NCJLS HOG PREP

**Water will be turned off as of January 3th.** All hogs over 226 lbs. are to be watered manually (bucket or feed pan) TWICE daily. If your pig weighs less than 225 lbs. you will not be cutting water! Be sure to keep pigs cool as they will have no way of cooling themselves off. Mix about a gallon of water with a teaspoon of electrolytes and Kool-Aid and water the hog twice daily with the mixture. Sometimes it is better to do this before you feed. If your pig drinks everything, go ahead and give some more. We are not limiting water at this point, we just want to get them used to drinking out of a pan as we will not be using self-waterers at the show. Do not leave water in the pen. When your pig quits drinking, remove the mixture.

**PRECONDITIONING:** Rinse your pig daily for the week prior to the show. Wash your pig at least 3 times with a conditioning shampoo or go-jo type hand cleaner for the week prior to the show. On the days that you wash, precondition your pig’s skin with baby oil, purple oil or a skin conditioner from one of the show supply companies. Leave it on your pig for 10–15 minutes, then wash it off with soap. **Note:** DO NOT leave the oil on your pig without washing as it can cause severe sun burns even on cloudy days.

**FEEDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE LAST FOUR WEEKS:**

If you are feeding Lindner’s Feeds, start mixing 611 with what you are feeding right now. This is a show prep ration and will give your pig more bloom. Add ½ cup of milk replacer to your feed. Make sure the milk replacer you are adding is **non-medicated**! You can add it dry or mix it with water and feed it wet. Start walking your pig in the arena at about 10 minutes a day. At first, just let the pig walk around for about 10 minutes. After about three days of that, start using your show stick to guide the pig in the direction you want it to go for 10 minutes a day.

Feed at the same times every day, **consistency is the KEY**.

Weigh your pig regularly. This will allow you to keep up with his/her weight gain and will train him/her to enter the scales.

FOR SHOW WEEK

**Items you need to buy:**

* Powdered electrolytes
* Cherry Kool-Aid
* Bag of wood shavings for your pen at the show

**Items provided by the Ag Dept.:**

* 4-sure show shake mix
* Re-sorb electrolyte and dextrose mix