



**Pike County
Agricultural Society**
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Attention All Pike County Fair Livestock Exhibitors,

At the April Meeting of the Pike County Agricultural Society's Board of Directors, the Board discussed in length the decision voted on in January to ban Ractopamine Hydrochloride in 2020 Market Swine projects at the Pike County Fair. Due to concerns of cross contamination the Board voted to ban the consumption of any feed supplement containing ractopamine to Any/All animals registered to exhibit at the 2020 Pike Co. Fair. Common products include, but not limited to; Paylean for swine, Optaflexx for cattle, Tomax for turkeys. While we are aware that Market Steers were identified and tagged in December and no mention of this ban was in place we do apologize for any confusion on our part but feel the introduction of this ban is needed at this time. While none of these decisions are easy the Agricultural Society is committed to working on ways to elevate concerns, and address the "what if's" about cross contamination, purposeful contamination and contamination during transport and the overall health of our fair.

Please feel free to contact any of your Fair Directors with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Pike County Agricultural Society's Board of Directors



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