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For years now, the talk about a carbon tax has been discussed, and it seems like Denmark is going to be the first country to introduce a tax on carbon emissions from the agricultural sector. Where the price on CO₂ will end and how it will be calculated is yet to be determined. We are currently waiting for recommendations regarding the CO₂ tax by a committee appointed by the government.

When the tax is calculated we will also know which means of action will reduce the CO₂ emission on the farms. Feed Conversion Ratio (FCR) stands as an obvious first intervention area. The feed cost is still the biggest expense when producing weaners and finishers and the motivation on the farms to reduce the FCR is already there. Danish pig producers have managed to reduce the feed efficiency by 7 % over the last 10 years, on average. When we compare between farms, there is 15 % in difference between the lowest and highest FCR, which suggest that there is still a big potential.

In 2023, TestPig have in cooperation with The Danish Technological Institute, developed an AI tool to make feces score more precise. We have made a tool that can score feces into three different categories. Our feces score now has a much higher precision and we have eliminated the human factor, when evaluating the condition of the feces. In October the tool was awarded a second place in the Danish AI Awards, which we are very proud of.

We want to thank all our customers and connections for a constructive yet challenging 2023. We look forward to 2024 with an open mindset and a belief that the European pig production is evolving in a sustainable and profitable direction.

The TestPig Team wishes you a merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

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Please observe that our office is closed from
December 23, 2023, until January 2, 2024.

