



Australian Pork Industry GM Animal Feed Statement

- It has been scientifically demonstrated that meat from livestock fed GM feed is safe to eat; there is no effect from feeding approved commercial GM crops to livestock both on the nutritional value or safety of produce.
- According to the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS)¹ worldwide available data confirm that meat, milk and eggs from livestock and poultry fed GM feed are safe to eat; there is no effect from feeding approved commercial GM crops to livestock and poultry on the nutritional value or safety of meat, milk and eggs. Studies on the feed qualities of GM crops have found no differences for nutrient composition, digestibility, and animal performance compared to feeds from conventional crops.
- APL recognises that pigs fed on GM feedstock are not GMO's, as this does not result in any genetic changes to the pigs.
- There is presently no requirement (in the EU or any other country) for labelling meat, milk or eggs derived from animals fed on GMO's.
- APL supports Australian law where produce derived from pigs fed GM feedstock requires no labelling under Australian law as GM feed leaves no DNA and/or novel protein present in the final produce.²
- Australian pork producers who avoid the use of imported soy and maize products as well as imported or domestically produced cottonseed meal and canola meal currently have a *GM free* supply chain. This status can be documented through vendor declarations.

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¹ Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS), Facts on Biotech Crops – Impact on Meat, Milk and Eggs, available at www.fass.org/geneticcrops.pdf

² Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ), Food Standards Code 1.5.2 - Food Produced Using Gene Technology, available at <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/thecode/foodstandardscode/standard152foodprodu4248.cfm>