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SWIFT & COMPANY ANNOUNCES PORK CUTBACKS

April 22, 2005 – Swift & Company today announced that it will that it will cut back production at each of its three pork processing plants by 20 percent during the week of April 25 due to unseasonably high hog prices and reduced industry margins.

Each of the company's pork processing plants in Louisville, Ky.; Marshalltown, Iowa, and Worthington, Minn., will reduce production to 32 hours for the coming week.