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AQUALYTE® BROUGHT THEM BACK

An Animal Health distributor of AQUALYTE® reports the following story of a satisfied customer:

The farmer had 627 pigs, at an average weight of 25 kg, housed in a modified open-front building. In the course of 24 hours, all the pigs fell victim to scours. Some also were vomiting; others showed early signs of influenza.

During the first day, average water-consumption fell to less than 1.8 liters per pig. Most of the animals looked gaunt, with loose or wrinkled skin, typical of dehydration.

At the beginning of the second day, our distributor recommended AQUALYTE® to replenish and rebalance the pigs' electrolytes. The producer added AQUALYTE® to the drinking water at the rate of 0.5 gm per liter.

The symptoms of dehydration began to disappear, as the pigs water-consumption immediately increased to an average of 3.1 liters per day.

By the end of the fourth day, the scours had ended and feed-consumption was once again normal.

The farmer remarked that in the past, under similar situations and without AQUALYTE®, his pigs had lost more weight, suffered higher mortality, and took at least six days for the scours to end. So AQUALYTE® had brought his pigs back two days sooner.

For every two days of scours, pigs are typically set back four days to market. Four days' more feed would cost a least \$1.20 per pig, while an extra four days of fixed expenses and labor would cost about \$0.35 per pig.

Total added cost:	\$1.55 per pig
Total cost of AQUALYTE®:	\$0.02 per pig

By spending less than \$13.00 on AQUALYTE®, this farmer saved more than \$970.00 in feed and farm expense.

This farmer now uses AQUALYTE® as a routine treatment for all pigs before transportation to and from his farm. Our distributor is increasing his inventory of AQUALYTE®.