



Brown County Agricultural Society

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Attention All Swine Exhibitors:

The Brown County Agricultural Society voted at their March 3, 2020 meeting that the Brown County Junior Fair Market Swine show will be ractopamine-free. This decision was made with contributions and considerations from the Brown County Junior Fair Swine Department, Junior Fair Sale Committee and OSU Extension, Brown County. This decision is in line with policies of the Ohio State Fair and recommendations from the Ohio State Veterinarian Dr. Tony Forshey, Ohio State University Extension Swine Specialist Dr. Steve Moller, the Ohio Pork Council, and the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Ractopamine is a feed additive commonly known by the trade names of Paylean®, Optaflexx®, Engain® and other generic derivatives. This is a zero-trace policy, which means that a pig has never been fed or exposed to ractopamine from the time of birth to the time of market.

This is a market driven decision that will give our junior fair exhibitors the best chance to ensure a market and to receive a fair packer bid on their market hog project. The process to ensure a ractopamine-free show is still being finalized. Exhibitors and their parents/guardians will be required to sign an affidavit certifying their projects has not been fed ractopamine. The affidavit will be made available once finalized and will be required at weigh-in at the fair with the DUNF paperwork.

When choosing your animals, you should confirm that they have not been fed ractopamine at any point in its life and you should not offer it as a feed. In order to prevent cross contamination, exhibitors should thoroughly clean pens, trailers, feeders, fans etc. Additional information compiled by the Ohio Pork Council, The Ohio State University, the Ohio State Fair and the Ohio Department of Agriculture can be found at <https://ohiopork.org/ractopamine-free/>.

As more information becomes available it will be shared with exhibitors and volunteers.

Sincerely,

Bill Neal

President, Brown County Agricultural Society

Cc: FFA Instructors, 4-H Volunteers