

### **More about zinc oxide to piglets**

Many people seem to believe that the inclusion of high doses of prescribed zinc oxide in feeds for piglets is efficient in controlling post weaning diarrhoea.

Based on observations from both our own trials and from observations in international literature this belief is indeed also correct, *provided* people only observe the effects on the treatment *strictly within the treatment-period* itself, i.e. within the first 14 days after weaning, when the zinc oxide is added to the piglet feed.

However, in our opinion, the negative effects of the 14-days treatment with zinc oxide in the *2-3 weeks following* the actual treatment-period are often neglected.

*We* believe that the farmers and their vets and other consultants do not sufficiently consider the adverse effects on the daily live weigh gain and the feed conversion ratio, which are seen after the treatment has ended, nor, for that matter, the increased costs of traditional medication with antibiotics.