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Health as Variation of Driver Closeouts

pig care, immunity is widely different from pig to pig. When we back away from this diagnostic profiling, it's easily recognized that our barn people face a multitude of challenges when we tell them to identify and treat the sick pig and achieve a favorable response. All of this would seemingly be disheartening! However, I have never been more optimistic that we are rapidly moving toward understanding many of these drivers and we always have the consolation to know that we are producing more pigs, more pounds, with a higher percentage of marketability than we ever have in the history of our industry. The next plateau is to use the current and developing diagnostic tools to predict interventions via therapeutics, vaccines, or treatments that will allow you to increase the number of pigs reaching optimum weight. We are making great progress and by coupling this information with intensification of caregiver training the sky is the limit for performance. Chickens BEWARE.

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