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Ractopamine Guidelines for the 2020 Madison County Junior Fair Swine Shows

At the April meeting of the Madison County Agricultural Society, the Board discussed, at length, the use of ractopamine in swine.

With the best interest of all junior fair swine exhibitors in mind, the following guidelines have been adopted for the 2020 Madison County Fair. The solution outlined below allows for open market access for junior fair swine projects, while maintaining each individual family's right to decide how their animals are prepared for exhibition.

2020 Guidelines:

- In order for swine exhibitors to participate in the premium sale, the exhibitor must sign the Ohio Department of Agriculture's affidavit pertaining to the use of beta-agonist ractopamine hydrochloride (Paylean®, Optaflexx®, Engain®, or any generic derivative)
- Exhibitors choosing to abstain from signing the ODA affidavit, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE PREMIUM SALE, REGARDLESS OF WINNINGS, and must remove their swine projects from the fairgrounds immediately following the conclusion of the open swine show.
- Per ODA guidelines, champion and reserve champion animals are mandatory terminal and will be processed at the appropriate facility regardless of affidavit signature.
 - Exhibitors of champion and reserve animals that have not submitted the required affidavit are responsible for the removal and costs associated with the butchering/processing of said animal at the designated facility.
- The beta-agonist ractopamine hydrochloride (Paylean®, Optaflexx®, Engain®, or any generic derivative) is NOT ALLOWED on the fairgrounds during the 2020. Madison County Fair. Any exhibitors found in violation of this rule will be subject to removal from fairgrounds and disqualification from future Madison County Fair activities for up to two years.

Please contact the Madison County Fair Office with any questions.

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