

# 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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