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## Getting big with phyto-genic feed additives

Phyto-genic feed additives (PFAs) comprise a wide range of herbs, spices, and other plant-derived products, such as essential oils and other plant extracts. In recent years PFAs have gained more attention, and use, in swine nutrition as they can improve animal performance and support health in a natural way.

The feed costs of the grower-finisher phase (20 - 115 kg BW) accounts for up to 70 % of the total production costs and thus improving feed digestibility and meat quality will increase pig profitability.

Aromex<sup>®</sup> Pro is Delacon's PFA based on carefully selected active substances, a blend of essential oils and saponins, perfectly aligned to the needs of growing-finisher pigs. The combination of active ingredients in Aromex<sup>®</sup> Pro results in higher nutrient digestibility and retention, which leads to an improved animal growth.

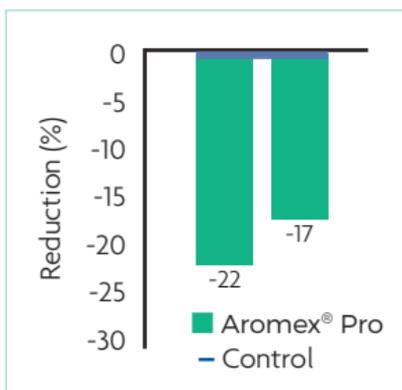
Furthermore, the additive enhances stress tolerance due to the high antioxidant power of the used plant ingredients.

Moreover, Aromex<sup>®</sup> Pro contributes to an inhibition of ammonia formation, which dramatically increases during the fattening period.

Fig. 1 demonstrates the performance enhancement in growing-finisher pigs, when diets were supplemented with Aromex Pro. Ammonia emission was also reduced up to 25 % (Fig. 2).

With Aromex<sup>®</sup> Pro, Delacon is ready to bring the benefits that customers expect from a phyto-genic feed additive in profitable and sustainable pig production.

**Fig. 2. Reduction of ammonia emission during the grower-finisher phase.**



**Fig. 1. Improved performance in growing finishing pigs.**

