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# **DDGS and Amino Acid Nutrition in Swine Diets**

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# Today's Moderator



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# Dakota Gold by POET Nutrition

- POET's process for ethanol production results in a DDGS (Dakota Gold) with unique nutritional characteristics.
- POET Nutrition coordinates sales and distribution of Dakota Gold for both domestic and global markets while focusing on quality and consistency of its DDGS.
- Research has demonstrated Dakota Gold supports optimal performance for beef, dairy, poultry, and swine.
- For more information, go to [www.dakotagold.com](http://www.dakotagold.com)

# Upcoming Events

- December 6: AgOutlook, Sioux Falls, SD
- January 9-10: SD Pork Congress, Sioux Falls, SD
- February 12-14: IPPE, Atlanta, GA
- March 12-14: Midwest Poultry, Minneapolis, MN
- May 15-16: DGTC Symposium, Minneapolis, MN

# Key Learning Points

- Optimal DDGS inclusion for swine diets
- Amino acid considerations with greater DDGS inclusions
- Economics of greater DDGS inclusions
- Results from recent DDGS research
- DDGS market updates



# Today's Panelists



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Jerry is best known for his research contributions on determining the nutritional value of corn co-products produced by the fuel ethanol industry, but his diverse research program also involves numerous studies to better understand fiber, lipid, amino acid, and trace mineral nutrition in swine.





# Precision DDGS Nutrition to Capture Greater Economic Value for Swine

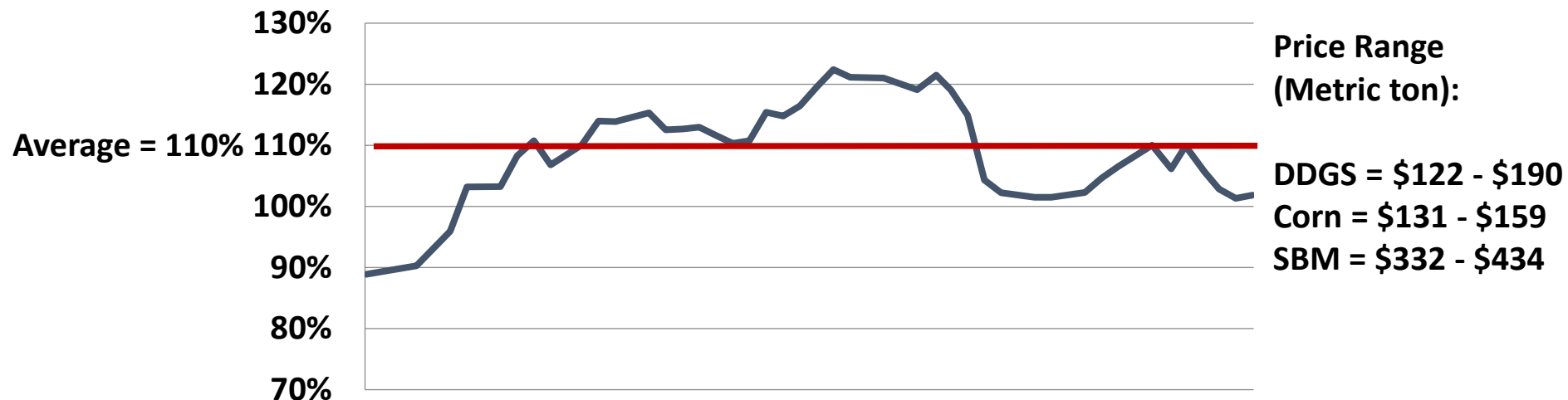
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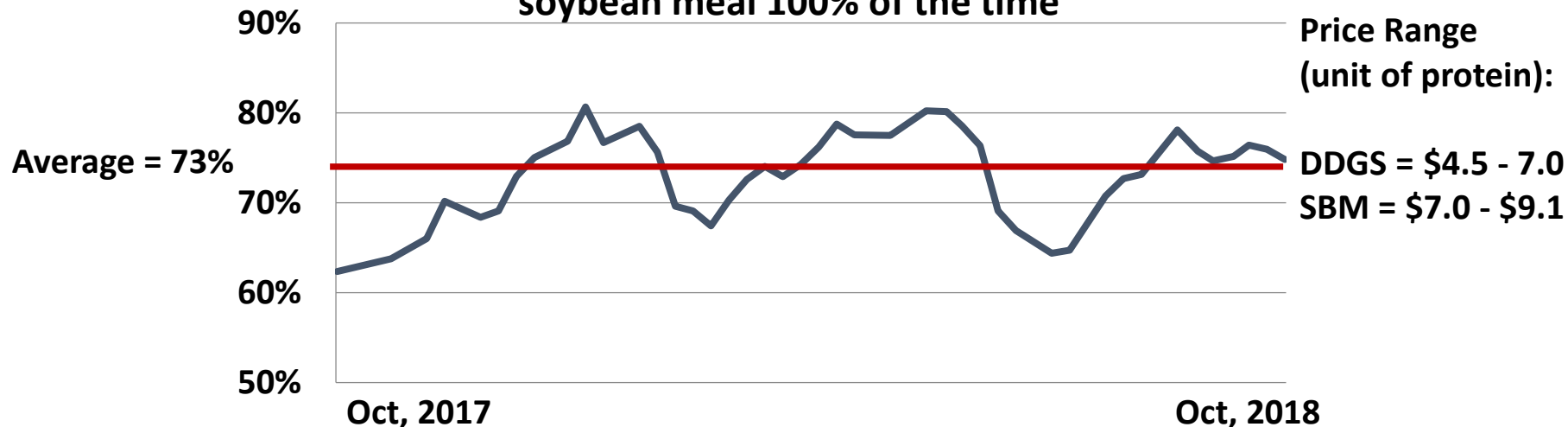
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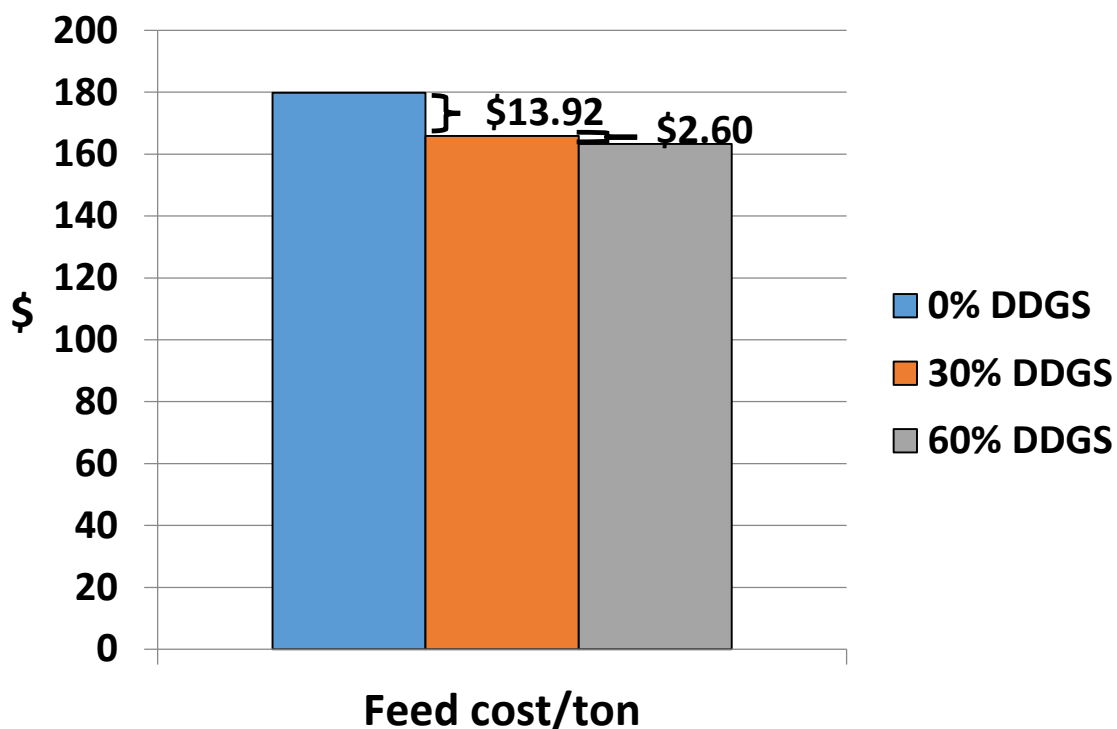
**Price of DDGS was greater than corn  
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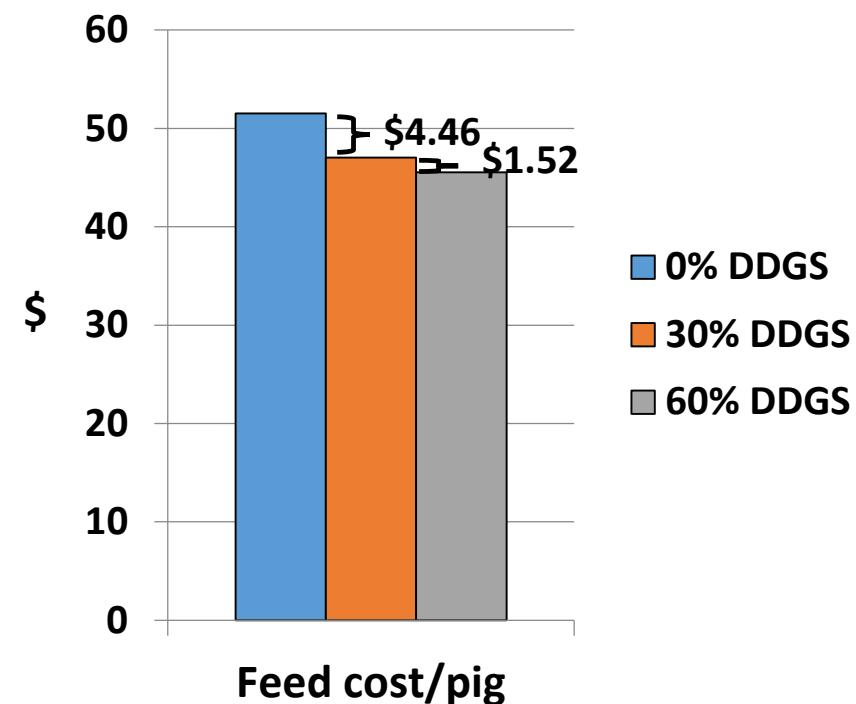
**Price/unit of protein of DDGS was less than  
soybean meal 100% of the time**



# Cost Savings of a 4-Phase DDGS Grower-Finisher Program using 2018 AVERAGE Ingredient Prices



Feed ingredient prices  
 - corn (\$129/ton)  
 - soybean meal (\$341/ton)  
 - DDGS (\$142/ton)



Feed cost/pig  
 - 113 days on feed  
 - 581 lbs feed consumed/pig

# Opportunities for Feed Cost Savings/Pig from Feeding DDGS Diets to Growing-Finishing Pigs in 2018

Ingredient prices	30% DDGS	60% DDGS	Cumulative
Highest	- \$4.42	- \$1.43	- \$5.85
Average	- \$4.46	- \$1.52	- \$5.98
Lowest	- \$6.33	- \$4.36	- \$10.69

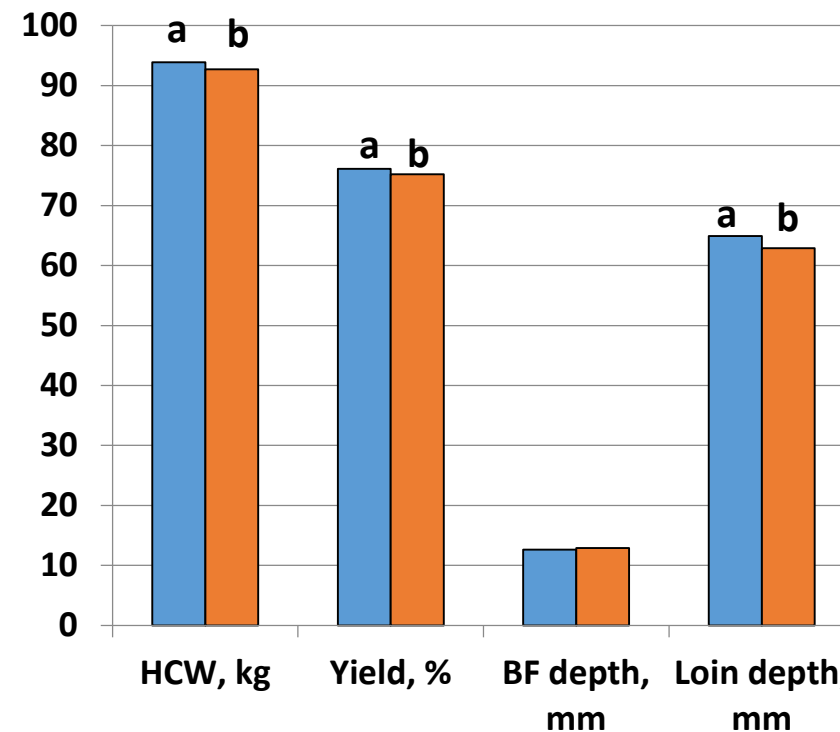
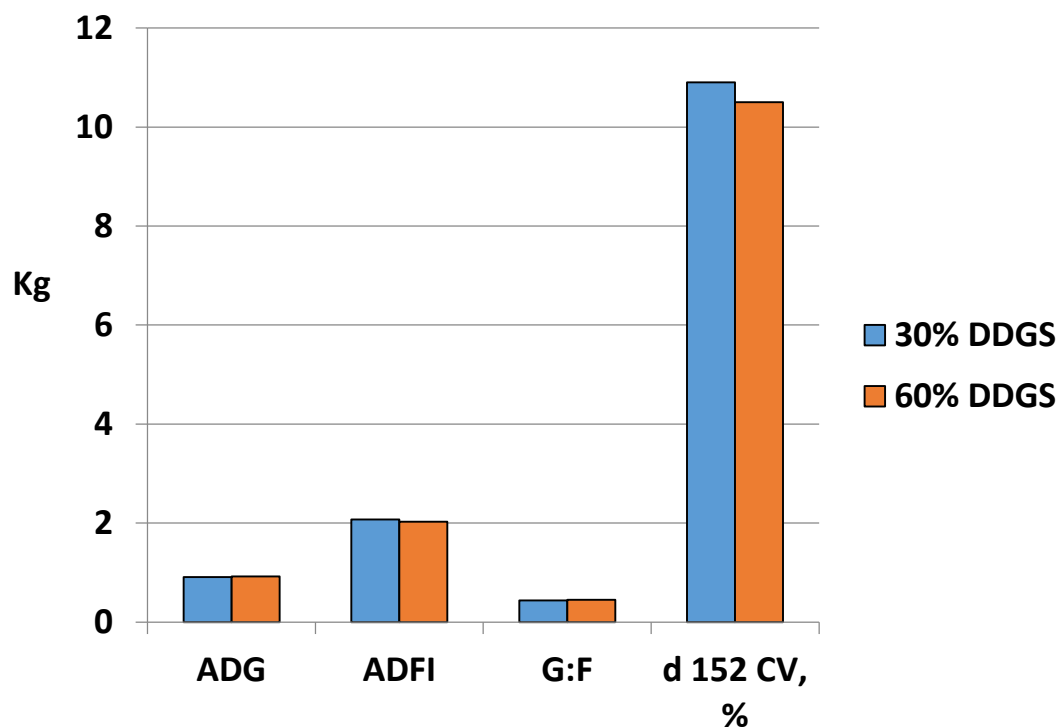
\$/ton	Highest	Average	Lowest
Corn	144	129	125
Soybean meal	388	341	313
DDGS	172	142	111

# Common Dietary DDGS Inclusion Rates in Commercial Swine Diets

	Diet inclusion rate, %
Starter (> 7 kg BW)	5 – 20
Grower	10 – 30
Finisher	10 – 30
Gestation	20 – 50
Lactation	10 – 30



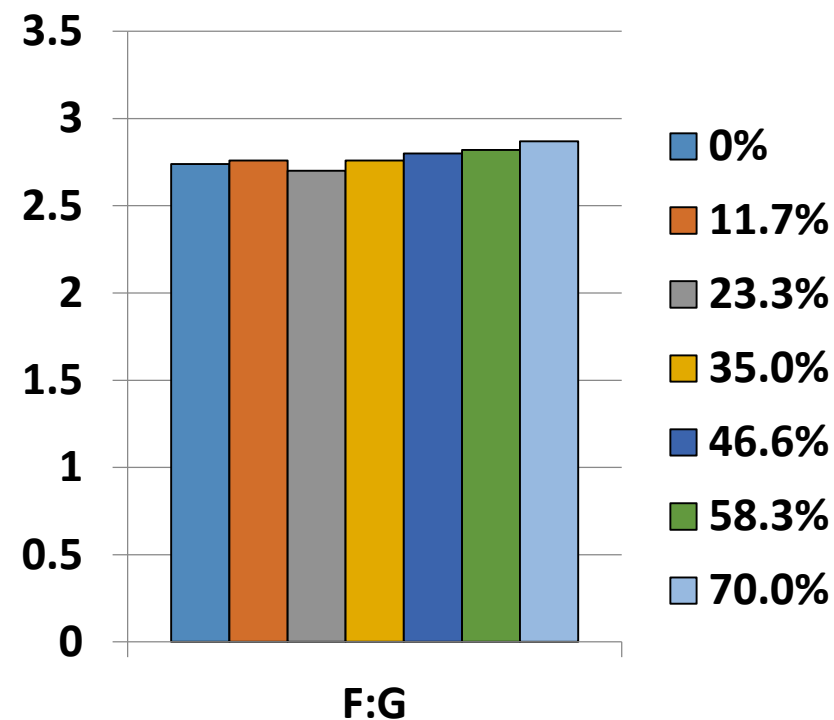
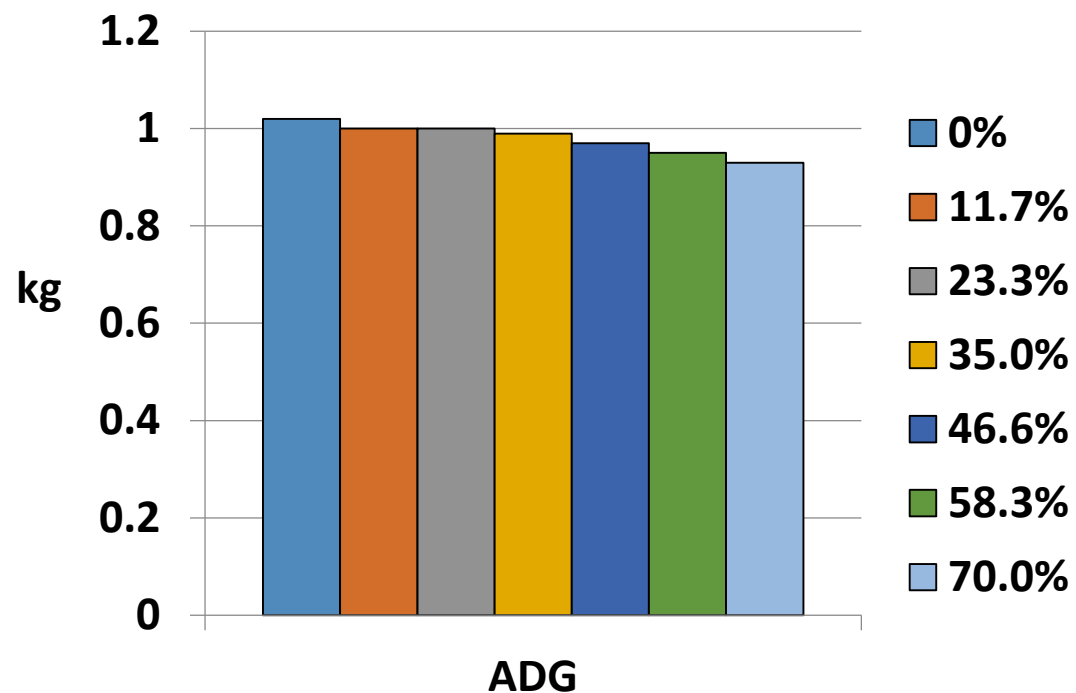
# Feed Cost Savings is Driving Higher DDGS Inclusion Rates in Growing-Finishing Pig Diets



**Grower-finisher (d 56-155)**  
**1,860 pigs in commercial facility**

<sup>a,b</sup>Means with different letters differ (P < 0.05)

# Growth Performance Responses From Increasing DDGS Inclusion rates in Growing-Finishing Pig Diets

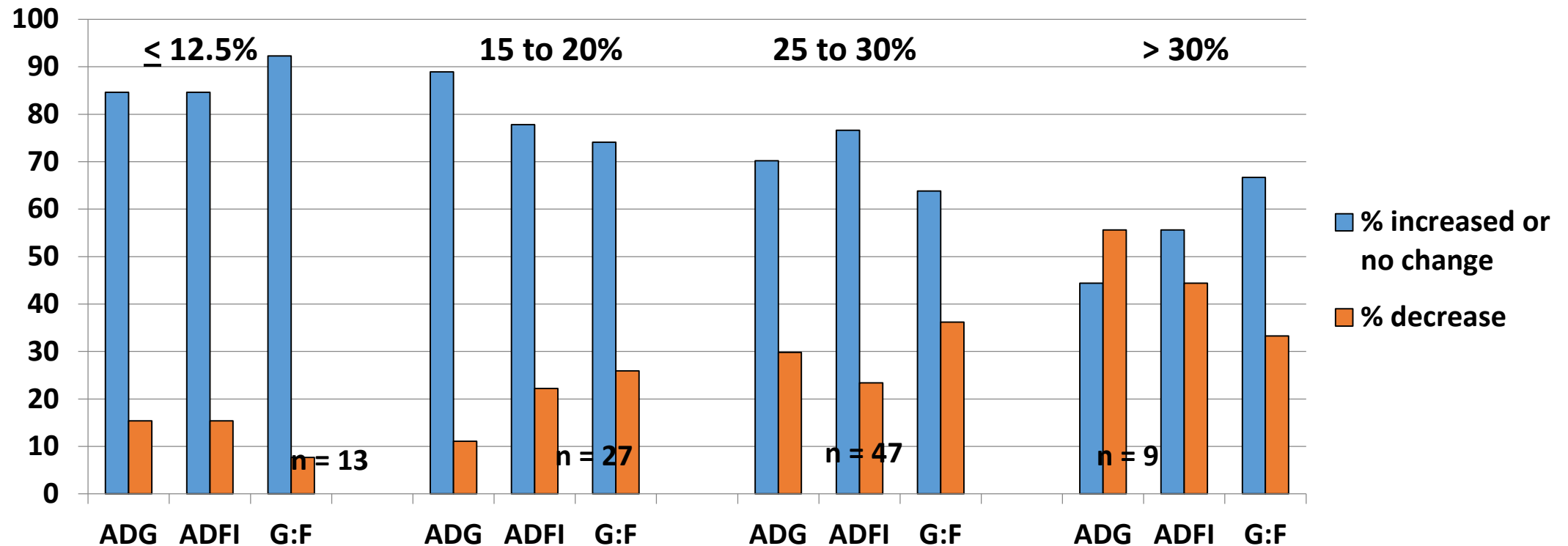


Study conducted by a major U.S. commercial swine integrator  
 96 day feeding period (37 to 129 kg)



# Growth Performance Responses with Increasing DDGS Inclusion Rates in Nursery and Growing-Finishing Diets

Diet DDGS inclusion rates



96 observations from 27 published studies since 2010

# DDGS Sources Vary in Energy and Digestible Nutrient Content

	NRC (2012)	Range of published values	Difference
ME, kcal/kg	3,396	2,917 – 3,872	955
NE, kcal/kg	2,343	1,797 – 2,603	806
SID Lys, %	0.55	0.20 – 0.82	0.62
SID Met+Cys, %	0.79	0.58 – 1.26	0.68
SID Thr, %	0.70	0.48 – 1.46	0.98
SID Trp, %	0.14	0.06 – 0.22	0.16
STTD P, %	0.39	0.41 - 0.75	0.34

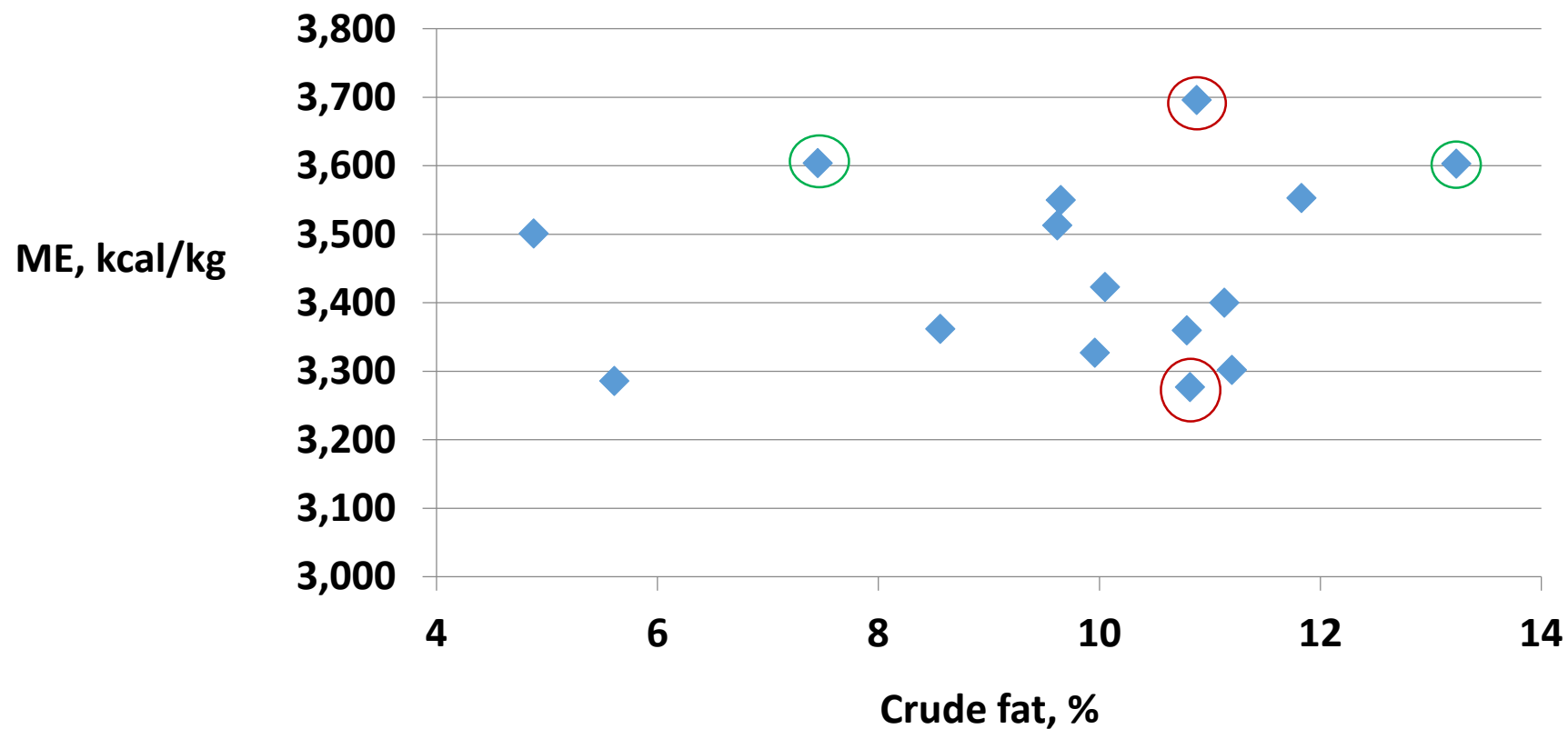
All values on an as-fed basis (89% DM)

Using an average NE value of 2,120 kcal/kg may be appropriate for most DDGS sources.

# Accurate Energy and Digestible Nutrient Values are Essential when Feeding High Dietary Levels of DDGS



# Crude Fat Does Not Predict Metabolizable Energy (ME) Content of DDGS for Swine



# Swine ME Can Be Estimated From Chemical Composition of DDGS

$$\text{DE, kcal/kg} = - 2,161 + (1.39 \times \text{GE, kcal/kg}) - (20.7 \times \% \text{ NDF}) - (49.3 \times \% \text{ Crude Fat})$$

$$\text{ME, kcal/kg} = - 261 + (1.05 \times \text{DE, kcal/kg}) - (7.89 \times \% \text{ CP}) + (2.47 \times \% \text{ NDF}) - (4.99 \times \% \text{ Crude Fat})$$





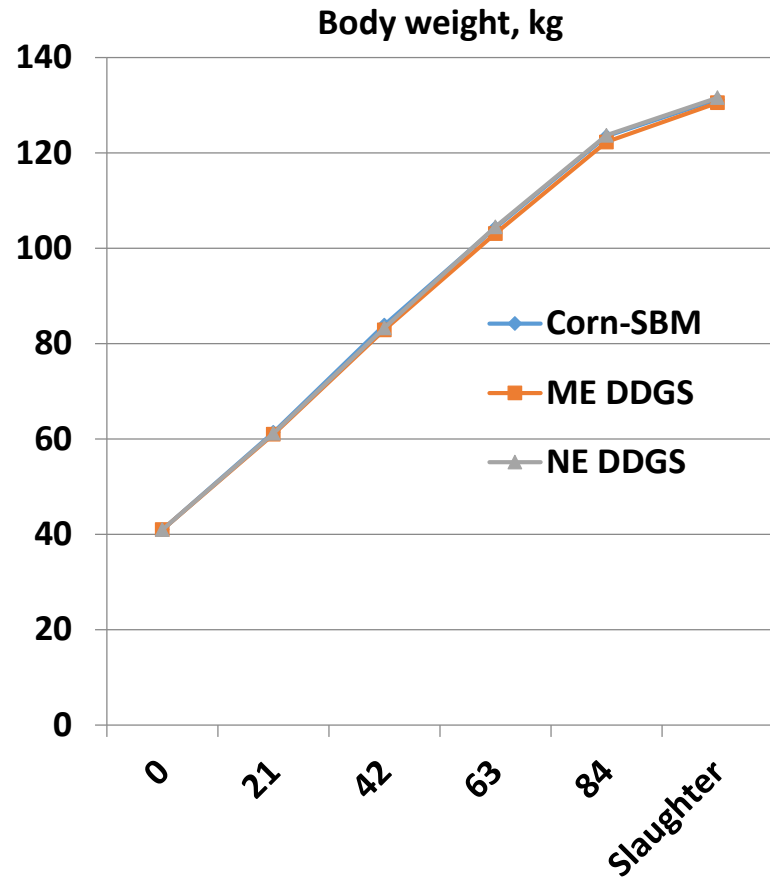
# Swine NE Can Be Estimated From Chemical Composition of DDGS

$$\text{NE, kcal/kg} = - 1,130.5 + (0.27 \times \text{GE, kcal/kg}) + (23.86 \times \% \text{ Crude Fat}) - (10.83 \times \% \text{ NDF})$$

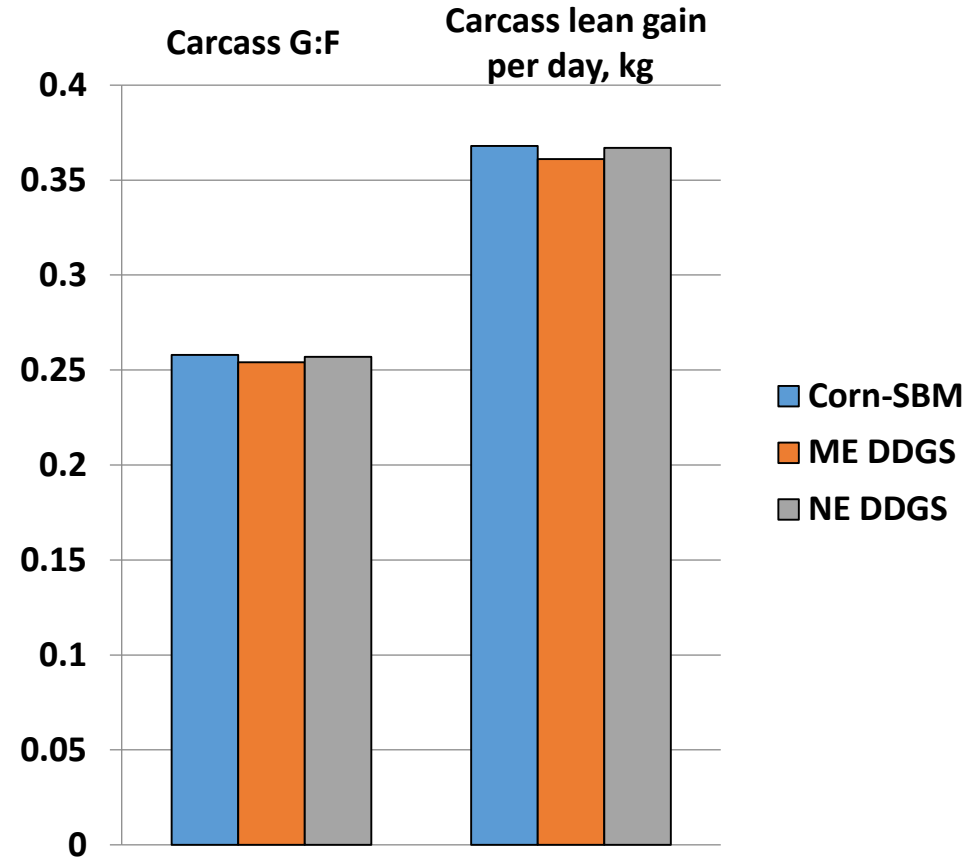
$$R^2 = 0.99$$



# Minimal Benefits of Formulating DDGS Diets on a NE vs. ME Basis?



Acosta et al. (2015)

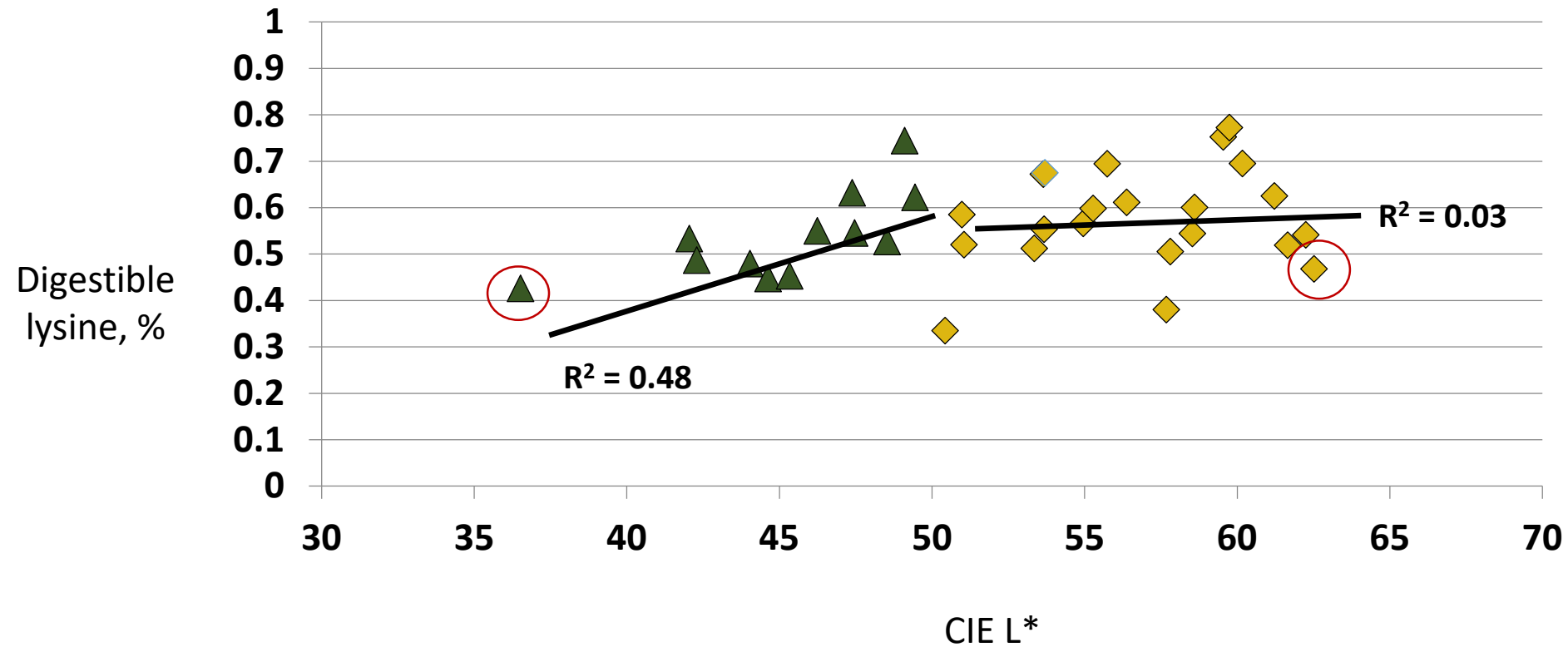


25% DDGS diets Phase 1  
 30% DDGS diets Phase 2 and 3  
 ME values from NRC (2012)  
 NE values from NRC (2012) equation 1-7

(Noblet et al., 1994)



# Color is a Poor Indicator of Amino Acid Digestibility in DDGS



# SID Amino Acid Content can be Accurately predicted for DDGS

$$\text{SID Lys, g/kg} = -1.03 + (\text{Lys, g/kg} \times 0.88) - (\text{NDF, g/kg} \times 0.003) \quad R^2 = 0.98$$

$$\text{SID Met+Cys, g/kg} = 0.05 + (\text{Met+Cys, g/kg} \times 0.92) - (\text{NDF, g/kg} \times 0.005) \quad R^2 = 0.99$$

$$\text{SID Thr, g/kg} = 1.30 + (\text{Thr, g/kg} \times 0.64) - (\text{ADF, g/kg} \times 0.028) \quad R^2 = 0.99$$

$$\text{SID Trp, g/kg} = -0.17 + (\text{Trp, g/kg} \times 0.89) \quad R^2 = 0.99$$

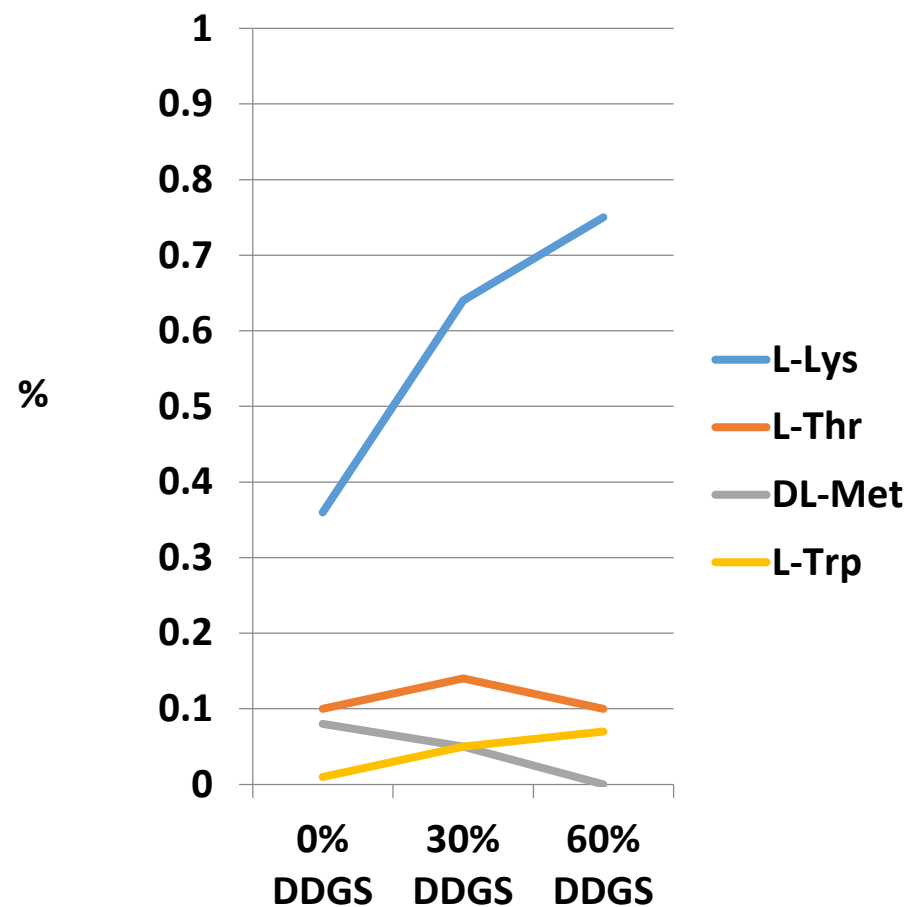
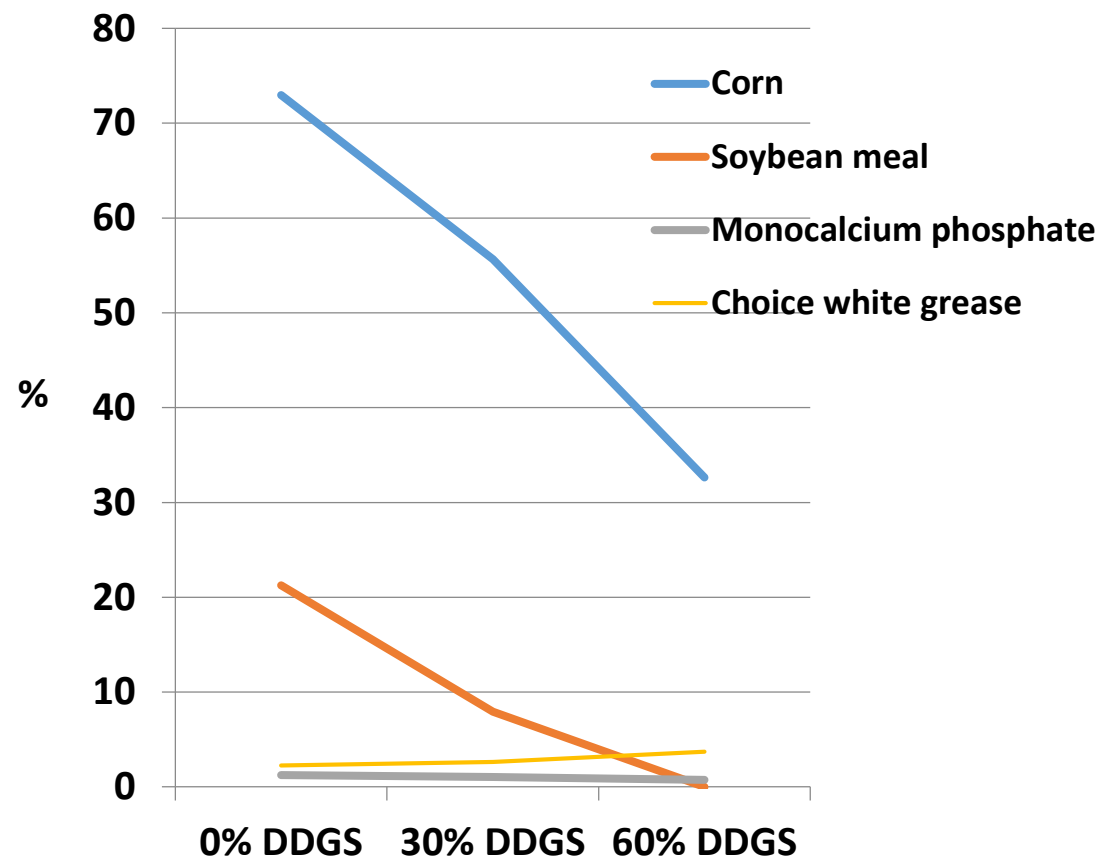
$$\text{SID Leu, g/kg} = 0.30 + (\text{Leu, g/kg} \times 0.90) - (\text{ADF, g/kg} \times 0.018) \quad R^2 = 0.97$$

$$\text{SID Ile, g/kg} = 0.07 + (\text{Ile, g/kg} \times 0.90) - (\text{NDF, g/kg} \times 0.005) \quad R^2 = 0.99$$

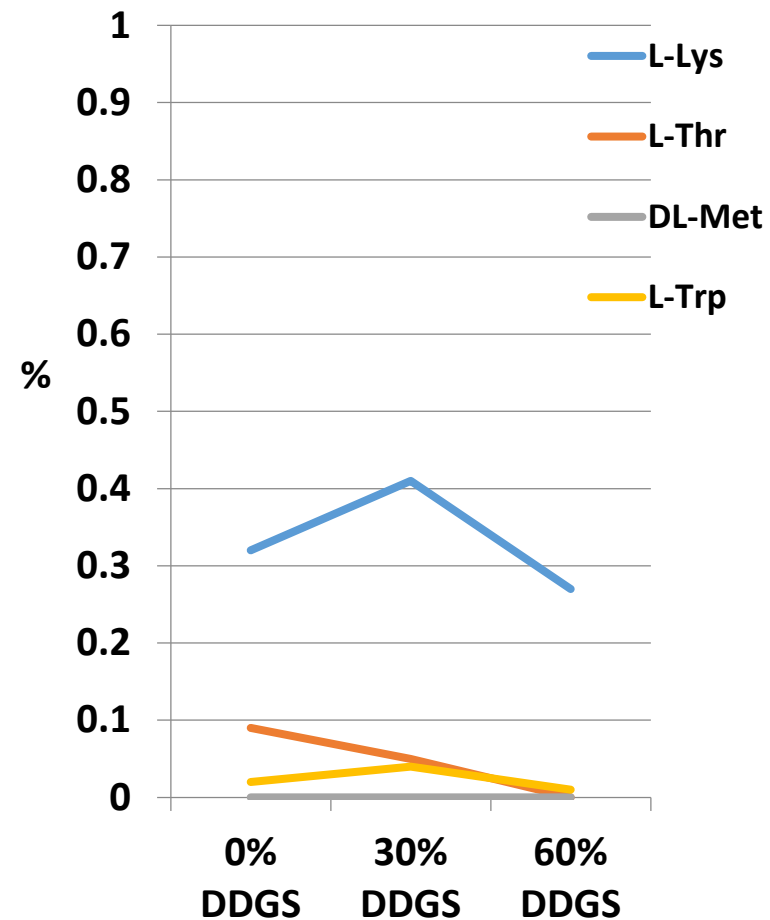
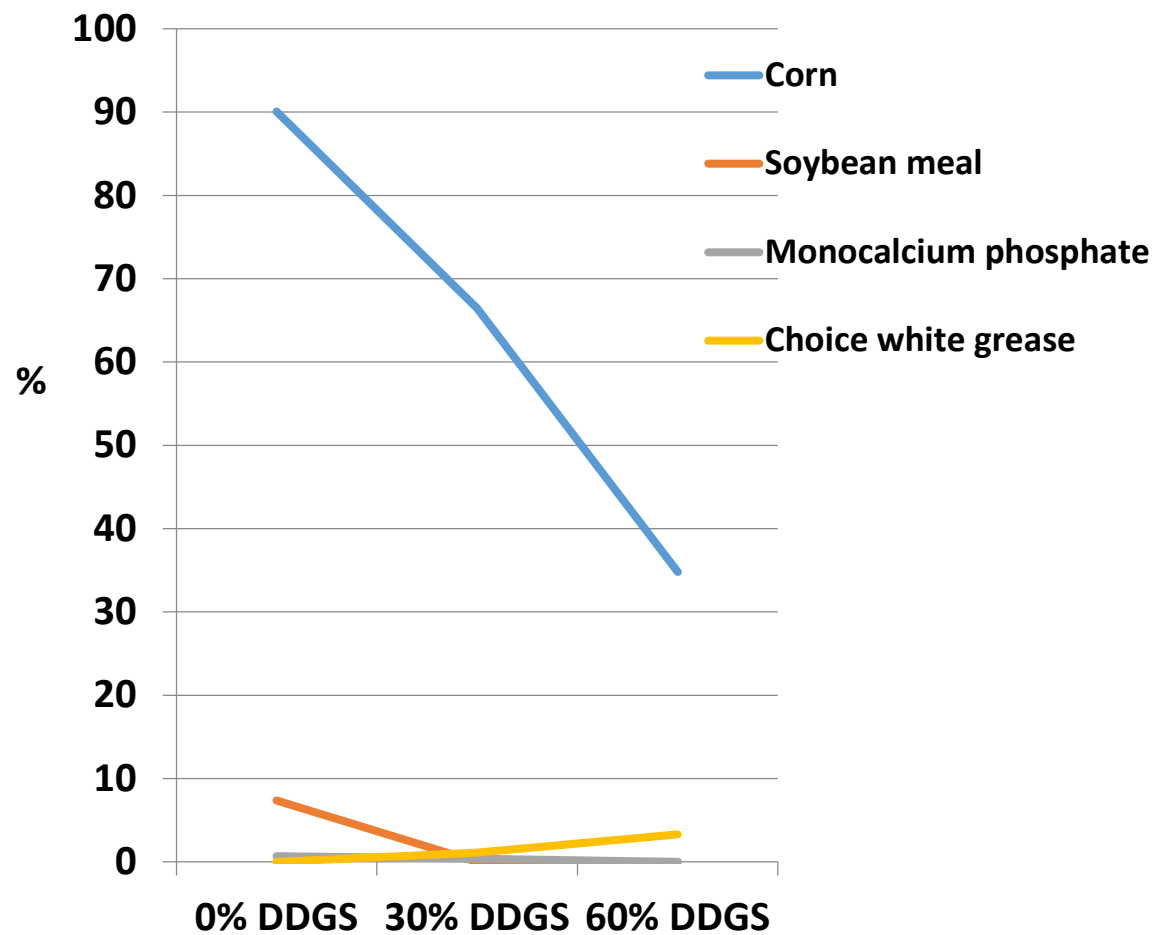
$$\text{SID Val, g/kg} = -0.49 + (\text{Val, g/kg} \times 0.87) - (\text{ADF, g/kg} \times 0.070) \quad R^2 = 0.99$$

\*Values on 88% DM basis

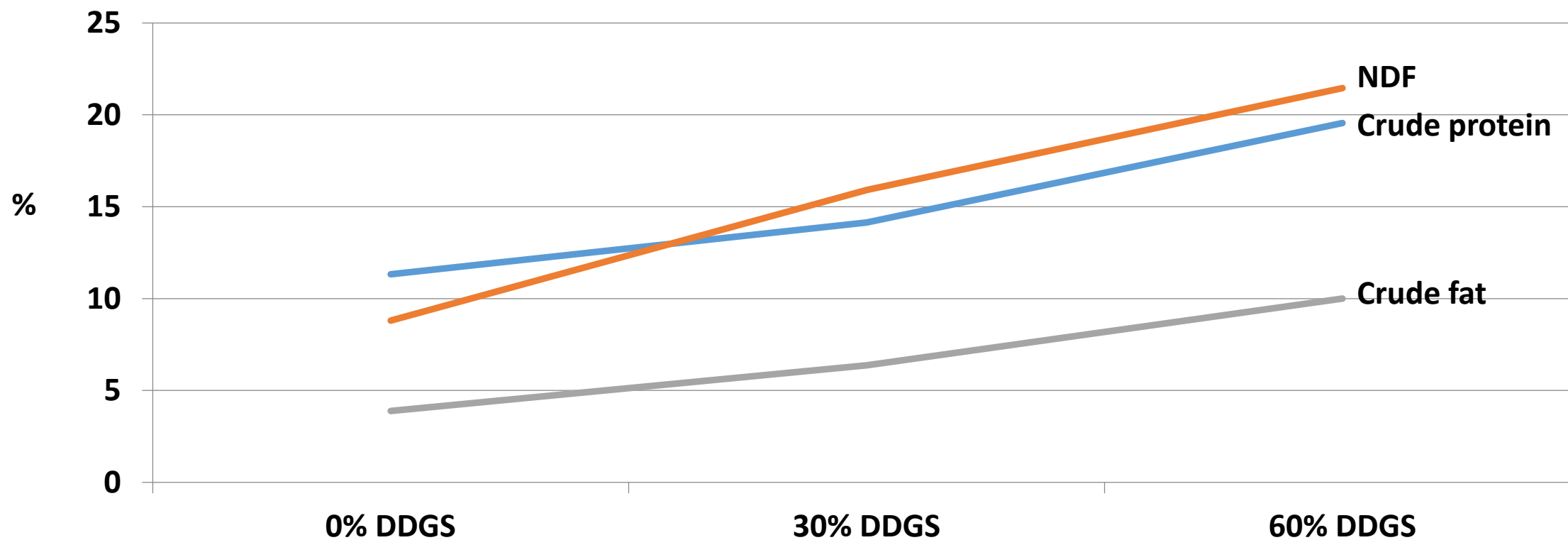
# Ingredient Usage in Early Grower Diets



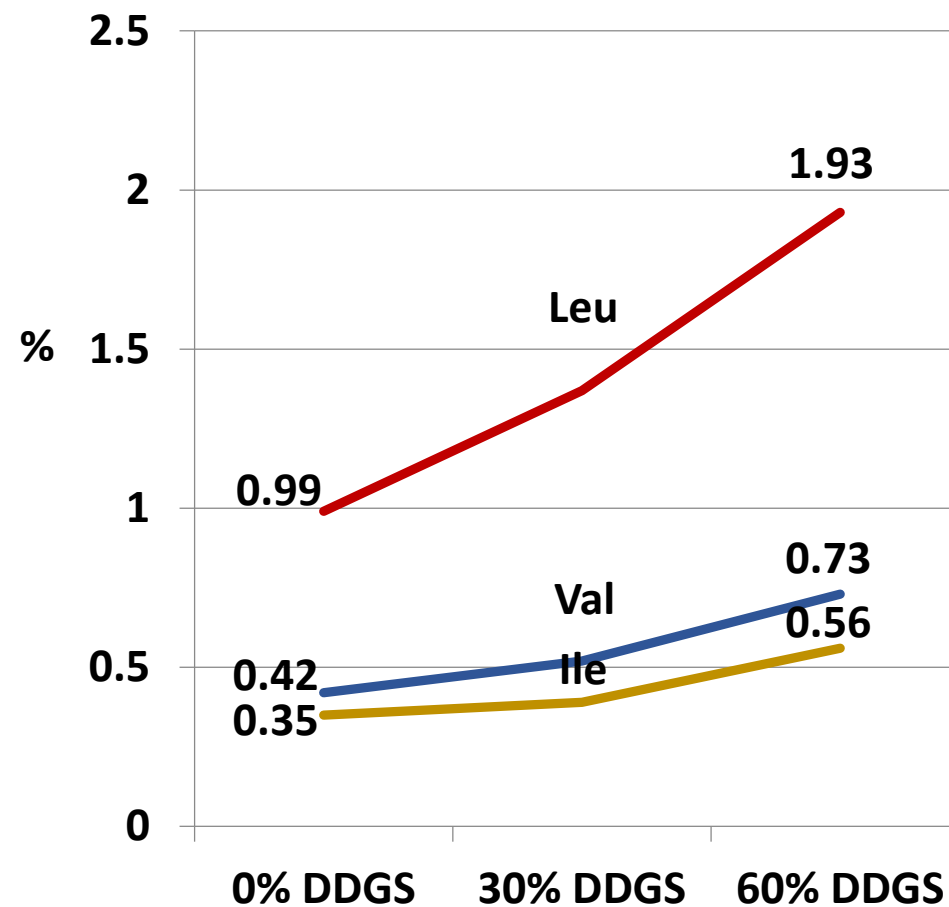
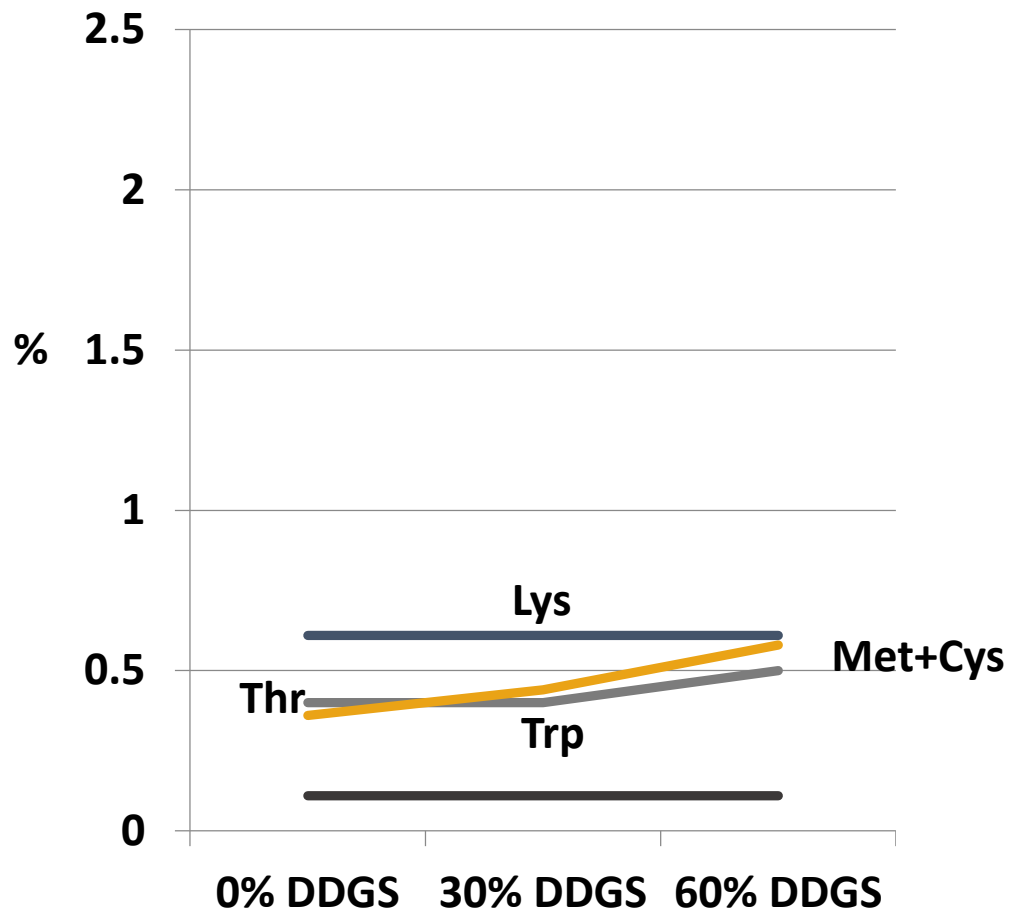
# Ingredient Usage in Late Finisher Diets



# Changes in Finisher Diet Nutrient Content with Increasing DDGS Levels



# Changes in Finisher Diet SID Amino Acid Content with Increasing DDGS Levels



# Branch Chain Amino Acids (BCAA)

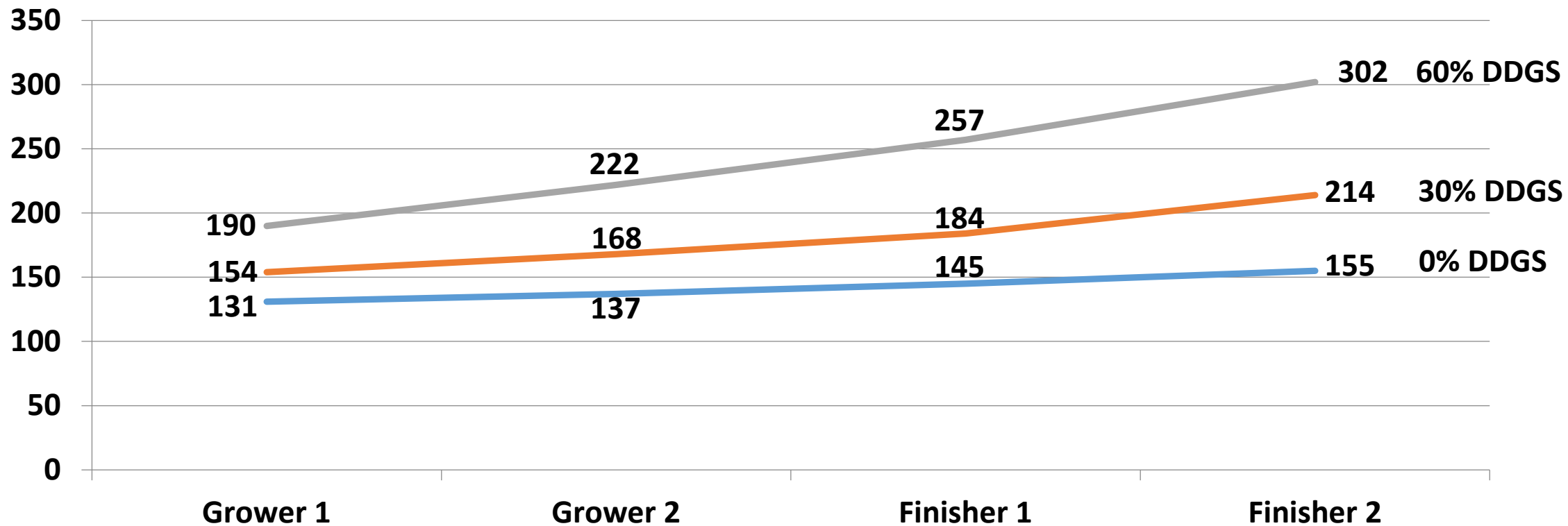
- Corn protein - extremely high in Leu content
  - BCAA (Leu, Ile, Val) = 40% of essential amino acids in corn-soybean meal diets
- Excess Leu increases catabolism of Ile and Val
  - BCAA have similar structure and share the same catabolic pathways
  - Determining requirements is difficult
    - Excess of one BCAA increases catabolism of the others
  - Excess Leu has less negative effect on Val than Ile
- Limited studies for understanding BCAA interactions in swine diets
  - Excess Leu decreases ADG and ADFI
- Increased use of synthetic amino acids in swine diets:
  - Reduces proportion of amino acids from soybean meal
  - Increases proportion of amino acids from DDGS
  - Causes the BCAA imbalance to get worse
- Crystalline Ile and Val are commercially available
  - Ile = \$13/kg
  - Val = \$11/kg



# Comparison of SID Amino Acid Ratios of DDGS and Soybean Meal

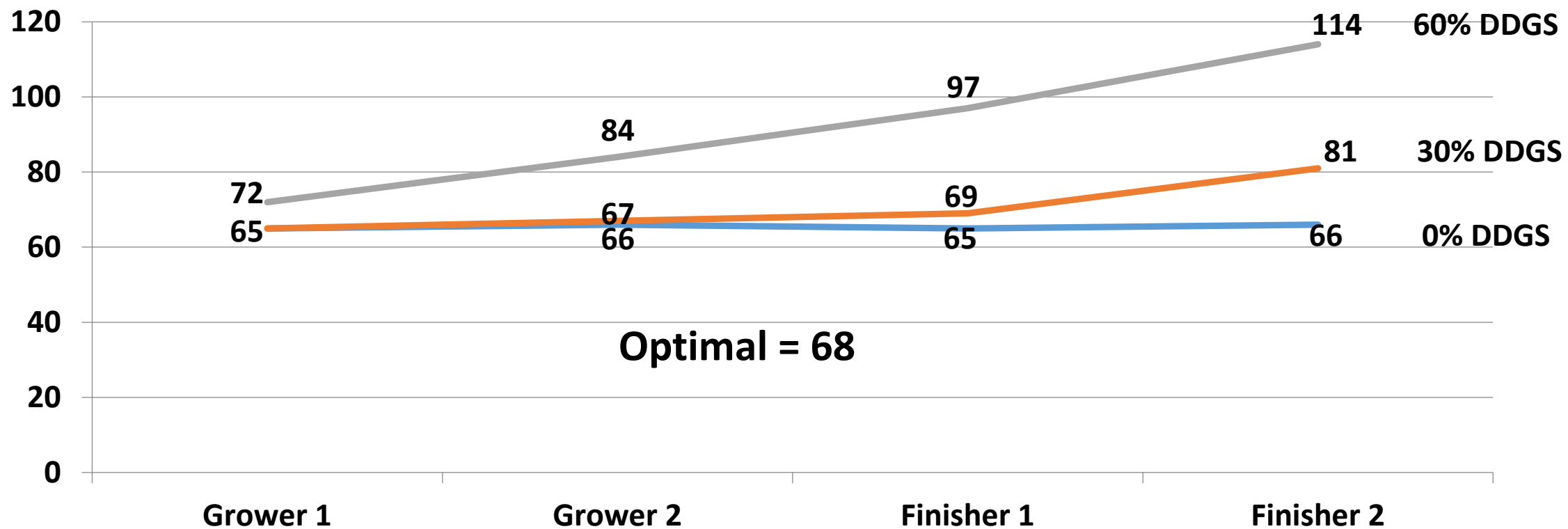
SID Amino Acid Ratios	Medium-Oil DDGS (NRC, 2012)	Soybean meal (NRC, 2012)	Optimal ratio for swine
SID Lys	100	100	100
Met+Cys:Lys	142	45	55
Thr:Lys	127	60	61
Trp:Lys	26	23	16-19
Leu:Lys	494	121	100-110
Ile:Lys	145	76	55 > 60 when Leu:Lys >140
Val:Lys	189	74	68

# Changes in SID Leu:Lys with Increasing Dietary DDGS Levels

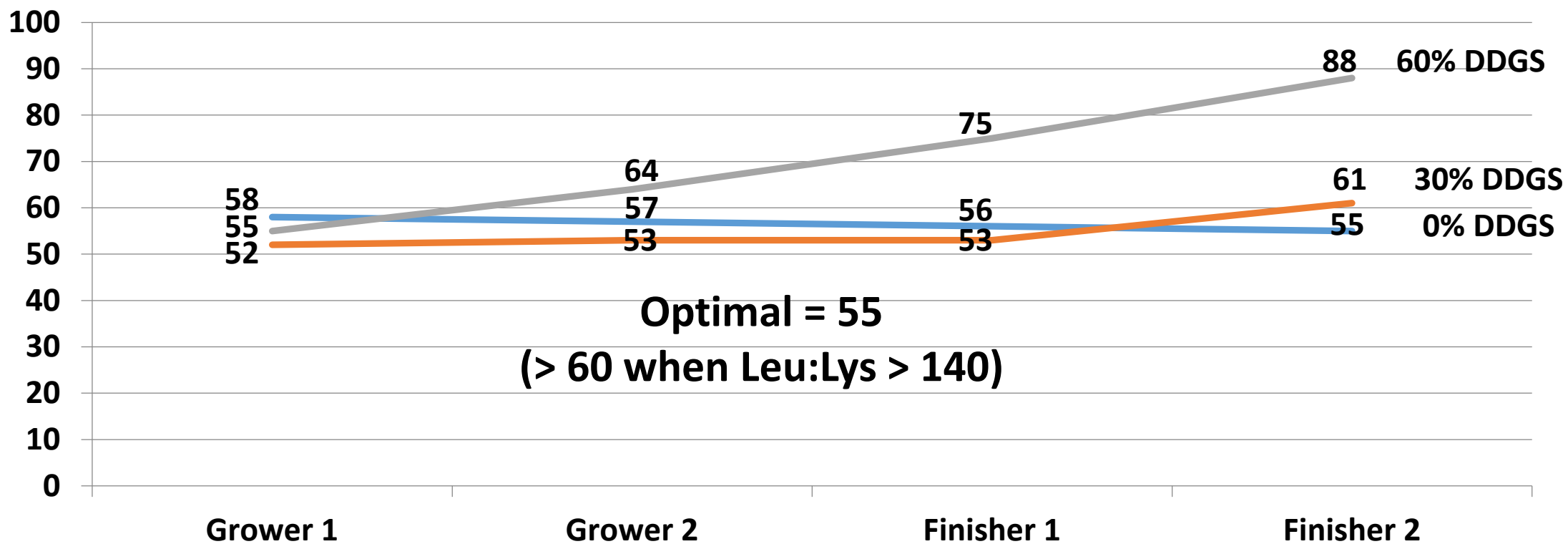


All Leu:Lys > 110  
 Maximum ratio has not been defined

# Changes in SID Val:Lys with Increasing Dietary DDGS Levels



# Changes in SID Ile:Lys with Increasing Dietary DDGS levels



# Threonine in High Fiber Diets

- Physiological roles
  - Protein synthesis of lean tissue
  - Major component of GI epithelial cells, digestive enzymes, mucosal secretions
  - High concentration in immunoglobulins and immune defense proteins
  - Precursor for *in vivo* glycine synthesis
- High fiber diets decrease amino acid digestibility
  - Increase endogenous losses
    - Mucins contain 20-30% Thr
    - Mucin proteins are poorly digested and amino acids are not re-absorbed
  - Effect of insoluble fiber > soluble fiber
    - Increasing mucin secretion
    - Increasing GI tissue mass
  - Greater effect on Thr utilization for protein deposition than other amino acids
    - Increased fiber can reduce Thr utilization efficiency by 9%

# High Fiber Diets Increase SID Thr Requirements (20-50 kg pigs)

Reference	NRC (2012)	Low fiber	High fiber
Mattai et al. (2016)	0.61%	0.72% (8.5% NDF)	0.77% (17% NDF)
Wellington et al. (2018)	0.61%	0.68% (12.5% TDF)	0.78% (18.5% TDF)

Note: 30% DDGS diets contain 15.2% NDF  
 60% DDGS diets contain 21.4% NDF

# Tryptophan in DDGS diets

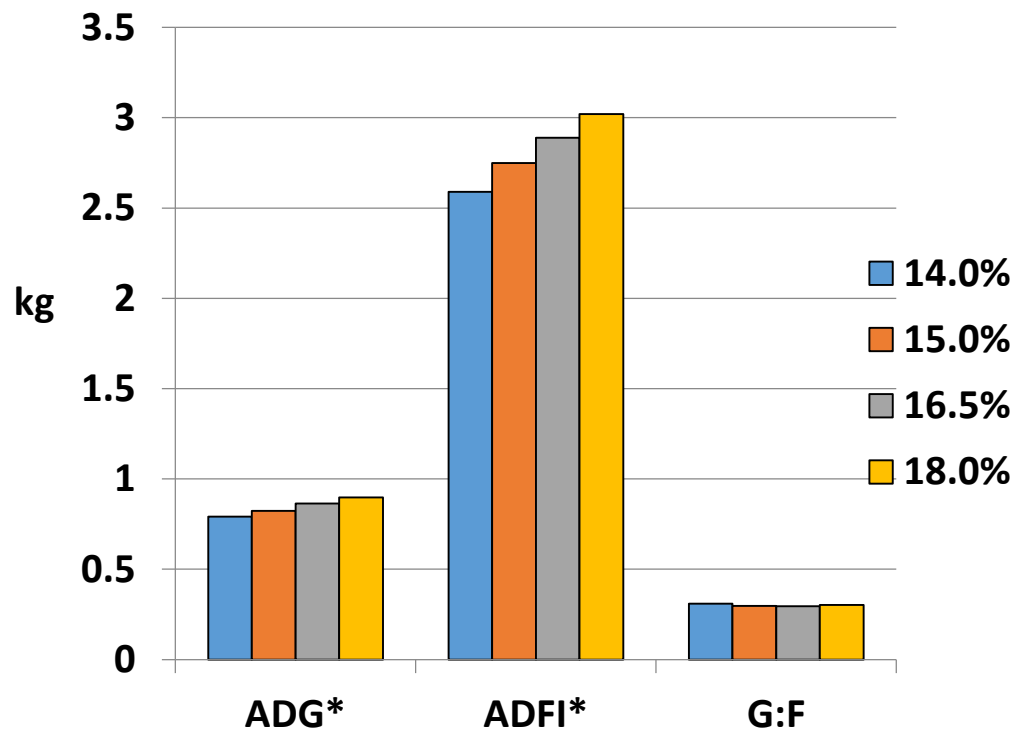
- Physiological roles
  - Protein synthesis of lean tissue
  - Regulation of immune responses
  - Precursor for serotonin
    - Regulates appetite and stress
    - Dependent on adequate Trp being transported across the blood-brain barrier
- Competes with large neutral amino acids (**Ile**, **Leu**, Phe, Tyr, and **Val**) for transport across the blood-brain barrier
  - Excess LNAA decrease serotonin concentrations
- DDGS is high in Met and Thr which decrease Trp uptake by brain
  - High CP, Met, Thr in a Trp deficient diet may reduce feed intake
- Trp:LNAA < 3.1% can reduce growth performance



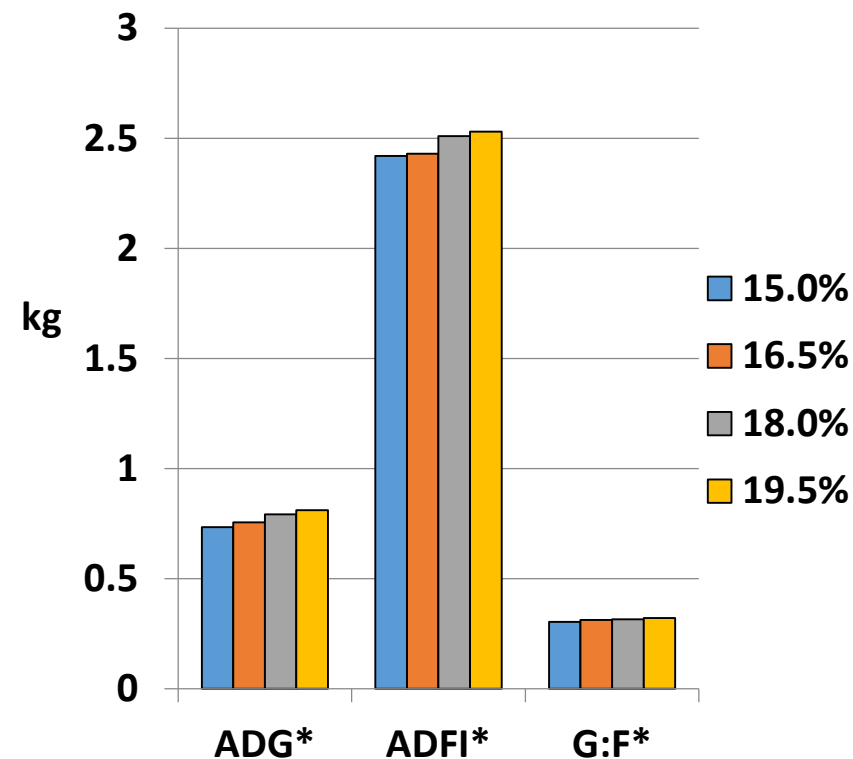
# Recent Estimates of Optimal SID Trp:Lys in DDGS Diets

Reference	Pig Body Weight, kg	Optimal SID Trp:Lys
NRC (1998)	-	18
NRC (2012)	-	16-17
Hinson et al. (2010)	27 to 45	16
	67 to 85	> 13.9
	96 to 117	16
Hinson et al. (2010)	96 to 115 kg	16
Petersen and Stein (2012)	10 to 20 kg	17-21.5
Salyer et al. (2013)	36 to 70 kg	16.5
	<b>70 to 130 kg</b>	<b>&gt; 19.5</b>
Nitikanchana (2013)	6 to 10 kg	20.3
	<b>71 to 127 kg</b>	<b>20</b>

# Effects of Increasing SID Trp:Lys in 30% DDGS Diets on Growth Performance



Grower-finisher (105 d)  
\*Linear effect (P < 0.001)



Finisher (73 d)  
\*Linear effect (P < 0.03)

# Conclusions

- Feeding 30-60% DDGS reduces feed cost by **\$4.50 to \$10/pig**
- Risk of reduced growth performance increases with increasing DDGS inclusion rates
- Risk can be minimized by
  - Estimating energy and SID amino acids in DDGS using prediction equations
  - Managing excess Leu by adding crystalline Ile and Val?
  - Increasing SID Thr to Lys ratio from 61% to 78%?
  - Increasing SID Trp to Lys ratio from 17% to 19.5+%?



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# DDGS Markets

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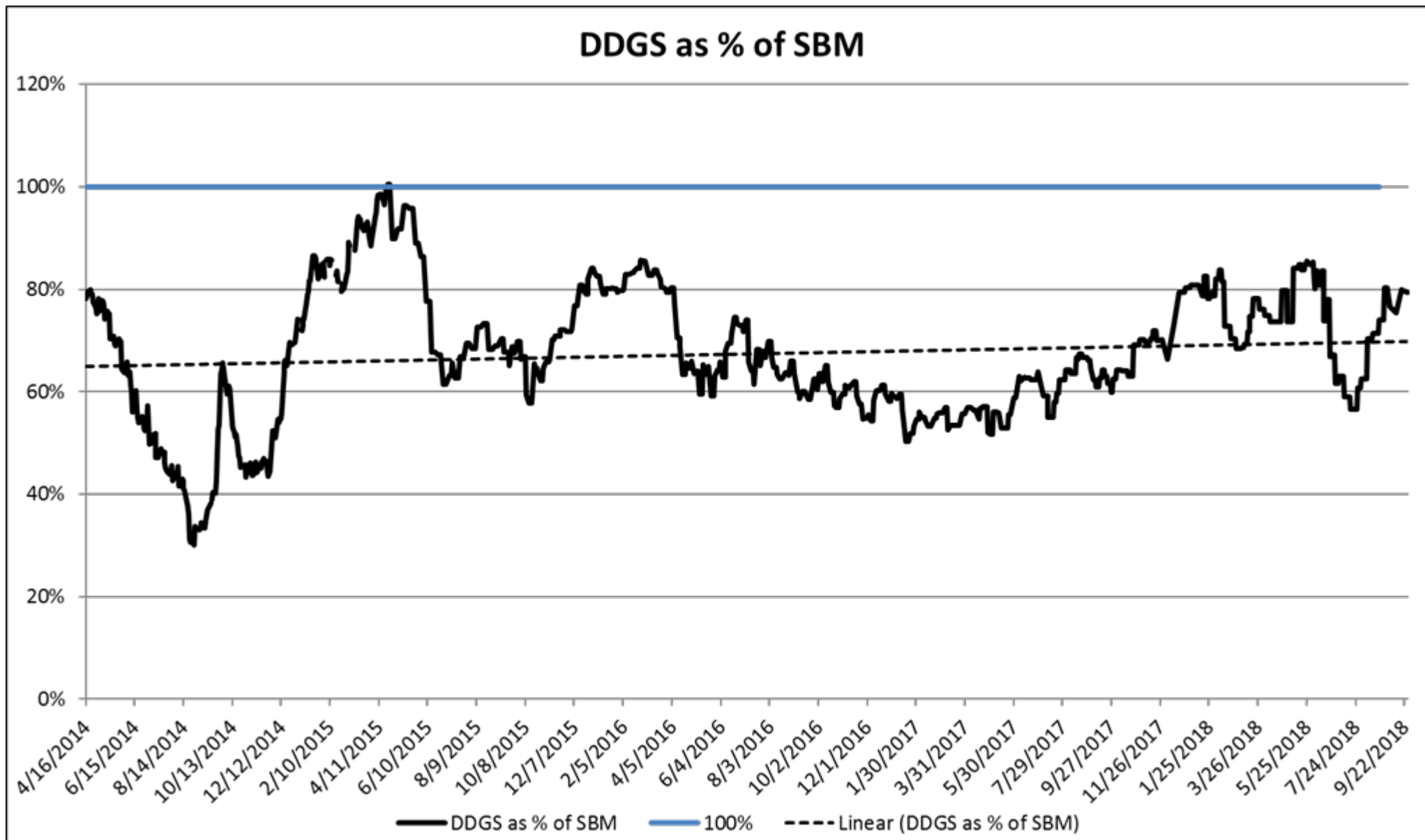
# DDGS %VTC - Decatur Corn - Iowa DDGS

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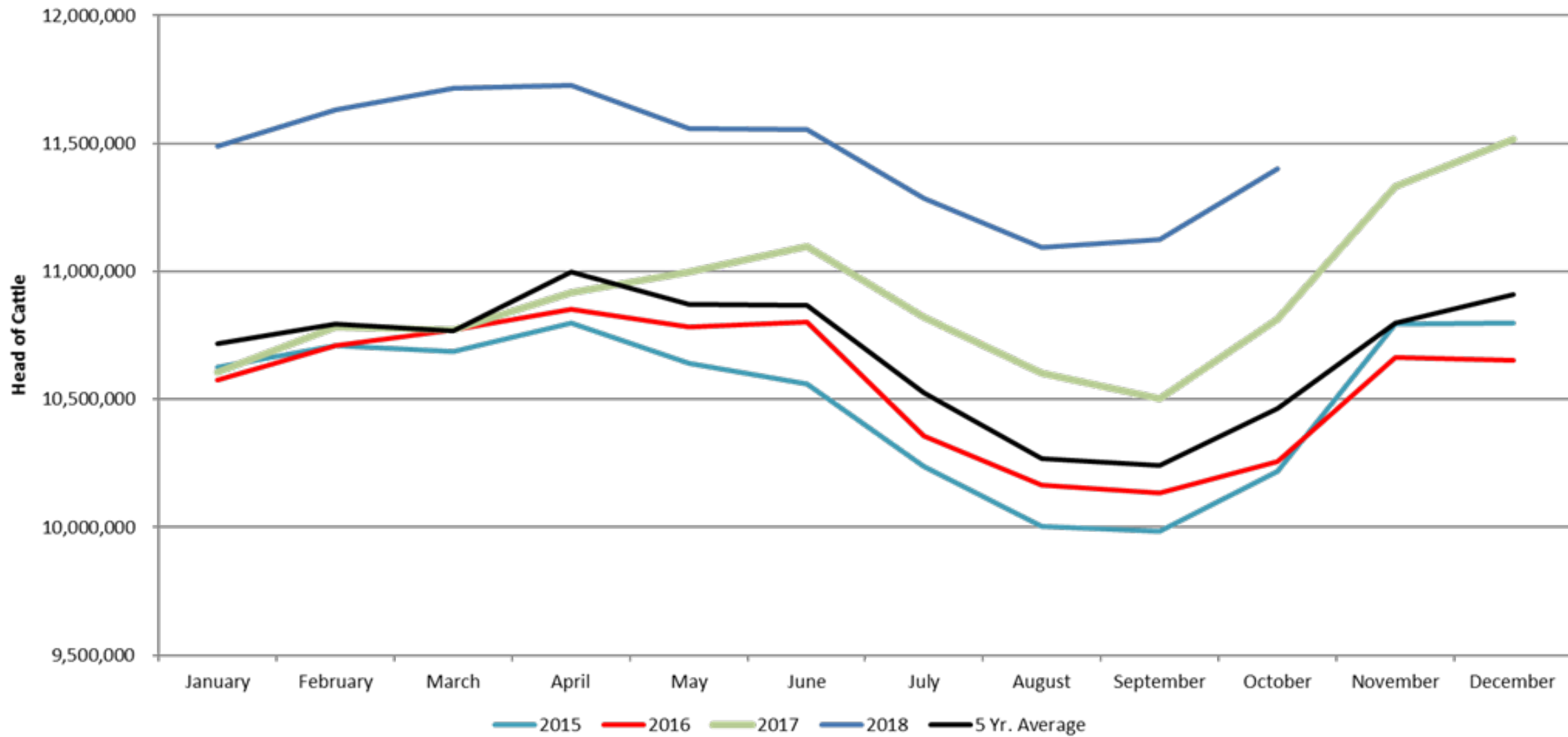
Vietnam  
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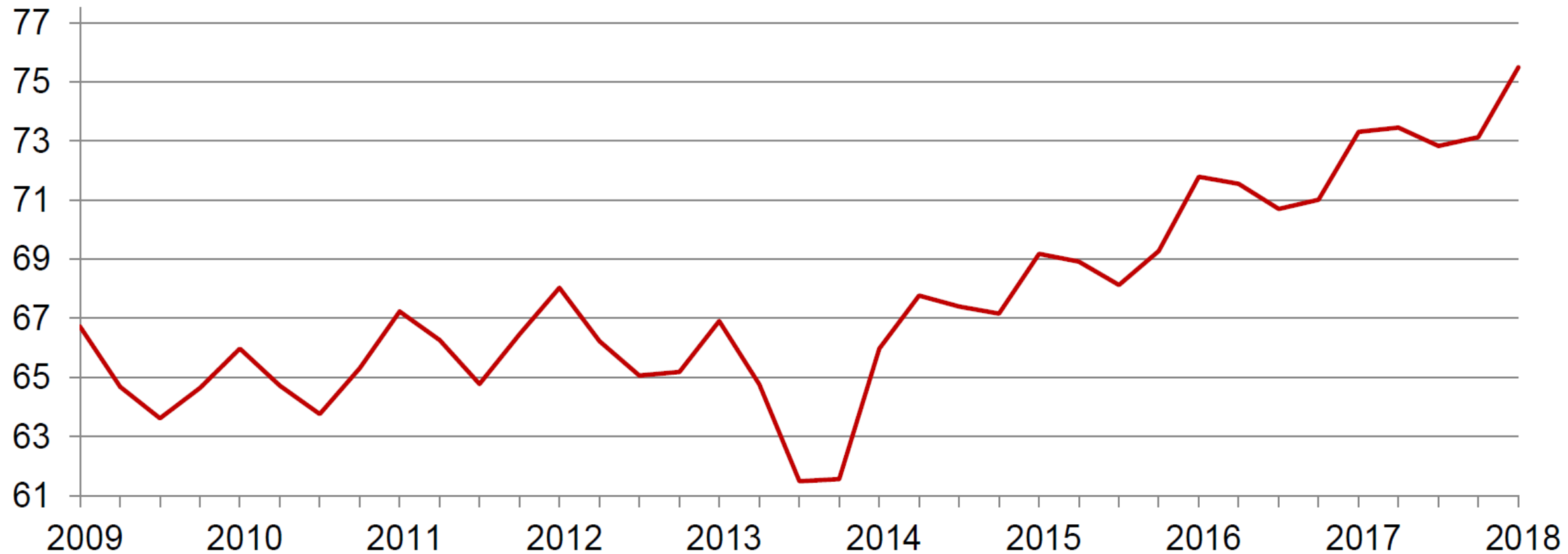


### Cattle on Feed(USDA)

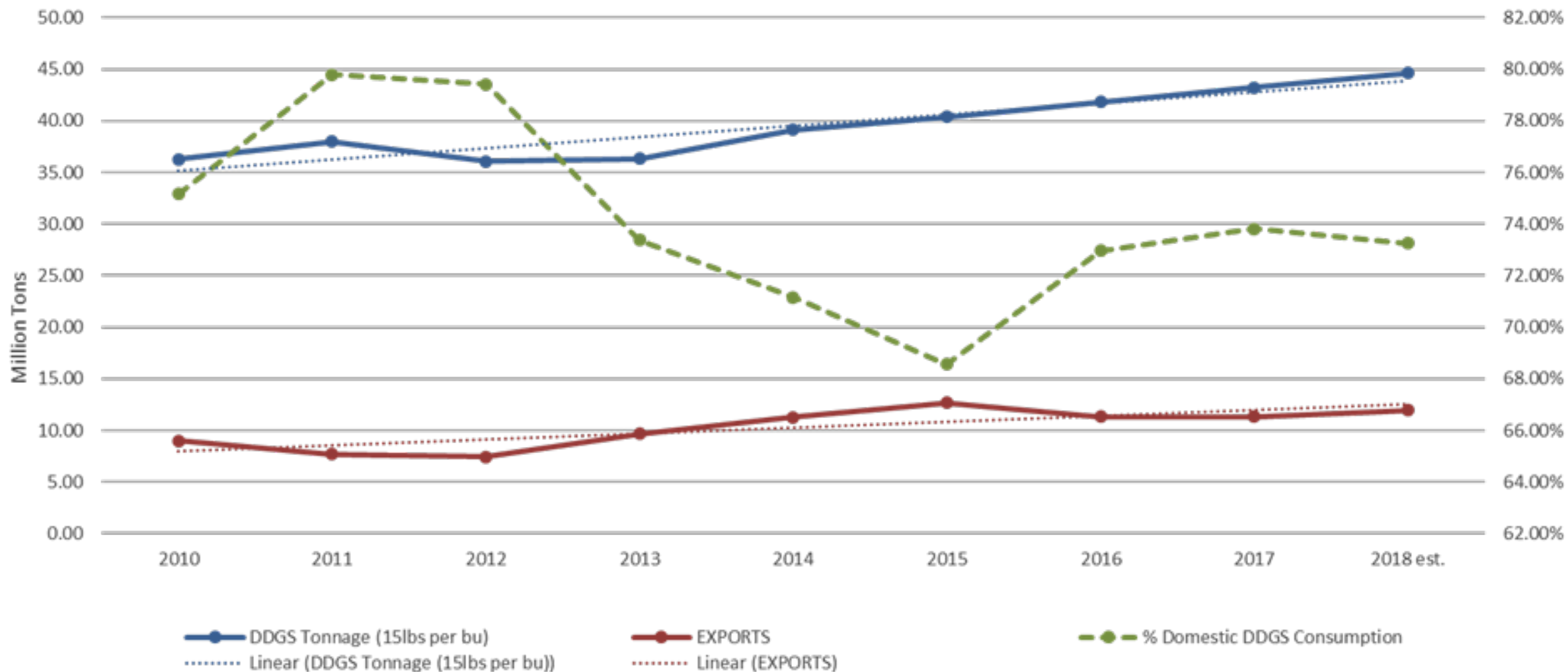


# Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: September 1

Million head



## Annual DDGS Production



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (2.75lbs per gallon)

# Summary

- DDGS value is trending more as a protein.
- The value of DDGS depends on the nutrition need/want.
- Animal protein demand outside the US will continue to grow with development.
- DDGS demand likely to grow faster outside the US.
- International nutrition development is still needed for DDGS.

# Question and Answer



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**THANK YOU**