



## TAVISTOCK VETERINARIANS

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### CQA Update

On January 1, 2007 CQA made it mandatory that only detectable needles be used in CQA registered farms. Our clinic is carrying Highly Detectable Needles (HDN) in a variety of lengths and gauges. For price information please see the February 2007 swine newsletter. These needles are cheaper than non-detectable needles.

On January 1, 2006 CQA adopted a new requirement stating that all CQA registered farms need to complete a verification record form. The verifier must be a third party e.g. someone whom doesn't normally perform the task stated. This person can be a relative or a spouse over the age of 18 years of age.

On October 1, 2003 CQA adopted its first phase of the drug use policy. Producers who are CQA certified can only use medications that are approved for use in food animals. Some products that producers have used in the past that can no longer be used include:

- Cronyxin/Influx (an alternate product would be Banamine or Anafen)
- Ketamine (anaesthetic)
- Baytril
- Dipyrone (alternative Solumine given orally)
- Butasone (injectable and oral powder)
- Septra (alternative Borgal)

### CQA checklist

In order for a partial CQA to be completed you need to include the following materials:

- Replace old CQA pages with updated package material sent to you from Ontario Pork before your validation date.
- Review all CQA questions #1-37 and make any relevant changes from the previous year.
- Include 3 months or 2 pages of treatment records for any pig treated greater than 23kg in bodyweight (most nursery units will be exempted due to weight requirement).
- Include a completed and up to date feed rations used form.
- Include an updated verification record with a third party being the validator.
- Include an updated medication and vaccine usage chart.

All CQA materials can be dropped off at the Tavistock office and brought to the attention of Christa or Al.

PLEASE NOTE: All forms must be signed and dated by the producer before handing them in for validation. Multiple years signatures will NOT be accepted.