Evaluation of Dietary Mycotoxin Control Strategies on Nursery Pig Growth Performance and Blood Measures. Larissa L. Becker<sup>1</sup>, Jordan T. Gebhardt<sup>1</sup>, Joel M. DeRouchey<sup>1</sup>, Jason C. Woodworth<sup>1</sup>, Mike D. Tokach<sup>1</sup>, Robert D. Goodband<sup>1</sup>, Arnau Vidal<sup>2</sup>, Christos Gougoulia<sup>2</sup>, <sup>1</sup>Kansas State University, <sup>2</sup>Innovad Global

Abstract: A total of 4,318 pigs (337×1050, PIC; initially  $6.5\pm0.08$ kg) were used in a 35-d trial to evaluate dietary mycotoxin control strategies on nursery pig performance and blood measures. Pigs were weaned at 21-d of age and randomly allotted to 1 of 5 dietary treatments. A total of 160 pens were used with 80 double-sided 5-hole stainless steel fence line feeders, with feeder serving as the experimental unit. For each feeder, 1 pen contained 27 gilts and 1 pen contained 27 barrows. There were 16 replications/ treatment. A common phase 1 diet was fed in pelleted form for 7-d prior to treatment diets. Experimental treatments were fed from d 7 to 42 after weaning (d0 to 35 of study) and included a low deoxynivalenol (DON) diet (1.12±0.623 mg/kg), high DON diet (2.34±1.809 mg/kg), high DON+ sodium metabisulfite (SMB), high DON+ 1 of 2 mitigating products; Technology1, or Technology1+. Technology1 and 1+ are comprised of clays, yeast cell wall components and a blend of plant extracts. Technology1+ also contains SMB. Overall (d0 to 35), pigs fed high DON had decreased (P < 0.05) final BW, ADG, and ADFI compared with low DON. Additionally, pigs fed high DON+SMB had increased (P<0.05) ADG compared with all other treatments. An increase (P < 0.05)in G:F was observed in pigs fed high DON+SMB or high DON+Technology1+ compared with low DON or high DON+Technology1 with high DON intermediate. Analysis of dried blood spots collected on d 35 revealed pigs fed high DON or high DON+Technology1 had increased (P < 0.05) DON concentrations compared with low DON with high DON+SMB and high DON+Technology1+ intermediate. In summary, pigs fed high DON had reduced performance compared with low DON. Sodium metabisulfite supplementation to high DON led to ADG and G:F that exceeded low DON, whereas Technology1+ resulted in similar ADG and improved G:F compared with low DON.

	Low	High	High DON +	High DON +	High DON +		
Item	DON	DON	SMB	Technology 1	Technology 1+	SEM	P =
d 0 BW, kg	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	0.08	0.432
d 35 BW, kg	25.3 <sup>a,b</sup>	24.2°	25.7ª	23.8°	24.8 <sup>b</sup>	0.23	< 0.001
ADG, g	522 <sup>b</sup>	499 <sup>c,d</sup>	542ª	489 <sup>d</sup>	512 <sup>b,c</sup>	6.8	< 0.001
ADFI, g	723ª	680 <sup>b</sup>	734ª	675 <sup>b</sup>	693 <sup>b</sup>	8.8	< 0.001
Gain:feed, g/kg	722 <sup>b</sup>	733 <sup>a,b</sup>	738 <sup>a</sup>	724 <sup>b</sup>	738ª	3.8	0.001
Dried blood spot card DON concentration, ng/mL	7.44 <sup>b</sup>	10.00 <sup>n</sup>	8.04 <sup>a,b</sup>	9.78ª	9.31 <sup>a,b</sup>	0.596	0.006

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110 Dosage and not Time of Exposure to Deoxynivalenol Affects the Performance of Nursery Pigs Fed High Mycotoxin Diets up to 28 Days Post-Wean. Yemi O. Burden<sup>1</sup>, Katherine A. McCormick<sup>1</sup>, Julie Mahoney<sup>1</sup>, Nathan Horn<sup>1</sup>, Adrienne Woodward<sup>1</sup>, <sup>1</sup>United Animal Health

Abstract: The current experiment was conducted to determine if the dosage or timing of exposure to diets containing high deoxynivalenol (DON), a mycotoxin in a variety of feed ingredients, causes performance loss in nursery pigs. In total, 448 mixed-sex nursery pigs [initial BW =  $6.18 \pm 0.97$  kg] weaned at  $21 \pm 1$  d were allotted to 112 pens, with 4 pigs per pen, in a randomized complete block design. In a  $3 \times 2 + 1$  factorial arrangement of treatments, diets with DON were fed continuously (CONT), at weeks 1 and 3 (WK13), and weeks 2 and 4 (WK24), targeting DON at 1.25 ppm fed (MED), or 2.5 ppm (HIGH), plus the positive control (CONTLOW) for 28 d. All pigs were fed a common, low DON diet from d 28 to 42 to complete the nursery phase. Pen weight and feed intake were measured on d 28 and 42 to calculate ADG and ADFI. Regardless of timing, d 28 BW decreased (P < 0.01) with feeding MED or HIGH diets compared with CONTLOW and markedly decreased (1.57 kg) in the HIGH. This was a response to the decreased ADG (P < 0.01) and ADFI (P < 0.01) from d 0 – 28 in MED or HIGH compared with CONTLOW and with HIGH compared with MED. Similarly, on d 42, performance metrics - BW (P < 0.01), ADG (P < 0.01), and ADFI (P < 0.01)were decreased in MED or HIGH compared with CONTLOW, with a 1.95 kg. decrease in BW in the HIGH compared with CONTLOW. A dose-response to DON was evident whereas, timing of exposure did not affect the performance metrics measured on d 28 or 42. Ultimately, exposure of nursery pigs to levels of DON over 1 ppm results in loss of performance, regardless of exposure timing.

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