



Figen provides excellent Landrace and Yorkshire genetics through live pigs and boar semen

Figen Ltd. is the significant Finnish supplier of boar semen and live pigs for breeding. It manages a comprehensive breeding program and produces high-quality boars and gilts for Finnish piglet farms as well as for international customers. Figen has country-wide breeding and consulting services including on-farm testing, piglet monitoring, herd book and sow renewal. Figen exports breeding pigs and boar semen for example to Scandinavia, Russia, the Baltic States, Canada, Thailand, France and to other European Union countries.

Figen Ltd is the only Finnish breeding company with official status to keep the Finnish Landrace and Finnish Yorkshire heard book. The status is approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Breeding

Figen's breeding tradition goes back over 100 years. The Finnish Pig Breeding Association was founded in 1908 and it also marks the start of heard book. Breeding activities have been continuous and successful ever since. Figen's races are **Finnish Landrace** and **Finnish Yorkshire** (Large White) that are highly fertile and efficient meat producers.

The strength of the Figen breeding program is our high-quality pig material, which is the result of long-term breeding that is based on extensive and careful data collection. Data collection and dependable breeding appraisal create a knowledge base of all our pigs and their qualities. Figen uses several indices to describe the various qualities. Breeding values are published for each individual. High fertility, conforming structure



qualities and good production attributes are based on multiple-trait BLUP evaluation. This practice guarantees dependable breeding indices for both races.

The two-race breeding system that Figen uses is the key to healthy, large in number, equal-sized and vital meat piglet litters.

Sites

Figen's breeding office is located in the city of Vantaa in the Helsinki metropolitan area, within easy reach by train or flight.

The Figen boar station is located in the town of Ilmajoki, South Ostrobothnia province. Currently the station houses 140 boars for artificial insemination: 36% are Landrace, 32% Yorkshire and hybrid boars respectively. All our boars for A.I. purposes are selected after strict performance tests at the Längelmäki Central Test Station. Boar semen doses are supplied via effective logistics to piglet and breeding farms all over Finland.



Figen operates the Central Test Station in the village of Längelmäki, Central Finland. The high-tech facility tests about 5 000 pigs yearly. Approximately 100 pigs at 30 kg start tests each week; the test period is 14 weeks. A.I. boars are chosen and sent off to domestic quarantine or sold abroad. To measure daily gain pigs are weighed five times during the 14 week test period. Structure appraisal is performed on all test pigs. Feed-consumption data is recorded daily by automatic feeding stations.

Animal health

The strength of the Finnish pig breeding is the unique animal health situation: Finnish pigs are practically free from serious contagious disease. Antibiotics are used far less than elsewhere in Europe. Good breeding results can be reached only when pigs are healthy. Cold winters, fairly small farm sizes and long distances continue to provide for exceptionally good pig health. Most swine diseases that are common elsewhere in Europe are not present in Finland or very rare.



Finland has an effective animal health monitoring system SPF (specific pathogen free) in place to make sure that the unique health situation is maintained. Finnish SPF-controlled farms are free from, for example, PRRS, Porcine Parvovirus and PMWS.

Products

The Figen concept will help you to identify the optimal pig-material for your needs. The key to high meat piglet yield is effective sow renewal.

If you are looking for gilts for piglet production, choose **Figen Matriarch** or **Figen Kombi**. **Figen Matriarch** is very fertile line that ensures highly effective piglet production. **Figen Matriarch** sows and boars are chosen from high-yield piglet production and durable structure families.

Figen Kombi sows enable you to reach effective piglet production and ensure the high quality of meat pigs. As the name suggests, **Figen Kombi** brings together both good meat production and fertility qualities. **Figen Muscle** terminal boar is the best choice for effective and economical meat piglet production. **Figen Muscle** terminal boars are chosen on the basis of fast growth rates, excellent feed utilization and high meat content.

For boar semen, the product range is extensive – it spans from cost-effective Landrace and Yorkshire mixed semen to individual purebred boar semen with very high indices.

Figen Ltd. is part of Snellman Group – major Finnish family-owned meat processor.