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Fisher Hog Farms Wins 2011 Missouri Environmental Steward Award

Farm Uses Pro-Act Biotech's Microbial Systems for Manure Management

WARREN, R.I.—Fisher Hog Farms, a pork production operation near Middletown, Mo., has received the first-ever [2011 Missouri Environmental Steward Award](#). Sponsored by the Missouri Pork Association, the honor recognizes one Missouri pork producing operation that has demonstrated the greatest commitment to safeguarding the environment and its surrounding communities. The farm uses the [Pro-Act Biotech](#) microbial treatment systems to manage manure in its pull plug barns, deep pit barns, and a lagoon.

Applicants for the Missouri award were judged on manure management systems, soil and water conservation practices, reduction of odors/improvement of air quality, wildlife management practices, and community outreach. The farm is now in the running for the National Environmental Steward Award sponsored annually by The Pork Checkoff and the *National Hog Farmer* magazine. The award will be announced on Sept. 15, 2011.

Founded in 1957 by Ed and Helen Fisher, Fisher Hog Farms is now run by sons Jim and David. The farrow to wean operation has grown to cover 1,000 acres and house 2,600 sows and also raises about 200 head of cattle. Fisher Hog Farms' manure management strategies employ the customizable [Pro-Act Biotech](#) systems including a MicroPro unit and a microbial lagoon treatment system that features water-soluble bags of microbial mix and patented surface air diffusers. The MicroPro unit amplifies microbes on site for the pull plug and deep pit barns to liquefy solids, reduce odor, and facilitate plug pulling and manure pump out. The lagoon system, similar to most dairy lagoon systems, reduces odor, liquefies solids, stratifies nutrients, and provides options for the farm to comply with its nutrient management plan.

The Fishers also work to protect the environment through the use of no-till/minimum till, buffer strips around creeks, and waterways, and terraces in the fields. Water resources are supplied by five wells. Water usage is reduced by checking water nipples and water trough floats daily and by water conservation when washing the buildings. The Fishers have also planted trees around the farm and in front of building fans to help with odor abatement and noise reduction.

Pro-Act Biotech, Inc., is the leading supplier of biological waste treatment systems for the agriculture, food, aquaculture, and oil and gas industries. The company's waste treatment and waste-to-energy solutions stabilize organic waste, reduce TSS, BOD, lower the viscosity of waste stream, reduce odor in natural and man-made environments. The environmental treatment systems of Pro-Act Biotech® are protected by U.S. Patent No. 7,267,766. Other U.S. and foreign patents are pending. For more information visit www.proactbiotech.com or call 800-772-3775.

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