**SHOULD THIS PIG BE LOADED?**

*Guidelines for Transporting Pigs*

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**Do Not Load**

- Do Not Transport – Unfit
- Do Not Transport to a Sale or an Assembly Yard
- Transport with Special Provisions***
- Direct to Slaughter

**Transport As Soon As Possible**

- Ambulatory pig: a pig that can walk and rise without assistance, and:
  - Is visibly lame but can keep up with the group
  - Is unable to keep up with other animals; has some difficulty climbing ramps
- Abscess and local infection (no fever)
- Prolapsed vagina or rectum
- Inguinal or umbilical hernias other than those defined under Do Not Transport
- Acute or unhealed penis injury
- Severe dewclaw injury
- First stage anorexia, or weight loss (no fever)
- Open wound (pig may be unfit depending on severity of wound)
- Acute frostbite
- Blindness
- Severe tail bite or vulva bite
- Smoke inhalation

**Transport with Special Provisions***

- Pigs with multiple conditions may not be fit for transport

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

If an animal has difficulty walking or loading, it is likely that the animal will go down during transport. It is also very likely that it will be subjected to additional suffering and/or injury from trampling as a result of becoming non-ambulatory during the journey. If this is the case, transportation is not recommended.

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Any animal may be loaded for transport for veterinary treatment under veterinary supervision.

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