Exhibiting a Ractopamine-Free Swine Project

RACTOPAMINE-FREE SWINE PRODUCTION IS NOW A MARKET SPECIFICATION/REQUIREMENT THROUGHOUT MUCH OF THE U.S. PORK PACKING INDUSTRY. BECAUSE SHOW PIGS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO ENTER INTERNATIONAL PORK MARKETS, THEY MUST BE RACTOPAMINE-FREE.

EXPECT YOUR FAIR TO SECURE A SIGNED AFFIDAVIT FROM A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN STATING THAT THE PIGS EXHIBITED BY THEIR SHOWMAN HAVE NEVER BEEN OFFERED RACTOPAMINE.

WHAT IS RACTOPAMINE?

A beta-adrenergic agonist that when fed according to label directions can improve pig growth rate, carcass composition, and feed conversion efficiency. Product trade names include: Paylean®, Optaflexx®, Engain®, Actogain®, and other generic derivatives.

WHAT DOES RACTOPAMINE-FREE MEAN?

The pig has never been fed or exposed to ractopamine sources from the time of birth to the time of harvest.

AREAS OF FOCUS TO ENSURE YOUR PROJECT IS RACTOPAMINE-FREE

1. YOUR PIG

Understand the status of any pig(s) you purchase or raise on your own farm and comply by not feeding or exposing your pigs to ractopamine.

2. YOUR FEED SUPPLY

Work directly with your feed supplier to assure that the feed you use is free of ractopamine.

3. YOUR FEEDERS

Feeders and containers should be thoroughly disinfected and dried prior to adding new feed. This will prevent cross-contamination.

4. YOUR BARN

Pens, bedding, fans, etc. should be thoroughly disinfected as they have a risk of containing ractopamine if you have fed it in the past.

5. YOUR TRAILER

Do a complete disinfection and drying of trailers and vehicles between loads of pigs.

6. EXHIBITION

Don't offer ractopamine if the rules indicate it is not acceptable for the fair or exhibition.

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