Abstract

22 Mexican Hairless Pigs (MHP) and 20 CuinoPigs (CP) which belong to the Mexican Native Pig (MNP), were raised under agricultural-grazing conditions in the State of Nayarit, Mexico were studied. MHP showed a higher number of nipples (p<0.01), from 10 to 14 with an average of 10.9, and a higher back (64.81 cm), body (85.11 cm) and snout length (19.44 cm) (p<0.01) than CP. In general terms this breed presented more of a lengthier body than height compared with the CP. The vertebrae formula C7, T15, L6 and S4 in all MNP (MHP, CP and another creole breed, the MuleFoot (MF) ) corresponded to that of the modern pig. The MF syndactyle showed one second and one third extra phalanxes in comparison to the other breeds.

Keywords

Creole pig. Mexican Hairless pig. Mule Foot pig. Syndactyle