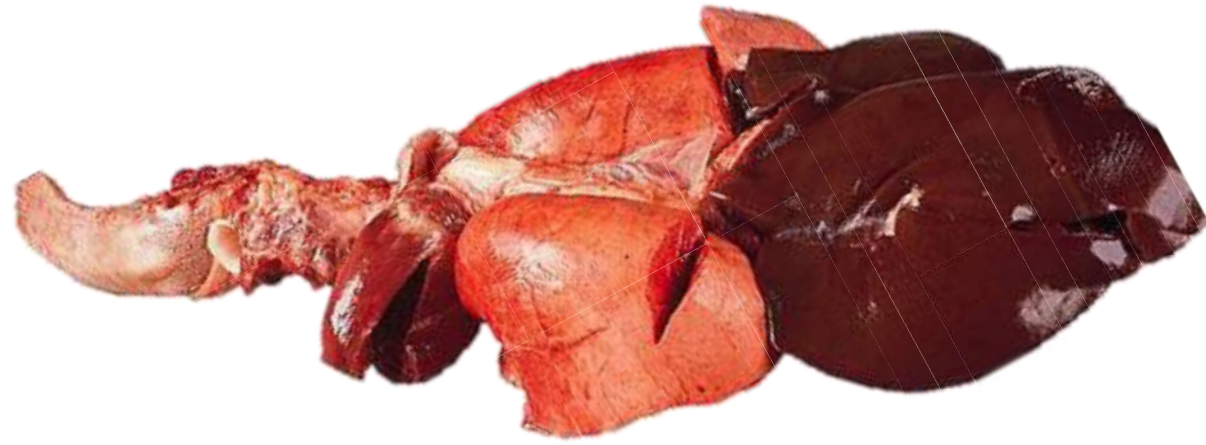


# Slaughter checks



## Plucks (Lungs, heart and liver)



Pleurisy

It corresponds to the inflammation of the membranes that surround the lungs. It is associated with pain and breathing difficulties.

Pneumonia

It's the inflammation of the lung caused by bacteria or virus. Lung tissue is filled with liquid instead of air (consolidation). Scars in lung tissue are indicative of pneumonia in earlier stages of the pig life cycle.

Pericarditis

Inflammation of sac surrounding the heart. It is commonly associated with respiratory disease (i.e. *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae*) and with Glässer's disease (*Haemophilus parasuis*).

Milk Spots

Sign of the migration of parasites (i.e. *Ascaris suum* or roundworms). Worms can migrate to the lungs and cause lesions too, opening doors to other infections.



Blood samples



Carcass lesions



Meat quality

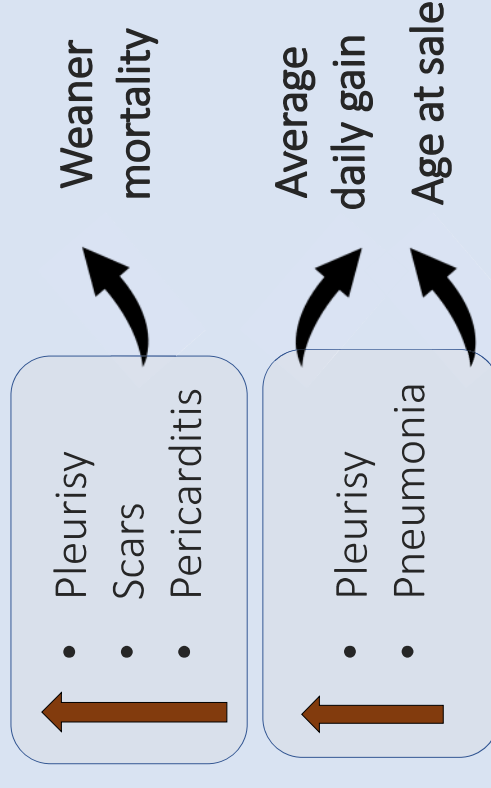
## What other samples and information can you and your vet get?



## More lesions, less performance

The PSP research team assessed batches from 56 farms at slaughter and collated the results with performance data retrieved from the Teagasc e-ProfitMonitor.

Our results suggest that farms with **more slaughter lesions** (left) have **poor performance** (right):



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