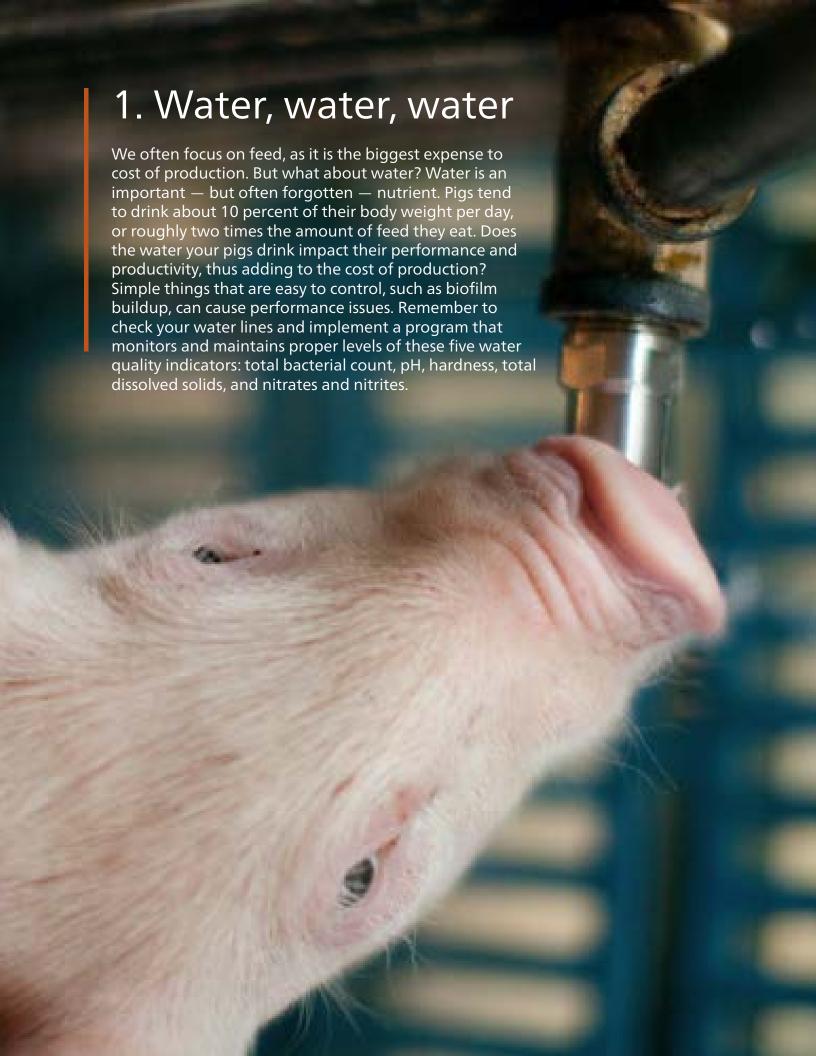






High cost of production is an issue every producer grapples with, regardless of the size of their operation. While numerous components affect production costs, some on-farm factors can increase costs without producers even realizing. Below are five factors that increase production costs, along with some tips to help producers mitigate them.

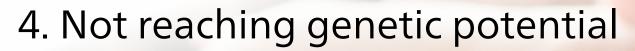






There has been an industry-wide increase in this area of production — but despite this increase, many nutrient levels have stayed the same. Genetics are progressing at such a fast pace that nutrition can't keep up. Feed intake patterns have changed. One area to focus on is matching intake with the level of nutrients provided and delivering those essential nutrients in the most available form possible.





Why do some farms within a system not perform as well as others? How do mentoring programs implemented at higher levels within a company benefit the farm? Farm employees are essential to helping us reach company goals, and developing programs that help us achieve those goals will lead to an increase in performance levels across all areas of production.



## 5. Low feed quality What is in your feed? Are you sacrificing growth and performance as a result of the feed being delivered? Although it may seem like a cost savings now, in the long-term, buying low-quality feed will end up costing you more than you are currently trying to save.