



Sutherland's

The Starter Program

In three easy steps





Step 1

- Weaning is the most stressful time in the pigs life
- Budget a half pound of **Lightning Start** per pig

Lightning Start

- A unique blend of milky meal and pellets
- So palatable it is nicknamed ***“Piggy Heroin”***
- Sprinkle it on the mats and
- in the pan of the feeder on top of the pellets
- 50 pigs/feeder, usually. ½ lb per pig. 25 lbs/bag
- Feed for the first 2 or 3 days in the nursery
- On the second day you will understand the nickname!

Step 2

- Sprinkle the **Lightning Start** on to the **Rapid Start** in the feeder
- Budget 1 to 2 lbs of **Rapid Start** per pig
- Most weaned pigs eat less than $\frac{1}{2}$ per day the first few days
- Put only $\frac{1}{2}$ lb **Rapid Start** per pig in the feeder at any one time.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb X 50 pigs/feeder
- = 25 lbs or $\frac{1}{2}$ bag



Rapid Start

- High quality milk proteins for fast growth
- Optimum plasma levels for good intake
- Blood cells to improve appetite
- Egg and fish proteins to balance veg proteins
- 2 mm pellet





Step 3

- Follow up **Rapid Start with Excel-R-Ate**
- Pigs start better with at least 7 days of pellets
- Feed 3 to 4 lbs per head

Excel-R-Ate

- Higher lactose levels
- Adjusted amino acid levels
- Blood cells to improve appetite
- Improved source of soy protein
- Lower soybean meal levels
- 2 mm pellet



Pellet Quality Counts

Response of 24 day old nursery pigs to increasing levels of fines in 5/32" link-feed pellets fed from Day 1-7 post weaning

% Fines of Volume offered	Pigs returned to no fines feed on Day 8			
	Control	2%	5%	10%
Feed Intake/day	0.67	0.58	0.50	0.53
ADG	0.56	0.48	0.40	0.39
FCE	1.20	1.22	1.24	1.34
Weekly Gain	3.92	3.35	2.79	2.75
Days to 200 Lbs.	145	148	151	151
Aggressive incidents at feeder	None	+7%	+8%	+9%
Nosing vs. eating action at feeder	None	+6%	+21%	+25%

