



Russia rapidly expanding its bans on importing U.S. pork – four more plants added to the list Dec. 10

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Washington, Dec. 10 – It's unclear whether Russia's lengthening list of U.S. plants banned from shipping pork to Russia relates more to antibiotic levels or to trade negotiating strategies. But the bans on U.S. pork imports have driven down both hog futures and Smithfield Foods share prices. As of Thursday, the bans which shut off shipments from some plants starting Dec. 7 will be fully effective on Dec. 18 and now cover the following plants:

- Hatfield Quality Meats, Hatfield, PA
- Pork King Packing, Marengo, IL
- Seaboard Foods, Guymon, OK
- Sioux-Preme Packing, Sioux Center, Iowa
- Smithfield, Tar Heel, NC; Clinton, NC; Sioux Falls, SD; Crete, NE; Denison, IA; Sioux City, IA; and Monmouth, IA
- Tyson Foods, Madison, NE

Russia's farm watchdog Rosselkhoznadzor has signaled that additional bans may follow based on Rosselkhoznadzor's claim of having detected the antibiotic oxytetracycline and/or salmonella in supplies from a widening number of U.S. plants.

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