**Slowing Pig Gain***Kevin Burgoon, Ph.D. - Technical Nutritionist Purina Animal Nutrition LLC*

**Situation:**

Current weight: 266 lbs.

Max/desired weight: 280 lbs.

Days remaining until show: 30

What the pig needs: Top shape and fill

Will Paylean® be fed? No, not enough lbs. to work with

**Step 1: Determine what the pig can gain per day**

(Desired weight – Current weight) / Days remaining until show

(280-266) / 30 =0.47 lbs. per day

**Step 2: Determine what the pig needs**

For this pig, we need to ‘buy’ some pounds by slowing the pig’s growth (not stopping, like Example #2) for 10 days.

For the next 10 days feed this diet, divided into two equal meals:

* High Octane® Fitter 35® 3 lbs.
* High Octane® Depth Charge® 8 oz.

This diet should result in about 0.25 lbs. per day gain.

**Step 3: Recalculate what the pig can gain the final 20 days**

(280-269) / 20 = 0.55 lbs. per day.

**Step 4: The final diet**

For the final 20 days we want to feed to have the pig gaining 0.5 lbs. per day while maintaining muscle, cover and fill.

For the next 20 days feed this diet, divided into two equal meals:

* High Octane® Fitter 35® 2 ½ lbs.
* High Octane® Heavy Weight® 8 oz.
* High Octane® Depth Charge® 8 oz. (or more)

The pig should gain about 0.5 lbs. per day on this diet. After 20 days, the pig should weigh 280 lbs.

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