future....*

*Complex models*

## Linear-Logistic model



↑ Fetal growth and development

↑ Milk production

↑ Gut health

↑ Immune system

↑ Survival

↑ Sow longevity

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Take Home

To look is one thing

To see what you look at is another

To understand what you see is a third

To learn from what you understand is something

But to **ACT** on what you learn is all that really matters.

# THANK YOU

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