



Regulation of Award for The Best Swine Producer Agriness

Below is all the information that **regulates** the **Award for The Best Swine Producer Agriness**.

I. Establishment of the prize:

The Best Swine Producer Agriness championship is an AGRINESS company initiative.

II. Objectives:

This championship aims to:

- a. Create a national reference framework for pig producers to compare their productivity rates and by doing so boost quality and competitiveness in their countries;
- b. Promote the exchange of information on management and productivity of Latin American farmers from different countries, with a view to strengthening the industry;
- c. To identify and disseminate good production practices used by Latin American pig farmers and their encouraging results in pig production.

III. Championship duration:

- a. Registration begins at **8:00 a.m.** on **January 1st** (01/01) of each year and ends at 6:00 p.m. on **September 30th** (09/30) of the same year;
- b. The championship will last from **January 1st** to **December 31th** of each year;
- c. The evaluation period of data for classification will be from **January 1st** to **December 31th** of each year.

IV. Participation conditions:

- a. **The Best Swine Producer Agriness** championship will encompass pig producers who own farms in Latin America. Those farms may be WPU (Weaner Production Unit), PPU (Piglet Production Unit) or FF (farrow-to-finish farm), and the farmers must be users of farm management software AGRINESS S2 Commercial, AGRINESS S2 Multiplicadora or S4 FARM – hereinafter referred to as AGRINESS TOOLS;
- b. The registered farm must have a herd with at least 50 sows;
- c. To access the application and/or the online platform of **The Best Swine Producer Agriness**, the participant must register his/her e-mail through AGRINESS TOOLS;
- d. The participant must have registered (in the farm database of AGRINESS TOOLS) the weaning records prior to **January 1st** of the effective year;
- e. The participant shall have a version of the AGRINESS S2 software equal to or greater than 6.0, or be a S4 FARM user;
- f. The participant must send his farm productivity rates to the championship organizers every month, according to the established rules in clause VI item b of these regulations;
- g. The participant cannot have outstanding debts with AGRINESS;
- h. Farms in Brazil, Argentina and Colombia will have their own championship according to the country where they are located. Farms in other Latin American countries will participate in a championship called Other Countries.

V. Registration:

- a. All the farms that use AGRINESS TOOLS will be automatically registered in the current edition of the championship, as long as they meet the criteria in this regulation;
- b. Farmers who have not registered yet, but are interested in participating will be able to carry out their free registration through AGRINESS TOOLS;
- c. Registration will be available within the period specified in *clause III item a* of this regulation;
- d. The registration will imply the agreement and acceptance of the rules and conditions contained in this regulation;
- e. The same participant may register one or more farms, as long as each one of them complies with the rules contained in the present regulation;
- f. The act of registration carried out by the participant will imply for all intents and purposes:
 - in his full acceptance of this regulation;
 - in his accountability regarding the accuracy of the information provided to the organizers of **The Best Swine Producer Agriness** championship at any time;

- in his consent to the use of his name and image (as well as that of his employees or persons who will represent the farm in the championship) for promotion and advertising of **The Best Swine Producer Agriness** championship;
- in his consent to the use of his productivity data for the preparation, dissemination and marketing of statistical and non-personified information regarding the pig industry.

g. Until the end of the registration period, doubts may be clarified through the AGRINESS customer service during commercial hours, through the site best.agriness.com, by e-mail atendimento@agriness.com or by the telephone +55 48 3028-0015.

VI. Sending data for evaluation:

- The first data remittance must be made at the time of registration, when the participant will send an updated backup copy of his AGRINESS TOOL database;
- Subsequent data remittances must be made on a monthly basis during the championship term, by sending an export file containing updated data from the last closed month;
- The limit for sending the last file referring to the last month of the championship (December of each year), will be on **February 15th** of the following year until **6 p.m.**, not being valid for that month the rule established in *clause VI item b* of this regulation;
- If there is an issue with the file or data sent to the organization of the championship, this fact will be communicated to the participant by e-mail or telephone, and he will have to send it again promptly.

VII. Access to the comparison tool:

- The comparison tool will be available to participants free of charge on the best.agriness.com site, as well as an application for *smartphones* at Google Play store and Apple Store;
- The participant may access the comparison tool at any time within the duration of the championship, in accordance to the period specified in *clause III item b* of this regulation;
- The farm that does not send its data for a period of 60 calendar days, within the validity of the championship, will have access to the comparison tool blocked until its situation is rectified;
- From the last day of the championship, **December 31th** of the current year, access to

the comparison tool of the current edition will be blocked to all participants until the disclosure date of the final result. During this period, the farms will have to send the last data and the organizing committee will carry out the audit process for the disclosure of the final classification.

VIII. Evaluation:

- a. The evaluation period of the participants' data will be from **January 1st** to **December 31th** of the effective year, according to what has been established in *clause III item c* of this regulation;
- b. The general classification of the farms will be conducted based on the Weaned/Sow/Year calculation. The first place will be for the one with the highest accumulated score at the end of the championship;
- c. In the same order as below, the tiebreaker criteria will be the following indicators:
 - Non-productive Days: the lower this figure, the better the farm will be classified;
 - Weaning Average: the higher this figure, the better the farm will be classified;
 - Average Live Births: the higher this figure, the better the farm will be classified.
- d. If the tie persists in all indicators the farm with the highest number of sows will be the winner;
- e. During the championship, a partial classification will be available in the comparison tool, only participants have access;
- f. After the end of the championship, the Organization and the Technical Committee will carry out in February and March of the year following the effective year:
 - An evaluation of each of the ten farms that classified best and it might conduct an on-site visit to check the accuracy of the data;
 - An evaluation of each of the winning farms or highlights in their categories and it might conduct an on-site visit to check the accuracy of the data;
 - A systematic review of all the participating farms data. It may conduct visits to the farms in order to check the accuracy of the sent data and to generate consolidated results.
- g. After the final evaluation, the official list of the top ten farms and the winning farms or highlights by category will be published as described in *clause XII* of this regulation.

IX. Formulas used:

a. The following formulae shall be used to calculate animal performance rates for the evaluation and classification of farms:

- Weaned piglets/Sow/Year (WSY) = Average piglets weaned in that period * Parity/sow/year in that period

Where:

- Parity/sow/year (PSY) = $365.25 / (\text{Gestation period} + \text{Sow lactation days} + \text{Average NPD})$
- Gestation period = Average gestation time of farrowing sows in that period.
- Sow lactation days = Average lactation time of sows that finished weaning in that period (including split-nurse time)
- Average NPD = Average of non-productive days (including weaning-to-first-service interval, abortions, heat returns, open days, false pregnancy, culling and death of pregnant sows and culling and death of non-pregnant sows)
- Non-productive days (DNP) = Sows average of non-productive days (including weaning to first service interval, abortions, heat returns, open days, false pregnancies, culling and death of pregnant sows and culling and death non-pregnant sows)
- Weaning average (WA) = number of weaned piglets / Total weaning
- Average born alive (ABA) = number of piglets born alive / Parities

a.1 Remarks:

- Weaning average (WA) partially weaned piglets and split-nurse weaned piglets in that period will not be counted. Null and void weaned piglets will not be counted;
- All key figures will be calculated based on **accumulated data**. That is from **January 1st** up to the current month. Thus, at the end of the championship the rates will be calculated on the accumulated data from **January 1st** to **December 31th** of the current year.

b. The Technical Committee will audit and approve all formulas;

c. The rates published in the partial and final classification of the championship will always be calculated through the formulas described above, based on the data released at AGRINESS TOOL and sent on periodic data exports;

d. Any changes made to the data released at AGRINESS TOOL that have already been exported may result in the modification of the rates and consequently in a change of the registered farm classification.

X. The Technical Committee:

- a. The purpose and function of the Technical Committee is to validate the formulas used to calculate animal performance as described in *clause VIII* of this regulation;
- b. The Technical Committee is responsible for validating the evaluation and classification used in **The Best Swine Producer Agriness** championship, as well as auditing the farms with the best placement.

XI. Disqualification:

- a. The farm that presents discrepancies between the data sent and the actual data will be automatically disqualified;
- b. The championship participant who cancels the AGRINESS TOOL licensing contract will be automatically disqualified;
- c. The participant who has default payments with AGRINESS will be automatically disqualified;
- d. The participant that does not comply with *item c of clause VI* will be automatically disqualified;
- e. In case animals are exchanged between farms, whether for commercial, genetic improvement or any other reason, and this fact benefits or jeopardizes animal performance rates, the farm might be disqualified from the present edition of the championship. Yet it will be able to re-classify in the next edition and participate normally as long as it can be compared on equal terms to the others following the championship criteria;
- f. Any and all disqualification shall remove the participant's right to access information and to the comparison tool in the edition in which the disqualification occurred.

XII. Awards:

- a. After the final classification and publishing of **The Best Swine Producer Agriness** championship, the following prizes will be awarded to participants according to consolidation by group of countries participating in the competition:
 - First place by category: Golden Piglet Trophy and performance certificate;
 - Second place by category: Silver Piglet Trophy and performance certificate;
 - Third place by category: Bronze Piglet Trophy and performance certificate.
- b. The following categories will receive awards:

- Brazilian championship: up to 300 sows, 301 to 500 sows, 501 to 1000 sows, 1001 to 3000 sows, over 1000 sows;
- Championships in Argentina, Colombia and Other Countries: general classification.

c. The category Farm Evolution will also be granted an award in championships with three or more editions:

- The Farm Evolution Award will be granted to the farm that has achieved the most outstanding evolution in the number of Weaned piglets/Female/Year in last 3 years of the championship;
- To participate in that category the farm must have in the first of the last 3 years a number of Weaned piglets / Female / Year higher than the average of the corresponding championship.

d. It will not be possible to exchange the award for another model or currency;

e. The organizers have the right to provide a prize equivalent to or higher than that specified one if necessary.

XIII. Disclosure of Results:

a. The partial classification and comparison tools of the productivity rates among the participants will be available to participants at AGRINESS TOOLS, the best.agriness.com site and **The Best Swine Producer Agriness** application;

b. The organization will guarantee the anonymity of participants during the whole championship;

c. The publication of the final classification of **The Best Swine Producer Agriness** championship will take place after the audit period of all participants;

d. At the end of the championship, the top 10 (ten) runners-up and the highlights will have their name, the name of the farm, municipality and the four (4) rates specified in *clause VII* of this regulation disclosed to the public at AGRINESS site, as well as in communication vehicles at the organizers discretion;

e. At the end of the championship the best farms classified by category will have their name, farm name, city and the 4 (four) rates specified in *clause VII* of this regulation disclosed on AGRINESS website, as well as in communication vehicles at the organizers discretion;

f. After the audit, the organizers will announce the date of publishing, disclosure and award ceremony.

XIV. Closing Remarks:

- a. The organizers of **The Best Swine Producer Agriness** championship will examine and deal with matters not covered in this regulation;
- b. This championship is in accordance with law number 5.768 that governs contests in Brazil;
- c. This championship is a recreational and sociocultural activity organized by AGRINESS SISTEMAS E TECNOLOGIAS DE INFORMAÇÃO S/A. CNPJ: 04.394.546/0001-25 whose mailing address is Rodovia José Carlos Daux, n° 500, Edifício Techno Towers – Conjunto A Torre I, Sala 702, Bairro João Paulo, Florianópolis/SC - Brazil, CEP: 88.030-000, and it does not require payment to participate;
- d. Registration and participation in this championship implies the full agreement of the participants to the recreational and socio-cultural model specified herein;
- e. All rights to **The Best Swine Producer Agriness** championship are reserved to AGRINESS SISTEMAS E TECNOLOGIAS DE INFORMAÇÃO S/A.;
- f. AGRINESS has the right to change dates or to rephrase part of the regulation without previous notice to participants for reasons of force majeure or, if necessary, in accordance to its needs for the championship best outcome.