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Clark County Agricultural Society

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2020 Clark County Fair Junior and Open Show Swine Exhibitors

At the Clark County Agricultural Society meeting on March 4, 2020, the board passed a motion by majority for the 2020 Clark County Fair Swine Show (Both Junior and Open) to be a Ractopamine-Free show. This decision was not taken lightly and it was only after an extensive and thorough investigation with industry representatives, the ODA, other county and state fair representatives, and individuals that are involved in all levels of the swine industry that we reached this decision. This decision only pertains to the 2020 Clark County Fair. Our mission charges us with the task of providing the youth of Clark County with the “opportunity to grow in knowledge and develop character through participation in the fair”. As we explored our options pertaining to this issue, the ability to provide an opportunity to market these projects at the fair at the highest market price and also develop the exhibitor’s understanding of the global pork industry was important. This requirement is a market driven specification from the packer so they are able to market their finished product to all available markets throughout the world. This has been a market specification for producers in the commercial swine industry for some time and now pertains to exhibition swine as well.

In order to participate in the 2020 Clark County Fair Swine Show (Junior and Open), regardless of your intentions to market your project at the fair or not, each exhibitor and/or legal guardian will be required to sign the Clark County Fair Swine affidavit. It states, in part, that pigs pertaining to the affidavit have never been knowingly fed Ractapomine (ie. Paylean, Engain, and other generic derivatives) from the time they were acquired to harvest. The entire Clark County Fair Swine affidavit can be viewed at [www.clarkcoag.com](http://www.clarkcoag.com). All swine projects will be subject to random testing by a third party for the duration of the fair. You can find information about raising a Ractopamine-Free swine project at [www.ohiopork.org](http://www.ohiopork.org). More information will be released as it becomes available.

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