

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN I CANCEL AN ORDER THAT I HAVE PLACED?

Yes you can. All cancellations must be made by 9am EST on the day of collection. If cancelled after 9am EST you are responsible for the cost of the semen.

CAN WE HAVE SUPPLIES SHIPPED WITH OUR ORDER?

Yes you can. In a normal semen box, we can put usually put 10 regular breeding rods (depending on the number of doses ordered), along with the lube and boar spray. The rods are looped and placed at the bottom of the box. We suggest that you remove them once you receive the package so they start to straighten back out. However, if you are looking for large supply of breeding rods, we suggest that you order a rod special and have that shipped ground prior to breeding.

DO I HAVE SATURDAY DELIVERY?

We can look that up for you! Saturday delivery is not available everywhere. Just give us a call at the office 765-789-8349 to find out if you have Saturday delivery or not. If you are needing semen shipped out and do not have Saturday delivery, we can ship other locations such as relatives in another town, neighboring towns, feed mills, etc. We are more than happy to work with you on finding a location. We can look up and see what zip code has delivery.

DO I NEED AN AI BREEDING CERTIFICATE AND HOW DO I GET ONE?

Breeding Certificates are required to register any purebred litter. Once the litter is born, you can go to our home page and click on the '[AI Certificates](#)' tab or give us a call and we will take your information to get the certificate done for you. Each breed association does them a little different. Here is the information that we will need:

For All Certificates we will need:

- Name of who ordered the semen
- Date the sow was bred or the date the litter was farrowed
- Payment Method
- NSR (Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, & Landrace) *[*We do all NSR Breed Certs online*](#)
- We will need the herdmark of the name the litter is being registered under
- CPS (Chester Whites, Spots, Polands, Herefords) *[*We do all CPS Breed Certs online*](#)
- Owner Number of the name the litter is being registered under
- American Berkshire Association *[*All Breed Certs are done online*](#)
- Name the litter to be registered under
- Tamworths *[*All Tamworth Certs are done online*](#)
- Name litter is to be registered under

DO YOU CARRY BREEDING SUPPLIES?

Yes we do. We are currently carrying spiral breeding rods, foam breeding rods, lube in both a regular size tube and a mini tube, Deep Uterine Rods, AI Buddy, Cleanze, and SOA Boar Spray.

HOW CAN I PAY FOR SEMEN?

We accept Visa, Master Card, Discover, and American Express. Semen can also be pre-paid or shipped via COD (UPS does charge extra for this service). We also except cash on pickups.

HOW DO YOU SHIP THE SEMEN?

All semen is shipped UPS Next Day Air unless otherwise requested. Supplies, Cleanze, and Transrite Sow Ultra are shipped UPS Ground unless you need it faster.

HOW IS THE SEMEN PACKAGED?

All semen is sent in a Styrofoam cooler inside a cardboard box. Semen is carefully packaged to keep the temperature as close to 63 degrees that we can. Then depending on the temperature outside, we add either cool or warm gel packs to help regulate the temperature inside of the box. Questions, please reach out to us.

HOW SHOULD I STORE THE SEMEN?

Semen needs to be stored at approximately 63 degrees Fahrenheit. There are multiple different ways to achieve this.

- Wine Cooler – This is a cost-effective way to properly store the semen. Make sure you read the instructions on how the cooler works, because some do not have heaters if the temperature falls below 63 to bring it back. We suggest to keep these in the house or a temperature controlled office.
- Semen Cooler – This is an investment but a great way store multiple doses of semen. T
- Basement – if you have a basement that stays in the low 60's, that is a great, cheap option.

DO NOT store the semen in the refrigerator or freezer. Cold temperature can shock the semen. Also keep the semen out of direct sunlight.

We strongly suggest that however you store the semen, to also have a thermometer with it as a back up to double check the temperatures and properly monitor the environment.

I AM NEW TO A.I.ING SOWS, WHAT SUPPLIES DO I NEED?

You will need 1 breeding rod per dose of semen. These are inexpensive and should be thrown away after use.

Non-spermicidal lube – this is put on the tip of the breeding rod.

Boars – Having a boar around to help arouse the female is always the best. They react to his scent and the boars usually help the female stand better.

Boar Spray – If you are not able to have a heat check boar around, boar spray is another option. It comes in a small pump spray bottle. You spray it a few times by the nose of the female and it gives off boar pheromones.

WHAT ARE SUPER SAVER BOARS?

Super Saving boars are boars that we offer at a special discounted price! They tend to be boars that are a little bit older and have been paid off. This is a great way to save money by ordering in volume.

WHAT IS BREED SPECIFIC SEMEN?

Breed Specific is a service that we offer our customers as a way to save money. What you do is tell us the breed you are looking for and we pick out the boar. The boar will be labeled on the semen bottle and the name of your boar will be located on the invoice as well. You can also register litters out of boars that were bought via breed specific. This is a great program to take advantage of for off-season litters or females that you are unsure of their heat cycles. The cost is \$30 a dose.

WHAT IS EXTENDER?

Extender is the substance that we use to dilute the semen. This is done to add longevity to the life of the semen. The extender serves as ‘food’ for the semen. That is why it is important to keep the semen gently rotated and not allow it to clump in the corners. If extender was not added the fresh semen would only live for about 30 minutes.

WHAT IS OVER RUN SEMEN AND WHEN DOES IT START?

Over run semen is the semen we have on shelves after all orders have been filled. We start over run at 11am EST on Monday and Thursday (collection days) and it is available on non-collection days as well. We do not guarantee that boars will be available on over run.

WHAT IS THE CUSTOMER APPRECIATION SALE?

The Customer Appreciation Sale is held the second Saturday of March at the Wayne County fairgrounds in Richmond, IN. For this sale, we recommend that pigs are born between December 1 and January 15th and sired by boars housed at Shaffer’s Goldrush. More information can be found on the “[Customer Appreciation Sale](#)” Page.

WHAT IS THE NORMAL SHELF LIFE OF SEMEN?

Most boars will last around 7 days from the day it is collected. With that being said, every boar is different and has a different shelf life. There are some boars who shelf life is shorter and others whose is longer. Don’t hesitate to ask us before ordering. We also run samples of semen at least twice a week. We can always check our sample for you.

WHAT KIND OF EXTENDER DO YOU USE?

We use Modena Extreme.

WHEN ARE COLLECTION DAYS?

We collect every Monday and Thursday with the exception of Holidays that UPS does not run. Holiday schedules will be posted on our website or you can call us for the schedule as well.

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO ORDER SEMEN?

You can order semen any day Monday – Friday. If there is a certain boar that you would like to use, we suggest that you order as early as possible to ensure that you are able to get him. However, orders can be placed up to around 4 pm EST on day of collection. Please call as early as possible on collection days so we are able to get it packaged and ready for UPS.