Show Pig Feeding Workshop

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My Philosophy

Do it for the FAMILY not for the $$$

1. Good ones are bred, but “CHAMPIONS” are fed.
2. Start with a Good ones
3. Remember it is a beauty and athletic contest
4. Success is the result of hard work
Philosophy Cont.

5. Know the judge’s priorities
6. Do the little things right daily
7. Believe in your program & have FUN
8. Don’t forget we are doing this to make Memories not Money…
Where Do I Start

• Family Goals
• Who Do I Trust to Help me
• Facilities
• Cost? Budget
• Show Dates vs. Pigs Age
• Breed Preferences
• Who’s Judging
Success in Feeding

1. Be Dedicated
2. Be Focused
3. Be coachable and open-minded
4. Be willing to help others
5. Be able to adapt and make changes
6. Find someone you trust and go with it
The Foundation for Success

• Ability to “read” livestock
• Analyzing structure, design, fat, and muscle
• Kids must be motivated to work hard on a daily basis
• Team work within the family or chapter is key
Major Components of the Champion Show Pig Equation

1. Genetics and Age
2. Good workable Facilities
3. Sound Management – Day to Day Care
4. Nutrition Program and Feed Additives
5. Showmanship
Every Component Must be in Place

- Every Day is Critical
- Those families Who Do the Little Things Right Every Day Win Consistently
- Luck is the residue of Hard Work
- “Preparation meets opportunity”
Genetic Start

• Start with an individual that has the Genetic Potential to Win

• Start with one that is the right age for target show!
Selection Criteria

1. Structure
2. Design/Balance
3. Muscle
4. Body Capacity
5. Size
Nutrition and Management
The Feeding Program

• Without Question, a Sound Nutrition Program is Crucial to *Maximizing* the Genetic Potential of a Show Animal

• WATER- very important
Feeding Show Pigs
Nutrition and Management

Three Phases

• Phase I – Purchase to approx. 125 lbs
• Phase II – 125 to 200 lbs
• Phase III – 200 lbs to Desired Show Weight
Phase I

• The time of purchasing and receiving is crucial!
Minimize Stress

• Stressors include:
  
  * Weaning
  * Snaring, Clipping, Hauling to Sales
  * Co-mingling at your house or school
  
  - pigs from different herds have different degrees of immunity to various health challenges
Vaccinations

• Vaccinations should include:
  – Circo Virus
  – Mycoplasma Pnuemonia
  – Joint Vaccine
  – Flu
  – Erisepelas
  – Salmonella?
  – Follow with Booster 2 weeks later
During Phase I
Management Tips

- Encourage Students to Gentle Pigs down by getting into pen on a daily basis at a young age
- Bed Pigs on high quality bedding to prevent staining
- Clean area where Pigs defecate on a daily basis
- Observe daily for signs of illness
Phase 1 Management Continued

Utilize shade cloth for light breeds
Separate pigs into individual pens as early as possible to prevent injury and calm them down
Introduce pigs to scales at early age and continue on a consistent basis
Phase I Feeding

• A high quality receiving ration is very important for early skeletal and muscle development
• A Broad Spectrum Antibiotic in Feed such as CTC/Denagard is a must in a starter feed
• A Great Start is key to a Great Finish
Receiving Ration Continued

• For young pigs weighing less than 50 pounds or greener pigs, feed ShowTec 24020 Burst Starter which is 21.5% Crude Protein and 6.5% Fat

• For Pigs 50 lbs to 85 lbs, we use 12006 Sale Prep with 20% Crude Protein with 5.5% Fat
85 lbs to 125 lbs

• At this stage we need to decide to either use 10194 or 18241
• Lighter muscled pigs need 10194
• Ideal pigs need to be on 18241
• Start a worming program- we use safeguard once a month( 3 days in a row)
Phase I Feeding Worming Option

- From 85# to 125#
- Next feed 11148 with Fenbendazole and Lincomycin
- Combats respiratory challenges
- Assures thorough de-worming
- Should feed 1 bag per Pig
- Some feeders use it longer
Phase I Feeding

• Feeding “free choice” to at least 125 lbs is recommended to maximize early skeletal and muscle growth

• Clean feeders as often as possible
Phase II Feeding

Begins around 125 lbs

• Limit feeding is often initiated at this time
• Initially feed 5-6 lbs per day
• Most pigs will be on 18241 or 18007 at this time
Pigs are about 125 pounds

• Critical time to decide which direction you need to go- depends on each individual pig

• Every pig is different!!!
Individualize Feeding Plans

• Analyze each pig early on and make a feeding plan for each pig

• Adjust plan as the feeding process moves along
Phase II
Managing Muscle

• Pigs around 125 pounds that need to continue to develop muscle should be on 10194 which is a 20% Crude Protein Ration and 5.5% Fat

• As Muscle Development becomes close to desirable, feed 18241/18007 which is an 18% crude protein ration
Greener Pigs use 10194
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Ideal muscle use

18241/18007
Managing Muscle

• For slightly above averaged muscled pigs, and developing breeding gilts, ShowTec 12116 is recommended with a protein level of 16% and minimum guaranteed fat of 4.5%, also 14560 is an option here. This feed will help soften and build body. 14.5 % 6% fat
Above average Muscle use
12116/14560
Managing Fat Composition

- Avoid Feeding too high of fat levels from 60 to 100 pounds
- Utilize high quality, highly digestible fat additives
- Start with a small inclusion level of additional fat in ration around 125 pounds and adjust according to each pig. Normally 2-4 oz. per feeding
Phase II Feeding

- Begin training Pigs to Show

- Work with Pigs 15 to 20 minutes per day

- Weigh the Pigs weekly and chart gain
Phase II

- Wash regularly and apply hair and skin conditioning products regularly
- First hair cut usually given around 125 pounds
- Do not trim with less than 1A guard
Phase III
200 lbs to Show Weight

• We must decide if we stay on 18241/18007 or go to 12116

• Using a lower protein feed with the correct additives will help build body and condition to set you up for the end of your feeding period.

• We need to start using Moorbody/Moorfat to build dimension
Phase III Feeding

Critical Decisions Need To Be Made

• The use of Paylean®* should be considered
• Additional fat supplementation?
• Depends on each individual Pig
• How do I decide how much and when?

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Paylean Feeding Options

- Feeding a complete feed with 9 grams per ton of Paylean®* is an option—12228 is recommended

- Supplementing Feed with Daily Hand Mix Paylean Product is 2nd Option—
- Lean Maximizer is hand mixing option

- Some Pigs May Not Need Paylean®*!!!
Quick Reference Guide

Texas Recipe Card

- 24020—Burst 30-50#
- 12006—50-85#
- 18241/18007—85#-200#
- 12116/14560- 200#-finish
- 12228- Pigs that can handle Paylean
- Moorbody; Moorfat, Lean Max;
Showmanship

• Showing an animal to its potential is critical
• Possessing “Ring Awareness” is very important
• Accentuate the good qualities and cover up negative ones!
• Young Exhibitors should watch more experienced Showmen and learn from them!
• Train Pigs To Show at Early Age
GRAND CHAMPIONS !!!

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Thank You and Good Luck!