SPECIALTY FEED INGREDIENTS HELP MITIGATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PIGS AND BROILERS PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

The results of the Specialty Feed Ingredients Sustainability (SFIS) project (phase 3) in Australia

Effects of SFIs* on animal performance

- FCR (-2 to -5 %)
- Weight gain (0 to +9 %)
- Modification of feed composition (only protease for broilers)

The SFIS analysis examined the effect of different types of Specialty Feed Ingredients (SFIs), used alone in pigs and broilers feeds, already optimized with amino acids and phytase.

The overall results of the study demonstrate that the use of SFIs, aiming at modifying the feed composition or improving the feed efficiency reduces the environmental impacts of pigs and broilers production systems (Global Warming Potential, Acidification Eutrophication Potentials).

By setting up a standard approach to measure the role of SFIs and supporting the development of the LEAP guidelines on feed additives, the project enables the evaluation of the mitigation measures to reduce the environmental impact of animal production on a global basis.

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* SFIs tested: Non-Starch Polysaccharide Enzymes (NSPE), Proteases, Probiotics, Phytogenic substances (Phytoenics), Organic acids

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