



Greek farmers' attitudes regarding tail biting and tail docking

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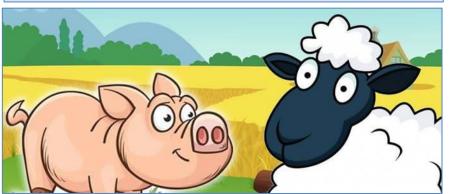


Greek Pig Farm Industry



Farms	1534
Sows	62302
Boars	2822
Fatteners	442344

Pork self-sufficiency rate 30%



The sector is facing both Risks and Challenges!





European legislation dictates that pig tail docking is not allowed to be performed routinely (European Union. Council Directive 2008/120/EC of 18 December 2008 laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs. OJ L 47, 18.2.2009). Nevertheless, tail docking is still practiced routinely in many European countries.

Introduction







To stop routine tail docking it is necessary to raise the awareness and education about risk factors to prevent tail biting.











To obtain a better understanding of Greek pig farmers' attitudes towards tail biting & tail docking



To better organize our campaigns and other educational and dissemination activities

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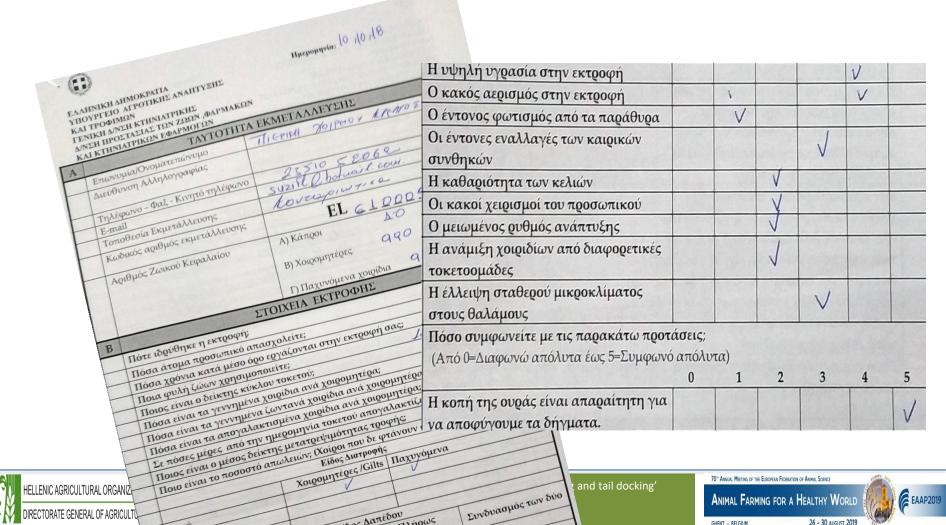
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Based on a structured Questionnaire

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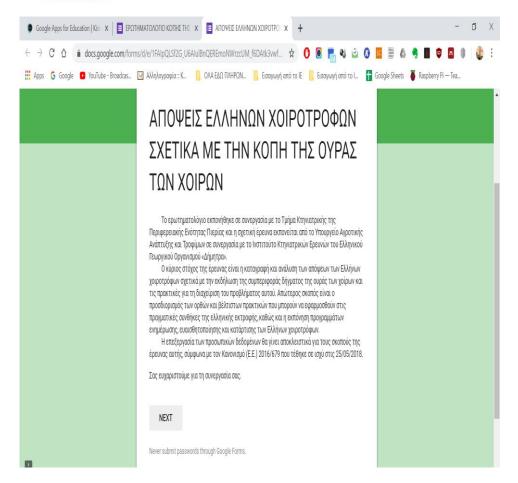
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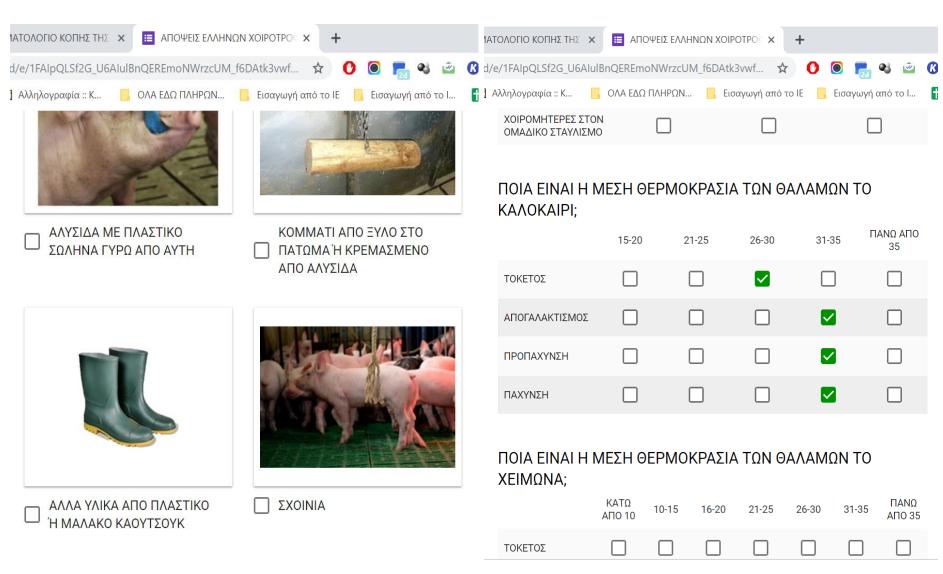
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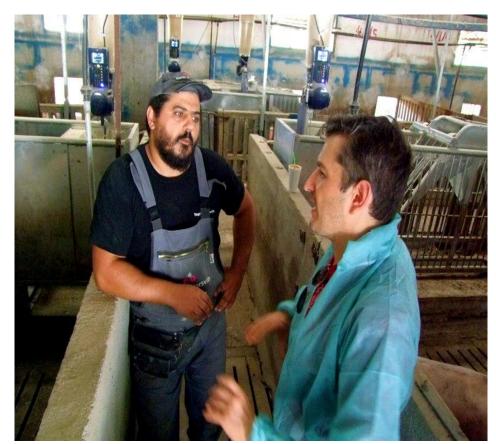
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On Farm: Personal Interviews







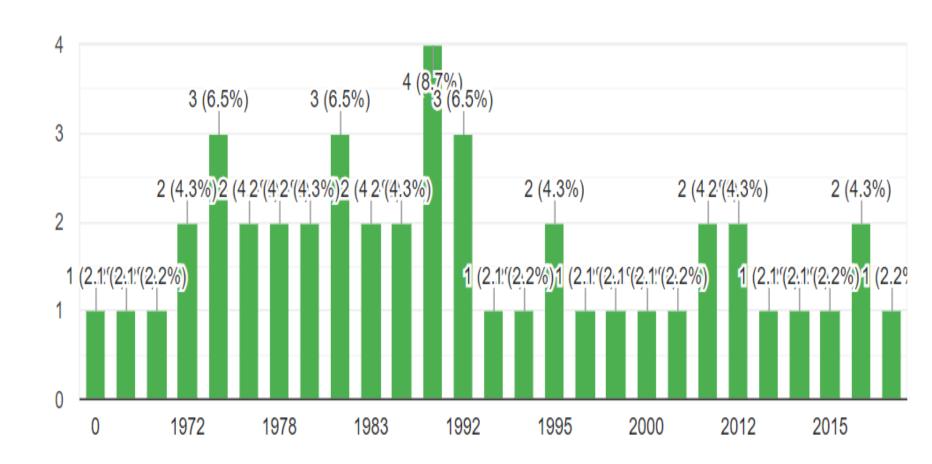
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Year of establishment

46 responses



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Farms



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Results

Preliminary results 50 respondents **Descriptive Statistics**

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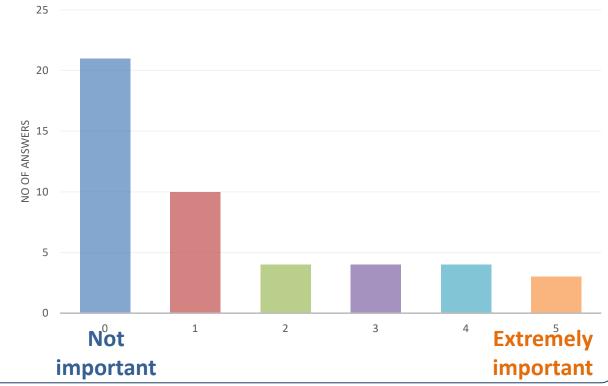






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How important is the problem of 'tail biting' behaviour in your farm





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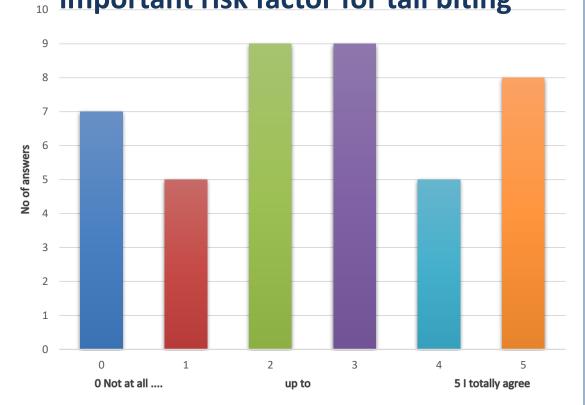






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Lack of enrichment material is an important risk factor for tail biting



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A curly tail is important welfare indicator 25 No of answers

up to

5 I totally agree

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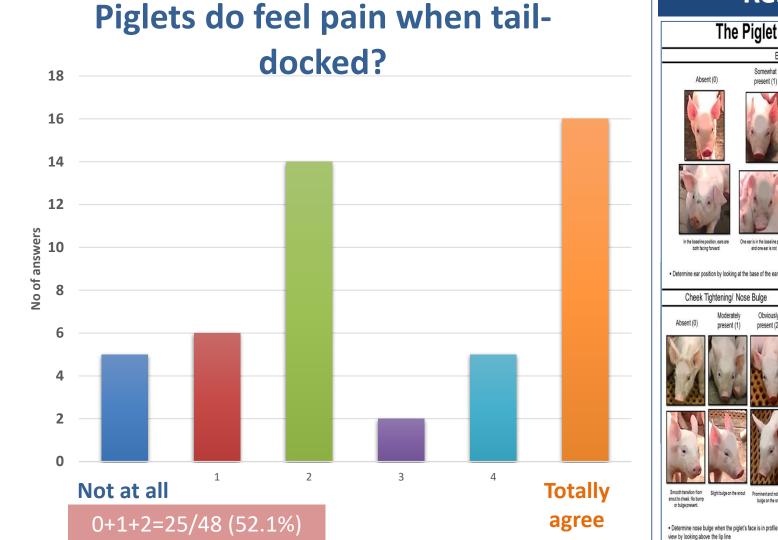
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Is the length of tail a risk factor for tail biting?









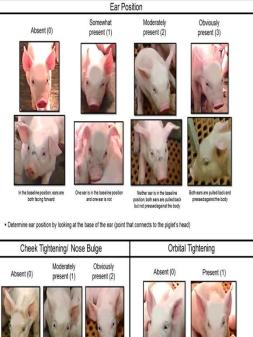
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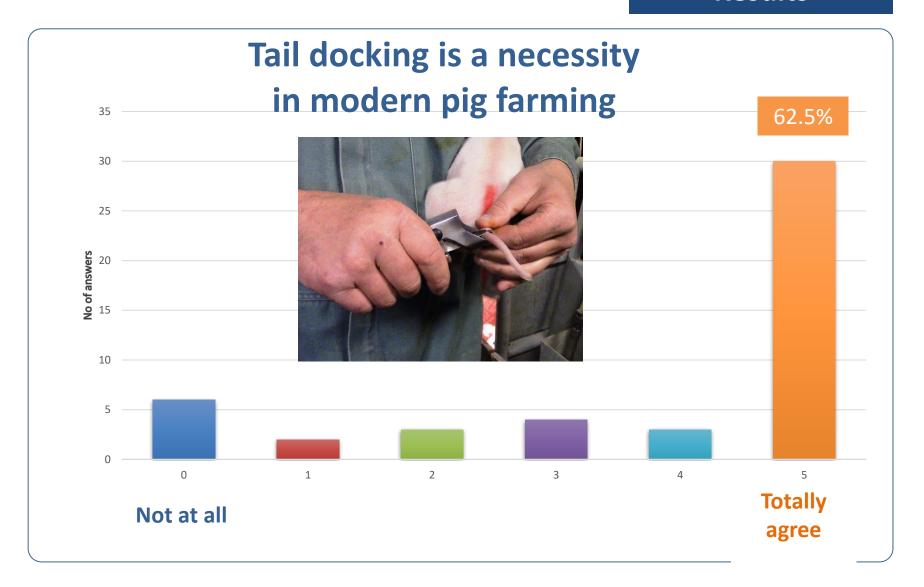
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The Piglet Grimace Scale





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The problems addressed here are mostly related to lack of information of Greek farmers both about the legal requirements and the protection/welfare of pigs at farm

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