

2024 ADVISEMENT

KEY RESULT AREA: Animal Welfare

ADVISEMENT NUMBER: 2024– A2

SUBMITTED BY: Iowa Pork Producers Association

SUBJECT MATTER: Unloading Times at Packing Plants

MOTION: The National Pork Board is asked to encourage packers to include producer owner representatives and livestock hauler representatives in the process of setting any new delivery policy at plants. Packers should provide adequate parking and holding pens for scheduled loads to be unloaded in a timely manner and packers increase communication if a plant emergency occurs.

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Rationale:

Pigs are delivered by PQA and TQA trained professionals. All loads are scheduled with dock times at plants with consideration for plants to operate. Due to shortage of labor at packing plants the need to unload animals in an efficient manner is becoming a concern. Iowa Pork Producer Association further encourages all parties involved to cooperate to improve unloading times at packing plants to ensure not only animal well-being but efficient use of time.