CLEANING AND DISINFECTION: PIG BARNs AT COUNTY FAIRS

A good, common disinfectant is a 10 percent bleach/water mixture in combination with a detergent (dish or laundry soap). Dirt and manure needs to be removed prior to the use of a disinfectant. Use a spray bottle to apply bleach mixture and disinfecting wipes for solid services.

Scales:
• Rinse dirt and manure off with a hose and disinfect between trailers of pigs during check in or every six to eight pigs handled
• Focus on the parts of the scale that have direct contact with the nose of the pig
• Completely clean scale daily when in use
• All other equipment used at weigh-in (taggers) should also be disinfected at the same time

Sorting Boards:
• Disinfect between classes using a second set of boards
• Remove dirt and manure first
• Avoid nose contact as much as possible

Wash Area:
• Disinfect at least once a day
• Remove dirt and manure first
• Cleaning at night will allow the area to dry overnight

Reminder: Exhibitors should wash their hands often, not share equipment and clean and disinfect their equipment before and after use at fair events.