



FACT SHEET

THE IMPORTANCE OF FEED RECORDS

Pig Feed and Grain Purchasing

Pre-mixed feed and/or feed ingredients may contain chemicals that could end up as residues in the pigs that you sell for slaughter. Chemical treatments applied to feed might include grain protectants and insecticides used during storage or herbicides and pesticides used during crop production. It is good practice to keep a record of all feeds and/or feed ingredients purchased for use in your pigs. Such a record would include the feed type, date of purchase, supplier details and any information regarding withhold periods on chemical treatments.

Growing Stock Feed and Grain

If you grow your own grain, ensure that the Withholding Periods (WHPs) of all chemicals applied to the grain are observed before it is fed to pigs. It is useful to seek accreditation with grain quality assurance programs, such as Grain Care. It is good practice to keep feed or feed ingredient samples for six months in case a violative residue is detected in your pigs from samples collected at processing and there is a need to trace the residue source.

Vendor Declarations

Whenever buying pig feed or feed ingredients, a signed declaration should be obtained from the supplier, stating whether WHPs and export slaughter intervals (ESIs) have been observed for any chemical treatments applied to the feed or feed ingredients. This applies to proprietary feed as well as grains and feed ingredients bought directly from a producer or merchant.

Any feed used for pigs should ideally be purchased from a Quality Assurance (QA) certified feed supplier (such as a supplier accredited with FeedSafe®, or equivalent). A QA certified feed supplier can provide a supplier declaration or commodity vendor declaration that the feeds do not contain any chemical or residues of concern. Note that a list of residues of concern to various pork markets is attached to the PigPass National Vendor Declaration form, or go to the PigPass website www.pigpass.com.au.

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