# ORAL-PRO®



# Vitamin D3 *Plus* E Dispersible Liquid Concentrate

#### **INDICATIONS**

Highly concentrated Vitamin D3 *plus* E supplement for oral use in baby pigs and in drinking water of nursery and finishing pigs.

- Flexible dosing as a 1 mL oral product for baby pigs or diluted in a stock solution at 2-4 ounces per gallon for administration to nursery and finishing pigs
- Unique, water-stable emulsion for easy mixing in water
- Minimum 40,000 IU per mL of vitamin D3 to meet the piglets' needs in the farrowing crate
- Provides vitamin E to reduce the oxidative effects of iron dextran when given at processing

| ORAL-P       |  | 5-DAY TREATMENT |               |               |                    |           |
|--------------|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------|
|              | RO® VITAMIN D3 PLUS E<br>BLOOD LEVELS DAY<br>0, 5, 12 AND 19 BY IU USING RIA |                 |               |               | TOTAL COST/16# PIG |           |
| DOSE         | DAY 0  | DAY 5           | <b>DAY 12</b> | <b>DAY 19</b> | PINTS              | GALLONS   |
| 2 oz./gallon | 14   | 44              | 31            | 32            | 2.5 cents          | 2.3 cents |
| 4 oz./gallon | 14   | 63              | 45            | 37            | 4.8 cents          | 4.6 cents |

# AVAILABILITY

16 oz. Bottle - Reorder No: 21012 1 Gallon - Reorder No: 21011

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Vitamin D3 plus E

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# AURORA PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH SUMMARY

Vitamin D supplementation in pigs has become nutritionally important due to the lack of sunlight in modern pork production. D3 is the preferred form of vitamin D over the plant-based D2, which has poor bioavailability in pigs.



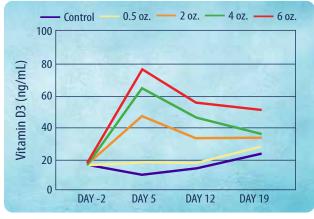
Many supplemental vitamin D products have recently emerged on the market. ORAL-PRO® Vitamin D3 *plus* E is one such product. It is easy to give as a 1 mL pump in the mouth of the piglet or delivered in the drinking water to nursery age pigs. Comparison with competitor products given at label directions showed ORAL-PRO® Vitamin D3 *plus* E was superior in raising and maintaining higher serum blood levels (data not shown). Aurora Pharmaceutical has the following research and field trial data to support our dosage recommendation of 2-4 oz./gallon stock solution to maintain normal (25-30 ng/mL)<sup>1</sup> vitamin D3 blood levels. In both studies below, typical nursery ration levels of vitamin D3 were present in the feed.

# **DOSE TITRATION STUDY NURSERY**

TABLE 1. Average serum levels of Vitamin D3 by dose and day.

| William .      | DOSE           |            |          |          |          |  |  |
|----------------|----------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|--|--|
| SERUM<br>NG/ML | CONTROL<br>(0) | 0.5<br>0Z. | 2<br>0Z. | 4<br>0Z. | 6<br>0Z. |  |  |
| DAY 2          | 14.15          | 13.87      | 14.73    | 13.17    | 13.34    |  |  |
| DAY 5          | 10.95          | 16.72      | 44.27    | 63.34    | 77.38    |  |  |
| DAY 12         | 13.00          | 17.54      | 31.68    | 45.26    | 52.61    |  |  |
| DAY 19         | 21.89          | 24.51      | 31.77    | 36.61    | 47.33    |  |  |

# **NURSERY PIG VITAMIN D3 SERUM LEVELS**



#### TAKE HOME MESSAGE FROM THIS RESEARCH:

- Vitamin D3 in feed does not get pigs to normal blood levels at a time in the nursery when the immune system is challenged through vaccination and/or disease organisms
- Dose recommendations on other products do not result in normal vitamin D3 levels (Data not shown)
- ORAL-PRO<sup>®</sup> Vitamin D3 *plus* E does reach normal blood levels at the recommended dose of 2-4 oz./gallon stock solution metered at 1:128
- Optimal dose levels (2-4 oz./gallon) depend on the starting level of serum vitamin D3 in the wean pig

#### **Our Recommendations Are:**

- A. Less than 9 use 4 oz./gallon of stock solution for 7 days
- B. 9 to 14 use 3 oz./gallon of stock solution for 7 days
- C. Greater than 14 use 2 oz./gallon of stock solution for 7 days

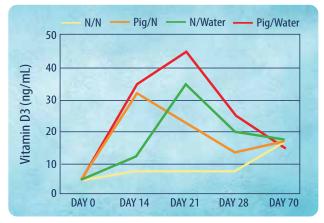
1 Goff, JP; Horst, L; Littledike, Et, Effect of sow vitamin D status at parturition on the vitamin D status of neonatal piglets. J Nutr. 1984. 114:163–169. 2 NRC-Nutrient requirements of swine: 11th revised edition. 2012. The National Academies Press (pg 107–108).

### FIELD STUDY PIGLET AND NURSERY

TABLE 2. Average serum levels of Vitamin D3 by treatment and day.

|                       | TREATMENT (N=NOTHING, PIG=1 ML DOSE,<br>WATER=2 OZ./GAL. STOCK SOLUTION) |       |         |           |  |  |
|-----------------------|--|-------|---------|-----------|--|--|
| SERUM<br>NG/ML        | N/N  | PIG/N | N/WATER | PIG/WATER |  |  |
| DAY 0<br>(1 week old) | 5.58   | 4.41  | 5.20    | 5.49      |  |  |
| DAY 14<br>(weaning)   | 8.87   | 31.51 | 12.84   | 35.16     |  |  |
| DAY 21                | 8.95   | 23.71 | 35.82   | 44.91     |  |  |
| DAY 28                | 8.22   | 14.86 | 20.50   | 25.77     |  |  |
| DAY 70                | 17.66  | 17.74 | 18.16   | 16.18     |  |  |

### **PIGLET AND NURSERY VITAMIN D3 SERUM LEVELS**



#### TAKE HOME MESSAGE FROM THIS FIELD TRIAL:

- Vitamin D3 in feed does not get pigs to normal blood levels at a time in the nursery when the immune system is challenged through vaccination and/or disease organisms
- Giving vitamin D3 to piglets in the farrowing crate and to nursery pigs at arrival to the nursery produced the best results
- Giving vitamin D3 at weaning only should be given at 2-4 oz. per gallon stock depending on the piglets starting level of D3
- If you can only give ORAL-PRO<sup>®</sup> Vitamin D3 *plus* E in one place, the nursery is the best place to use it
- Vitamin D3 is essential for a healthy immune system and bone development.<sup>2</sup> The correct serum level and bioavailability during the transition from the sow to grow-finish may be underestimated as the pig meets some of its greatest performance challenges such as disease exposure, vaccination and nutrient diversification

