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ANIMAL WELFARE INDICATORS AT
THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

Best Practice Guides: Best Practices to improve broiler and pig welfare

What are the Best Practice Guides?

The Best Practice Guides (BPGs) aim to improve animal welfare by giving recommendations and advice to all stakeholders involved in the production of fattening pigs and broiler chickens. They contain measures, the so-called “Best Practices”, that can be implemented on farm, during transport and at the slaughterhouse, and lead to an improvement in pig and broiler welfare. This is reflected in the automatic monitoring of animal welfare indicators within aWISH.

How are they structured?

- For each species (pigs and broilers), four guides are available. Two BPGs relate to rearing, divided into one guide on animal health and one on animal welfare/behaviour.
- For pigs, two additional guides on transport and slaughter are available.
- In regards to broilers, two additional guides focus on catching and transport/lairage.
- Each guide includes animal welfare indicators (AWI) relevant to the topic. Infographics show the Best Practices for each AWI.
- The following AWIs were used in the guides:
 1. Pigs: tail/ear lesions, skin lesions, lung lesions, liver lesions & bursitis
 2. Broilers: footpad dermatitis/hock burns, lameness, heat stress, catching damage & dead on arrival
- The Best Practices are divided into measures that can be implemented immediately, and long-term measures.

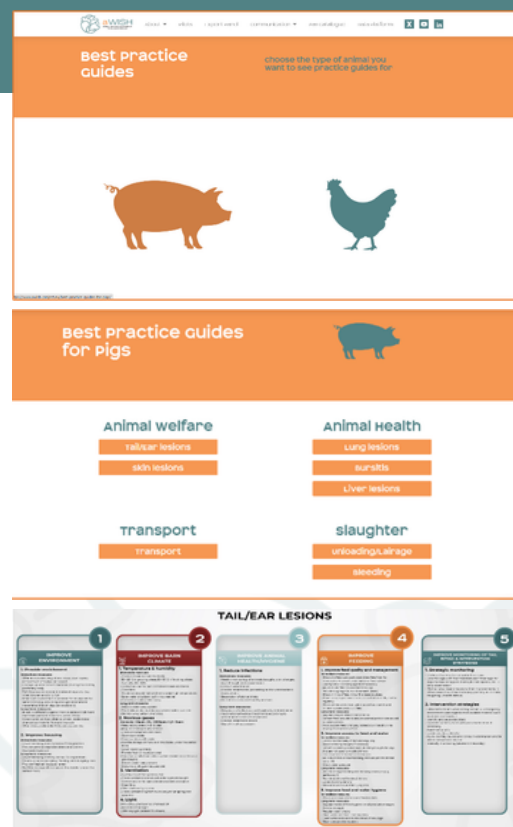


Fig.1 - Infographic cascade of the Best Practice Guides



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