

In today's turbulent world, it's understandable that you might have questions about the safety of your food today, including pork. That's why Ohio's pork producers continue to work hard to earn your trust every day by doing the right thing on the farm to raise healthy animals to produce wholesome, nutritious pork for you and your family. With this in mind, it's good to know these key facts.

- All pork for sale in Ohio has been verified safe by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and or the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the processing site.
- Ohio pig farmers work closely with their veterinarians to ensure that their animals stay healthy.
- If animals do require medication, only FDA-approved medications or vaccines approved by USDA's Center for Veterinary Biologics are allowed to be administered, including strict adherence to pre-market withdrawal times.
- There are no food safety concerns with vaccines used in food animals, including from RNA-type vaccines.
 - Pork from vaccinated animals is safe to consume as vaccines are not present when the meat is processed.
 - All vaccines, including mRNA vaccines, are approved through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Center for Veterinary Biologics and must undergo safety, efficacy, and quality studies.
- There are no licensed mRNA COVID vaccines for use in animals.
- Technologies such as RNA and mRNA used in vaccine production are critical to preserving animal health and responding to emerging and foreign animal diseases.
- Every RNA-type vaccine undergoes the same licensing requirements as other vaccines and must meet regulatory requirements and manufacturing guidelines.
- RNA-type vaccines do not change or interact with a treated animal's DNA.

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