Book review

**Ultrasonography and Reproduction in Swine: Principles and Practical Applications**

‘Ultrasonography and Reproduction in Swine’ ably presents and explains the principles and practical applications of ultrasonography in swine. This is an excellent book that manages to collate much of the information available in the subject area. A wide audience will find this book useful as it presents the most up-to-date information in addition to the background of this technique. The first section of the book introduces the reader to the principles of ultrasonography before going on to cover general aspects of the reproductive tract and its anatomical positioning. The next section deals with the oestrous cycle and then a thorough scrutiny of gestation. A section is also included on postpartum and lactation changes that take place in the reproductive tract and also a particularly well illustrated section on detecting abnormalities in the swine reproductive tract. The final section deals with the diagnosis of gestation, the factors that determine the accuracy of this test, and the advantages of using ultrasonography. This book is extremely well illustrated and hence makes it an invaluable learning tool for those who are being introduced to the subject. A great benefit to the reader is the summaries that close each section with a concise overview of the material presented. Overall, this book provides an excellent review of not only ultrasonography, but also of more general reproduction in the swine.

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