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Separate mothers and babies at birth? FALSE! No, just NO.

Are the farmers certified?

YES! All of our producers are required to be certified under the national Canadian Pork Excellence platform. All producers are third party validated. The Canadian Pork Excellence platform covers Traceability, Food Safety and Animal Care.

All producers are also required to:

- Implement and practice Enhanced Bio-Security Standards
- Complete an accredited Nutrient Management Program for optimal health
- Complete an accredited Medication Management Program
- Must have certification for a nationally approved Animal Care accreditation.
- Must have a Certified Livestock
  Transport ticket

Castration without pain killers?

FALSE! All farms that supply Johnston's use a very effective and safe painkiller for these procedures. Castration is necessary to reduce aggression and remove boar taint.

Do the pigs get enough to eat and drink?

YES! All animals at all farms have free and unrestricted access to clean water and feed 24 hours per day.

Do your farms use growth hormones?

ABSOLUTELY NOT! There are absolutely no growth hormones or any growth promotants used in growing our hogs. We also do not allow the use of Ractopamine.

Mother pigs kept in gestation and farrowing stalls for their entire lives and unable to even turn around?

FALSE! Many hog producers in BC have heavily invested and changed their barns to loose sow housing. The remaining producers will continue to convert their barns as required by the Code of Practice with a 2024 completion date.



Cutting piglets' teeth without pain killers?

FALSE! No farms that supply Johnston's practice teeth cutting.

Tail docking without pain killers?

FALSE! Very safe & effective painkillers are used when tail docking. Tail chewing can cause infections including infection of the spinal column which is generally deadly.







