



Employee Recognition

September Birthdays

Hoosierland Pork:
Jennifer Romero 9/6
Carolina Elizondo 9/19

North Fork:
Mirna Callejas 9/1
Nicolas Diaz 9/10
Hlecter Hinojosa 9/11
Mike Davis 9/30

Administration:
Azael Romero 9/18

September Employee Anniversaries

North Fork:
Virgil Windler, 11 years
Coral Castaneda, 1 years

Environmental:
Randy Jeffers, 2 years

It's Pigskin Season...why do they call it that?

Football season started once again on Thursday September 8th. It's the exciting time of year in America for high school games on Friday nights, college games all day Saturday and professional games Sunday and Monday. If you watch football, you've probably heard the ball referred to as a "pigskin" from time to time. Turns out, the earliest form of the football was made of inflated pig bladders, which is where the nickname came from. The earliest game of football was made up of mobs from opposing villages attempting to kick the inflated pig bladder into their opponent's church balcony. Blowing up pig bladders was not a pleasant job so when rubber (a byproduct of pigs) was invented footballs switched to inflated rubber balls that were eventually covered in leather.

More Than Just Bacon

Pork is more than just a tasty treat, and it has been in the news lately for its impact in the world of human health science. Most recently there have been great strides made in xenotransplantation (transplanting organs from a different species). Most recently a 57-year-old man at the University of Maryland survived two months with a pig heart transplant. Genetically modified pig kidneys were also used in a study on two brain dead humans which remained viable for 54 hours without sign of rejection at New York University. Pigs have also been used in skin grafts, and heart valve implants. The genetic similarity of pigs to humans is 98%. Pigs could potentially make a huge impact in the field of transplants for over 100,000 people in the United States on a waitlist. Here are some other ways the pig industry impacts the world...

You're never too far from a pig:

- Bone can be found in Batteries, Cork, and Inkjet Paper
- Fat can be found in crayons, antifreeze, and fabric softener
- Skin can be found in cheesecake, capsule pills, and gum
- Hair can be found in brushes, insulation, and upholstery
- Blood can be found in adhesive and a protein source in feed