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Introduction & Experiences

From 1998 to 2005, back in the CICYTEX research institute (Extremadura, Spain), she worked on genetic improvement of milk production of Merino sheep with the Merino Breeders Association. In 2006, Mercedes started working in Iberian pig research, and she is the coordinator of the Monogastric Research Unit at CICYTEX since 2010, focusing her work on the genetic improvement and production of the Iberian pig. She is a specialist in the study of carcass composition in vivo using ultrasound technology and has also worked on sustainable feeding systems and on animal welfare, especially in immunocastration.

She has participated in many national and some international research projects, but she has also focused her work on projects with companies and pig producers. She is the scientific coordinator of the Official Program for the Genetic Improvement of the Iberian Pig and collaborates very closely with the National Association of Iberian Pig Breeders (AECERIBER). She collaborated with the University of Extremadura as a lecturer of a master's degree on livestock breeding in extensive production. She has directed 4 PhD Dissertations, has published numerous scientific publications and participated in numerous international conferences and meetings. She was the organizer of the IV Fatty Pig congress in Badajoz, Spain in 2017.

Education

- PhD, Animal breeding and Production with a Minor in Statistics, Iowa State University (ISU), 1997
- Master, Animal Breeding and Production, Complutense University of Madrid, 1992
- DVM (Veterinary Medicine), Complutense University of Madrid, 1986

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