## **Choosing the Perfect Pork**

Confused at the meat counter as to what type of pork to choose, or what it should look like? Follow these simple steps to choose the perfect pork!

- Select pork just before you check out at the grocery store. It is important that pork stay as cold as possible.
- Look for cuts with a small amount of fat over the outside. The meat should be firm and pink in color.
- Once selected, put the pork in disposable plastic bags to avoid any leakage that could contaminate other foods in your grocery cart.
- Take pork home immediately and refrigerate it to 40 degrees. Use the pork within 2 to 3 days or freeze.
- When cooking pork, the internal temperature should reach 145 degrees measured by a food thermometer. Ground pork should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160 degrees.



