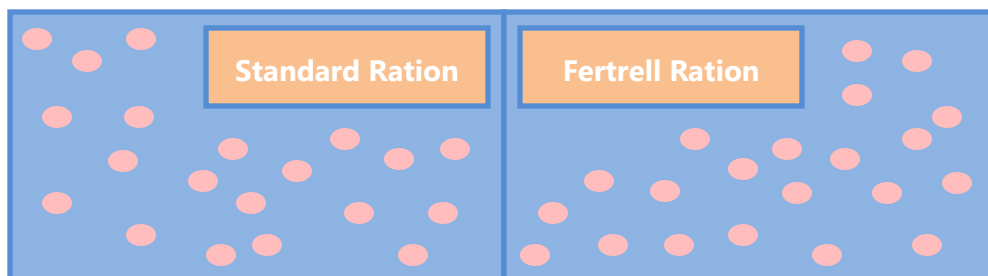


## Comparing Swine Vitamin and Mineral Premixes

**Objective:** To compare two rations – one with a standard vitamin and mineral premix and one with a Fertrell vitamin and mineral premix – in feeder pigs.

**Farmer-cooperator will:**

- Keep two groups of similar animals, one control and one treatment group, with 20 pigs in each group. Try to maintain uniformity within the two groups.
- Feed rations containing organic corn, organic succotash, organic soy protein and premixes.
- Feed the control group a standard ration, formulated from NRC nutritional requirements.
- Feed the treatment group a ration that includes [Fertrell's vitamin and mineral premix](#).
- Record weights, age and number of piglets per group.
- Keep production, feed and supplementation records.
- Collect harvest data.
- Track costs associated with each ration.
- Conduct one replication.



**Practical Farmers of Iowa will:**

- Monitor progress of project and provide support when needed.
- Analyze the data and publish results in a PFI research report, on PFI website and potentially other outlets.
- Pay the Farmer Cooperator a fee of \$550 at the conclusion of the project in 2016 (contingent on donation from Fertrell).

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