



# Country Chronicles

Accounts of Land O'Lakes Swine Feed Success

## Steve, Dave, and Jon Turnquist, Alta, Iowa

Steve, Dave, and Jon Turnquist are brothers involved in an agriculture partnership near Alta, IA. They have a grain crop enterprise, a beef cow-calf enterprise, and more than 200 sows in a batch, farrow-to-finish enterprise. In addition, the Turnquists purchase several thousand weaner pigs/year to fill their multi-site production facilities which incorporate an all-in-all-out management system. They utilize their own in-house software to set annual production goals and monitor monthly performance-to-plan results. The Turnquists look to Doug Davis, their Land O'Lakes Swine Consultant as a resource to improve their operation's profitability. Davis advised the Turnquists to incorporate artificial insemination. They now use A.I. with purchased semen to produce their terminal-line pigs. Davis provides ration balancing services and batch mixing directions via the Land O'Lakes Dynamic Nutrition Ration Balancing Software to enable the Turnquists to grind their own feed with



Land O'Lakes' swine premixes and incorporate DDGS. In addition, Davis provides profit projections for the Turnquists via the Land O'Lakes FinPig software.

Turnquists have been *early adapters* of new technology released from Land O'Lakes Feed, and according to Steve Turnquist (pictured), they have done so with great success: "We have raised hogs from farrow to finish for almost 30 years. **We have used Land O'Lakes feeds for almost 6 years and have had nothing but success with them.**"

The UltraCare™ Gel product has been especially beneficial in easing the transition from milk to dry feed after weaning. When combined with the UltraCare™ starter feeds, Steve says the pigs don't miss a beat: "**We use the UltraCare™ Gel in the farrowing house for a couple of days before weaning.** When we wean into the nursery, the transition to dry feed is helped along by using the Gel with the UltraCare™ 200 feed. The piglets will literally attack the Gel when it is added to the feeder or mat. This has been especially helpful when trying to get younger or smaller pigs to start eating. **We have seen almost no weaning lag in the nursery since starting the new UltraCare™ Starter Feeds. In our estimation, its one of the best tools we have for getting the pigs to take off.**"

Two other Land O'Lakes proprietary products are used in the Turnquist operation; Sow PUSH™ and NEWtraStart™ feed. "**Since our operation began using PUSH™, sows have a more reliable heat, with fewer days to return to estrus. Pigs from sows eating PUSH™ are bigger at weaning. Since our operation began using NewtraStart™, sows have better lactation feed intakes and have been coming out of lactation in better condition**" said Steve.

The Turnquists are witnesses to the improved pig performance and value provided by Land O'Lakes feed products. They give their pigs **Ultra Care!**

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