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## Dealing with Vomitoxin



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Other than talk of the unusually long and frustrating harvest this year the other topic of conversation lately has been that of mycotoxins.

Fortunately there are some new preservative products available that have some mycotoxin destroying capabilities.

It is important to determine the type of mycotoxin you are dealing with so that the appropriate steps can be taken to ensure the safety of the ration being provided.

One mycotoxin in particular that has been prevalent in the eastern Midwest this year has been vomitoxin.

Vomitoxin is especially problematic for swine. When vomitoxin is present we see lower feed intake and slower weight gains resulting in economic losses. This is made worse when affected corn is sent through the process of producing distiller's grains. When vomitoxin infected corn is processed and made into DDGS the end result is a product with three times the original amount of vomitoxin.

The following are some things to consider when planning how to deal with vomitoxin issues:

- \* A new toxin ring disruptor product can reduce vomitoxin activity by up to 50%.
- \* There is an exciting new product for sows. This product contain binders and molecule ring disruptors.
- \* If you choose to use clay, insure it is 240 mesh and not 1200 mesh. This is a surface area issue.
- \* Aluminum is aluminum, buy the cheapest you can.

## Welcome to the 2010 SD Pork Congress

Join Sioux Nation at the 40th Annual SD Pork Congress January 7th and 8th at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall in Sioux Falls. This year the event will host 90 exhibitors displaying the latest in technology, equipment, animal health, construction and more.

The Pork Congress consists of a Trade Show, annual business meeting (non-checkoff and checkoff), educational seminars, awards luncheon, Master Pork Producers Recognition

Banquet and a Live Auction.

The following are some of the events scheduled for this year's event:

Thursday =

12 pm Awards Luncheon

1:30—3:30 TQA Certification

4:30—6 pm SIP Membership Reception and Pork PAC Silent Auction

5-7 pm FREE Pork Burger Feed

1-7 pm Trade Show

Friday =

9 am—3 pm Trade Show

8:30—10:30 Check-off Annual Meeting

10:30 Pork Act Delegation Election

11:30 am-12:30 pm Pork Lunch Buffet

2:15 SDPPC Executive Board Mtg

5 pm Master Pork Producers Recognition Banquet

Auction to follow banquet!

We look forward to seeing you!



## Bridging the Information Gap Between Producers and Consumers



We have entered the information age, and never before has so much information (right or wrong) been so readily accessible.

Unfortunately the agriculture industry is reaping the negative affects of this technology.

With consumers seeking to learn more about where their food comes from, one would think this would be a positive thing for agriculture. Unfortunately info seekers are being bombarded with agenda focused propaganda to the

likes of *King\_Corn*, *Food Inc*, and *Omnivores Dilemma*.

The end result is a consumer with a distorted opinion of the safety and quality of our nation's food supply.

In order to regain the confidence and respect of the American consumer it is time for farmers and ranchers to educate the consumer. Activists and the media are working hard to spread their message. It is time we work hard to set the record straight.

Now is the time to improve public understanding of mod-

ern agriculture and food production. Knowledge is a powerful tool. Give those consumers honest facts. Put a face to the issue and bridge the gap. If you don't do it activists and the media will do it for you.

Don't allow fear to determine demand for your products. Don't allow fear to dictate food production policy.

Take a STAND!!

By Noelle Harding

*"Sioux Nation's comprehensive approach to service enables us to understand and deliver exactly what the producer needs to be efficient and profitable."*

## Sioux Nation Swine Services

Sioux Nation offers swine producers a full line of; services, feed, vaccines, animal health, pig procurement, book-keeping and marketing. We have a staff dedicated to providing the most up-to date production technology available today. Our comprehensive approach to service enables us to understand and deliver exactly what the pro-

ducer needs to be efficient and profitable.

Our experienced staff of veterinarians are at the forefront of what is new and coming in the swine industry.

Sioux Nation's feed ingredient manufacturing plant utilizes the expert nutrition knowledge of Dr. Robert Fischer. Dr. Fischer formulates custom efficient and effective programs

for sow farms, nurseries and finishing farms.

Our Profit Manager services utilize Jayne Myrabo, account specialist. Allow Jayne to take away all of your accounting nightmares and free up valuable time better spent doing what you do best— raise pigs!

Looking for pigs? In need of barns? Let us help. Call us today and let us work for you!



## January Specials!!



Present this coupon to receive any of the following specials:

- ⇒ Denagard Liquid \$34.40 per quart
- ⇒ Pig Zoom \$2.00 off per bag
- ⇒ ICN \$1.50 off per bag
- ⇒ First Formula \$1.00 per bag
- ⇒ Second Formula \$1.00 off per bag