

My submission to the pig industry inquiry

To whom it may concern.

We are mixed farmers on 184 ha in northern N.S.W. We also have a layer operation and 80 cattle breeders. During the last 12 month we had to restructure our borrowings and add \$250000 to our borrowings to stay afloat. To help us reduces the cost of our feed we are mixing ourselves we are using home grown oaten to replace the fibre in the barley. The samples of barley that were presented to us were not impressed at all and the price was prohibitive. The oaten hay we grew , was grown on paddocks fertilized with layer manure and raw pig effluent, applied daily. The problems I see coming up is firstly future interest rate rises, the cost of freight and the cost of grain is decreasing very little, if at all. Unless we get substantial rises for our produce, on the double, we will not be here in 12 month time.

Yours faithfully,

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