



PORK BRIEFS

THE LATEST INFORMATION ON SWINE NUTRITION



Basking in the Sun

By: Ken Palen

The sun is shining brightly on the swine industry and producers are basking in the rays. What a wonderful time to be working with swine as a producer, barn worker and industry supplier. Other than some ongoing outbreaks of PRRS and PED, the pigs are growing great and staying reasonably healthy. Producers are cleaning up, repairing, upgrading and even constructing the odd barn, as well as paying off some old bills and putting a bit of cash away for a rainy day. The Pork Congress this year was a pleasant time with great questions about fine tuning systems and honing in the skills of the operators.

From a consumer point of view pork is king right now! The barbeques are flaming up with pork loin chops and a new trend of pork shoulder chops. Buy those cheap shoulders and cut them up into chops and grill them up say those city folks. A lot cheaper than a beef strip loin at \$12.00 each. Lots of kabob sticks with pork and veggies strewn through the little posts. All of this adding up to great demand for pork.

Owning a pig farm is becoming a lot more demanding of office time. Everyday I get a new government driven package telling me how to better run my business with their wonderful advice and new paper rules to fill out. The latest one being traceability. Whack a package in the



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A ready-to-use drying powder for use in all stages of pork production. Easy to use and handle.

Use drySTART® in all stages of pork production from farrowing and nursery barns right through to finishing.



drySTART® helps to absorb moisture. Use drySTART® as part of your livestock facility management program to help maintain a dry environment between bedding and/or washing.

Reducing odours helps maintain a positive environment for the livestock and the people working with the livestock.

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mail one week and then whack “must comply” the next week. But after my initial shouting out about more paper to do, I read the package and this is not a big deal on a farrow to finish operation at all. Quite a bit more if you are exporting animals.



Soup on the shelf, the package goes along with the new code of ethics, animal welfare plans, etc., etc., etc., that we have been doing right for years, but we are now being told we must document better, so the big food companies will know easier who to blame if there is a problem along the food chain. Right now the sun is shining so bright on the profitability side there is a little extra cash available to hire a paper pusher to meet these new rules or hire an extra worker in the barn to give more time for office time.

The future will bring challenges for sure and a cloudy day will definitely come again. Some of the more seasoned pork producers I know are preparing for this change now! But new technology is also being worked on to help improve nutrition, environment and genetics to help boost pigs immune systems and performance that will keep the pencils sharp in the future.

Basking in the sun and enjoying the summer with the family is okay! Only once in my lifetime has the sun ever shone this bright for our pig producers who have worked so hard to supply great pork to us all.

Thanks.



leanSTART® is NOT a drug, so no withdrawal time is required

leanSTART® Vitamin Micro Premix for Swine Feeds is a blend of amino acids and vitamins developed to help improve carcass quality and help maintain index in hogs that are marketed at heavier weights.

POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES - leanSTART® provides the nutrition necessary to:

- Reduce carcass backfat
- Increase carcass lean content
- Maintain meat quality

EASY TO USE - leanSTART® must be mixed into a grower, developer or finisher feed and can be used in the following ways:

- In complete mash or pelleted feeds
- In vitamin/mineral premixes
- In supplements
- In liquid feed systems
- With other STARTline® products
- With medications





KENPAL PREMIX + THE STARTLINE® = THE RIGHT COMBINATION TO HELP MAINTAIN A HEALTHY SOW HERD

PRODUCER JOHN VAN DORP PULLS OUT ALL THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN HEALTHY SOWS, USING A COMBINATION OF KENPAL PREMIX & THE STARTline® SPECIALTY PRODUCTS



John and Karen Van Dorp and sons operate a 180 sow farrow-to-finish operation near Woodstock, ON. They started feeding with Kenpal in 2006, and quickly began to notice some major improvements.

John started with Kenpal by feeding Kenpal's Sow Premix. Previously they were experiencing some breeding problems, but once they started feeding the Sow Premix, with the first group in only 10 days they noticed a big change in the sows in breeding. Weaning-to-ostetus interval (days) within each group quickly improved, in addition to bigger litter sizes as well.

Because the Van Dorp's had such great results with Kenpal premixes they decided to try some of the STARTline® swine specialty products, once again John was happy with the results. These products include:

firstSTART®P – Piglet Milk Replacer

John first started using this for the simple reasons, helping to feed large litter sizes and the runts of the litters. It was soon after when John realized the benefits to feeding firstSTART®P to every litter, no matter the size. The Van Dorp's are seeing a consistent average of 5 lbs gain before weaning at 28 days. Also, when certain challenges arise they are able start feeding it at 2 days of age to assist the sow in keeping its condition.

sowSTART® – Sow Supplement

This is another product John uses on a daily basis on his farm. "With a big litter size you need to help the sows maintain body condition while nursing. sowSTART® helps for that specific cause as well as resulting in a timely rebreed back time in the sows."

farrowSTART® – Farrowing Sow Top Dress Supplement

farrowSTART is a product that John only uses when certain situations arise. He says "It's a good tool to have in your tool box when you need it; it works well to get the job done when you know there is an issue."

"I look forward to maintaining the great results I get when using Kenpal products, the relationship I have with my salesman Andy, and the friendly delivery team. It makes your day when you work with happy and friendly people like the Kenpal crew!"



John Van Dorp
Woodstock, ON
May 10, 2012





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- **sow colostrum and milk**
- **Greater sow milk yield**
- **Less weaning shock**
- **Improved feed conversion**
- **Improved rate of gain**
- **Consistent high quality formulation**
- **Helps produce excellent meat quality**
- **Improved feed texture and freshness**
- **Reduces dust levels in the barn**

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