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The South Dakota Pork Producers Council is a unified and engaged advocate that promotes, with integrity, the image and growth of the South Dakota pork industry through education, research, marketing, and responsible policy.

Vision Statement

South Dakota Pork Producers Council is a respected leader advocating for sustainable, responsible growth of the South Dakota Pork Industry that benefits our producers, consumers, and communities.

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Calendar of Events

January

January 1 – SDPPC Office closed, Happy New Year!
January 11 – SDPPC Executive Board Meeting
January 11 – SD Legislative Session Convenes
January 12-13 – 53rd Annual South Dakota Pork Congress
January 25 – Legislative Ag Fest in Pierre

February

February 21 – SDPPC Office closed for Presidents Day
February 26-27 – KCCR Farm Home & Sport Show in Pierre

March

March 9-11 – Pork Industry Forum, Louisville, KY
March 23-24 – Strategic Planning Session

April

April 11 – SDSU Ag Day
April 18 – SDPPC Office closed for Easter

Looking Ahead:

June 8-10 – World Pork Expo, Des Moines, IA
August 16-18 – Dakotafest, Mitchell
September 1-5 – South Dakota State Fair, Huron

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President's Message

SDPPC President Shane Odegaard

Greetings,

As I sit down to write my article, I'm reflecting on what has happened since our last newsletter.

The fall harvest was one of disappointment for some, surprise for others, and challenges for all. 2021 has been a year of full challenge, however, the hog market and the prices we receive for our pigs has been good, especially coming from the issues we found in 2020 with COVID. In the pork industry, we are never short of push back and fears, ASF, PRRS and Prop 12, just to name a few. With that, this industry always moves forward with faith and good will that all things will work out in the coming year.

South Dakota Pork Producers have been very busy this fall with the South Dakota State Fair, October Pork Month, and many other grilling and promotional activities. Now we are only a few weeks away from the 53rd Pork Congress Annual Meeting and Trade Show.

The dates have been set for January 12 and 13 at the Sioux Falls Ramkota. It looks to be an excellent event; the trade show is full, and we have some great speakers lined up. So please mark your calendar for January 12-13, 2022, and go online to sdpork.org to pre-register for the event.

As we look forward to 2022, the South Dakota Pork Producers are making plans for many activities to be held, working hard to promote the industry, and monitoring issues on the legislative front on both a state and federal level.

As we wrap up the holiday season, I want to personally thank our outstanding office staff for all their hard work. I would also like to thank the board of directors for all their commitment and dedication to the pork industry. Also, a big thank you to all those who have volunteered and helped at one of the many events. Our organization wouldn't be as effective and successful as we are without the dedication and support, we



get from our producers and our allied business partners.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and all your families. I look forward to seeing everyone at our 53rd Pork Congress Annual Meeting and Trade Show.

Best Regards,
Shane Odegaard
SDPPC President

NPPC Hires New Chief Executive Officer

The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) has chosen Bryan Humphreys as the organization's new chief executive officer, effective Dec. 21, 2021, following the retirement of long-time leader Neil Dierks. Humphreys brings with him years of experience in the pork industry, including as a former NPPC employee, state association executive and National Pork Board senior vice president, as well as outside the industry as a campaign operative, lobbyist and business owner.

"I am honored to have been chosen to lead NPPC as its CEO and continue the great work Mr. Dierks has done on behalf of America's pork producers," Humphreys said. "This role is not one to take lightly. As CEO, I will strive to advance the industry and protect producers' freedom to operate through innovative strategies and new partnerships. I look forward to working alongside producers, stakeholders, state associations and the entire team at NPPC to make a lasting impact for farmers across the country. Together, we will build a coalition that is stronger than ever."

Before joining NPPC, Humphreys worked at the National Pork Board (NPB) as a senior vice president. In this role, he oversaw a multimillion-dollar budget, implemented a nationwide producer outreach plan during the pandemic and strengthened relationships on behalf of the organization. In doing so, Humphreys helped guide the organization to exceed expectations set by the industry.

Prior to his role at NPB, Humphreys served as the executive vice president of the Ohio Pork Council where he cultivated award-winning producer image campaigns and fostered positive relationships with stakeholders and community members.

"For years, Bryan has been seen as a leader in the industry," NPPC President Jen Sorenson said. "His strategic thinking and unique experiences embody the type of leadership we, as an industry, need to guide us through challenging times ahead. On behalf of the board of directors, we are thrilled to welcome Bryan to the team."

Humphreys also served as the director of grassroots operations for NPPC and has several years of experience on political campaigns across the Midwest.

Humphreys is originally from Columbus Junction, Iowa, where he grew up on his family farm. Humphreys earned a bachelor's from Iowa State University and a master's degree from George Washington University. Today, Humphreys resides outside of Des Moines, Iowa, with his wife and son.



53rd Annual Pork Congress Schedule
January 12 & 13, 2022
Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel & Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Trade Show Set Up 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM
SDPPC Executive Board Meeting 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Trade Show Exhibitor Set Up 7:00 – 10:00 AM
Checkoff Annual Meeting 9:00 AM
Amphitheatre I

Trade Show Open 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Ramkota Exhibit Hall

2023 Pork Act Delegate Election 10:30 AM
Amphitheatre I

TQA Certification 10:30 AM
Amphitheatre II

Carved Ham Lunch 11:00 AM
Rushmore Room

Livestock & Crop Marketing 1:00 PM
Amphitheatre II
With Dr. Steve Meyer & Joe Kerns

PQA Plus® Certification 3:00 PM
Amphitheatre II

Trade Show Closes 5:00 PM

**Master Pork Producers Recognition Banquet
& SDPPC Awards**
Social Hour-Cash Bar-Popcorn 5:00 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Washington Room
Tickets available at the SDPPC Information Booth

**“Sold! What’s Next?”
Live Auction, GAMES & Cash Bar**
Following the banquet

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Trade Show Open 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Ramkota Exhibit Hall

**African Swine Fever & Foreign Animal Disease
Panel Discussion** 10:00 AM
Amphitheatre II

Pulled Pork Lunch 11:00 AM
Rushmore Room

**Non-Checkoff Annual Meeting of Members
(SIP Investors)** 1:30 PM
Amphitheatre I

Trade Show Closes 3:00 PM

**SIP Membership Reception
& Pork PAC Silent Auction** 4:30 – 6:30 PM
Roosevelt/Lincoln/Jefferson Room
All SIP investors and interested producers are welcome

SDPPC Executive Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Crystal Room

**** Public Notice ****

By South Dakota Pork Producers Council and the National Pork Board

- The election of pork producer delegate candidates for the 2023 National Pork Producers (Pork Act) Delegate Body will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Members of the South Dakota Pork Producers Council at the Ramkota Hotel Amphitheatre in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. All South Dakota pork producers are encouraged to attend.
- Any producer age 18 and older who is a resident of South Dakota and has paid all assessments due may be considered as a delegate candidate and / or participate in the election. All eligible producers are encouraged to bring with them a sales receipt indicating that hogs were sold in their name and the Checkoff deducted.

For more information, contact Glenn Muller, SD Pork Producers Council
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Pre-registration for the SD Pork Congress is available online at www.sd pork.org, under the “Events” tab.

2022 SD Pork Congress Exhibitors

Company Name	Booth #	Company Name	Booth #	Company Name	Booth #
A.R. LLC	114 115 116	Genesus Genetics	606	PIC	604
ABC Industries Inc	612	Green Energy Products	602	Pig CHAMP	607
Action Manufacturing, Inc.	1210	Green Gable Contracting	614	PigEasy, LLC	112 113
ADA Enterprises, Inc	1214	Hamlet Protein	314	Pit Charger	803
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Advanced Composting Tech.	1107	Hennen Pig Chute	304 305	Prairie Livestock Supply	511 512
Ag Plus Farm & Ranch	313	HedStar	1106	Prairie Systems	906
Ag Property Solutions	1001 1101	Hofland Enterprises, Inc	1103	Professional Ag Marketing Inc	912
Ag Tech Plus - Big Dutchman Service	712	Hog Slat, Inc.	702 703	ProfitProAg	409
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Agri-Tech Enterprises, Inc.	613	Huvepharma	205	Puck Enterprises	108
Agrotech USA	1005	Hypor, Inc.	1014 1015	Purina Animal Nutrition	807
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All Pit Lagoon Pond Treatment	814	Jimdi, Inc.	311 312	QC Supply	1010 1011
Alltech	600 700	Johnson Engineering Group, LLC	1004	Ralco Nutrition, Inc	306 307
Altenbnurg Construction Inc.	506	JR Distributing, Inc.	510	Reaves Building Systems	105
Amerilux International	111	Jumpstart Environmental Tech	705	Red Rock Holdings	901
Anez Consulting Inc.	1213	Kane Manufacturing	1114	Riverside Industries, LLC	806
AP	801 802	Kent Nutrition Group	310	Rush River Steel & Trim	914
Aurora Pharmaceutical	411	L.B. White	815	Scherer Inc.	902
Automated Waste Systems LLC	615	Lange Ag Systems	507	Schick Enterprises	1215 1216
Babcock Genetics Inc.	601	Lone Star Enterprises	309	SDI	215 216 315 316
BarnTools	904 905	Manure Magic	913	Sharp Industries	200 300
BioSec LLC	1212	Master Blaster	204	Sioux Nation Ag Center	711
Bioverse Inc	603	Maximum Ag Technologies	907	SKOV North America, Inc.	1006 1007
Boss Supply Inc.	1108	MB Swine Reproduction	1100	Slat Pros	1115 1116
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DanBred	616 716	New Standard US Inc.	811 812 813	Thorp Equipment Inc	1207 1208
Devenish	211	Nooyen USA	910 911	Tonistry	513
DNA Genetics	103	Norbrook Inc.	609	Topigs Norsvin USA	816 916
Doda USA, Inc	610 611	Northern Lakes Slat Repair	212 213	Tri-M AI LLC	1200
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DPI Global	804	Northland Heaters	1104	VAL-CO	403 404
Easy Automation Inc	708	Nu-Era Heaters	405	Vostermans Ventilation	1203
EIP Manufacturing LLC	1205 1206	NuAge Builders LLC	810	VP Livestock Equipment	706
Endover Animal Health	809	Nutrient Advisors	1209	Walinga USA Inc	1002
Envirotech Ag Systems US Inc	417 517	NutriQuest	414	Waste Spectrum Incineration System	217
	617 817	Olmix NA, Inc.	709	Whole Hog Genetics	110
EPS Buildings	214	ONCE Animal Lighting	407	WS Construction Management	505
Farm Credit Services of America	701	Osborne Industries, Inc.	102	XF Nebraska	1202
Fast Genetics USA	303	PALS	308 408	XFE Products	410
Form-A-Feed.	201	Pharmgate Animal Health	1003	Ymker Insulation	915
GenePro	1113	Phibro Animal Health	808	Zoltenko Farms Inc	605

Pork Congress Exhibit Map

Women's Restroom	Men's Restroom
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53rd Annual Pork Congress Highlights

MEALS

CARVED HAM LUNCH

Wednesday, January 12 ~ 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
Rushmore Room

Come early to get your TQA Certification or get recertified. Then enjoy a delicious carved ham lunch prepared by Lynch Livestock followed by the PQA session to renew or get your PQA certificate.

MASTER PORK PRODUCERS RECOGNITION BANQUET

Wednesday, January 12 ~ 5 PM Social, 6 PM Dinner
Rushmore Room

Wrap up your day with the Master Pork Producers Banquet starting with a social at 5:00 PM, where games are played and all participants have a chance to win prizes.

During the banquet, SD's Master Pork Producers Association honors pork producers and allied industry members. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$200 for a table of eight, and can be purchased in advance from Ashley Gelderman at AGelderman@standardnutrition.com or 605.335.9693, or at the Pork Congress SDPPC Help Desk the day of the event.

The "Sold! What's Next?" live auction follows the banquet.

All vendors are encouraged to attend and bring a guest!

This is a great opportunity to entertain your clients.

PULLED PORK LUNCH

Thursday, January 13 ~ 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM
Rushmore Room

Come early and check out this year's trade show, and to hear a panel of animal health experts discuss current animal health issues and impending foreign animal diseases.

SIP MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

Thursday, January 13 ~ 4:30 p.m.
Roosevelt Room

Any pork producer who contributes to the Strategic Investment Program (SIP) of the Non-Checkoff funds is welcome to learn more about the SIP program. The SIP program is the primary source of funds for the NPPC. As Investors, you will help NPPC fight for reasonable legislation and regulation, develop revenue and market opportunities and protect your livelihood.



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

TQA CERTIFICATION — Wednesday, January 12 ~ 10:30 AM
Heidi Carrol; SDSU Extension Livestock Stewardship Field Specialist & Ryan Samuel; SDSU Extension Swine Specialist

Whether it's transporting pigs to harvest or moving pigs between farms, animal handlers play a key role in maintaining herd health. This certification program consists of a presentation and a 50-question exam. The presentation will cover a variety of topics like basic animal behavior and handling, transportation of pigs, fitness of the pig, and bio-security. Upon completion of this training course and passing the exam you will receive a certificate card in the mail from the Pork Checkoff.

LIVESTOCK & CROP MARKETING — Wednesday, Jan. 12 ~ 1:00 PM

Dr. Steve Meyer and Joe Kerns

What is in store for pig farmers in 2022? Dr. Steve Meyer will address livestock marketing issues, and Joe Kerns will provide insights on crop marketing. These featured speakers are from Partners for Production Agriculture, whose mission is to support their clients in every facet of their operations by mitigating risk and capturing opportunities.

PQA PLUS® CERTIFICATION — Wednesday, Jan. 12 ~ 3:00 PM
Drs. Bob Thaler and Ryan Samuel, SDSU Extension Swine Specialists and Professors

The Pork Checkoff's Pork Quality Assurance® Plus (PQA Plus®) program and producers' commitment to the We Care® ethical principles have long provided guidance for responsible on-farm antibiotic use. At this certification seminar, Drs. Thaler and Samuel walk you through the certification process and discuss the advantages of having your farm site certified, as well as reinforcing management techniques that enhance production and animal well being. After completing this training course, you will receive a certificate card in the mail from the Pork Checkoff. The last component to the certification is the farm site assessment. To find an advisor in your areas to assess your site, visit www.pork.org or call (800) 456-PORK.

AFRICAN SWINE FEVER & FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASES — Thursday, Jan. 13 ~ 10:00 AM

Panel Discussion moderated by Dr. Bob Thaler

- *Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, SD State Veterinarian*
- *Dr. Jane Christopher-Hennings, Director of ADRDL*
- *Dr. Joel Nerem, Pipestone Veterinary Services*

Those involved in the swine industry need to be aware of how a foreign animal disease (FAD) could affect our industry, and how to be prepared if an FAD occurs here. This panel discussion will discuss current health issues within U.S. barns and impending Foreign Animal Diseases.



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From the Executive Director's Desk

By: Glenn Muller

As we approach our 2022 Annual Meeting and Trade Show on January 12 and 13, I would like to reflect on 2021 and touch on how we intend to move forward in the coming year.

If you will recall, last year's annual meeting and trade show was smaller in attendance as everyone was dealing with how they were most comfortable to prevent exposure from the COVID outbreak. Both vendors and producers either were required to, or felt they needed to, minimize exposure by not attending the event. It is encouraging to now have a vaccination program and a comfort level from those who choose not to get vaccinated, so that our 2022 Annual Meeting and Trade Show can provide the opportunity for both our exhibitors and producers to interact. We know that the virus is still an issue and encourage all attendees to take whatever precautions they feel will protect their health and well-being.

The 2022 Annual Meeting and Trade Show will feature 209 commercial booth displays representing 161 exhibitors. Seminars for the event will feature Dr.

Steve Meyer and Joe Kerns on Wednesday at 1:00 PM. The Thursday seminar at 10:00 AM will address swine health issues facing the industry. State Veterinarian Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, along with Dr. Jane Christopher-Hennings, Director of South Dakota Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Lab, and Dr. Joel Nerem, Pipestone Veterinary Services, will share their expertise to address the current health status of the swine herd in South Dakota, potential risks to the industry, and what is being done to address each of those concerns.

I also encourage any and all producers to attend the meetings of both the Checkoff and Non-Checkoff Annual Membership Meetings as this is where policy of the organization is established, and leadership is selected to represent the industry. The full schedule of the Annual Meeting and Trade Show is posted in this publication.

Numerous changes have occurred during the past year. SDPPC has implemented several new programs including multiple "Swine + Dine" events which allow pork producers to interact with

influencers and the general public in their local communities. Also, in conjunction with the Downtown Sioux Falls organization we conducted the "Downtown Pork Showdown" in which several Downtown Sioux Falls restaurants competed for the best pork entree. Congratulations to Chef Lance's on Phillips for winning this competition.

We also have had some staff changes in 2021. Stacey Sorlien, who shared her energy and passion for the pork industry with the organization for 13 plus years as Direc-

tor of Programs and Communications, has taken on a new role in her hometown. Steve Rommereim, who served part time as Director of Membership Outreach and Engagement for the past year

and a half, has resigned to dedicate more time to his swine operation. Thank you to both of these staff members for their contributions to the South Dakota Pork Producers Council.

Cagney Effling joined our staff as the new Director of Programs and Communications of SDPPC in October. I also want to recognize Stephanie Fox, our Director of Operations and Activities, for her additional responsibilities during the times that we were short staffed.

At the national level, Neil Dierks retired as Executive Director of NPPC on December 31 and Bryan Humphreys will serve as the new Executive Director.

Lorin Pankratz, who has served as our lobbyist for many years, is also in the process of retiring. We will still be having Pankratz and Associates lobbying on our behalf, but Lorin's son, Jeromy, will now be our contact person. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Pankratz and Associates.

The upcoming year will provide opportunities and challenges. California's Prop 12 is scheduled to go into effect on January 1, even though there are still legal challenges pending. Producers will need to determine if they are able to be Prop 12 compliant or if the additional investment is worthy of the risk in the event that Prop 12 cannot be implemented. We will also be looking forward to additional updates on the proposed new harvesting facility in Sioux Falls. Mark your calendars for the 2022 Agfest, which is scheduled for January 25! This is a great opportunity to interact with South Dakota's legislators.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Annual Meeting and Trade Show and want to wish each of you a Happy Holiday Season and Prosperous New Year.



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Seminars set for SD Pork Congress

Sioux Falls Ramkota, Amphitheatre II

Livestock & Crop Marketing

Wednesday, January 12—1:00 PM

Dr. Steve Meyer is returning to the SD Pork Congress for the second year, to provide an update on livestock marketing issues. Dr. Meyer has worked in the hog industry in a variety of roles, including Director of Economics for the National Pork Producers Council and the National Pork Board from 1993 to 2002. He continues to serve as a consulting economist for the National Pork Board. He also served 12 years as an author of The Daily Livestock Report, sponsored by CME Group, and currently writes a feature article for the National Hog Farmer's Weekly Preview e-letter that focuses on economic issues in North America's swine/pork sector.

Joe Kerns, founder of Partners for Production Agriculture, will address crop marketing issues. Joe has over thirty years of experience working with producers, suppliers, and mills to support agricultural operations. He assists clients with procurement and risk management activities related to hedging, ingredient purchasing, feed quality control, diet formulation, operational benchmarking, livestock marketing, generational transitioning, and business development. He has directed risk management activities for industry leaders such as ADM, Premium Standard Farms, Continental Grain, and Iowa Select Farms.

Current Animal Health Issues & Impending Foreign Animal Diseases

Thursday, January 13—10:00 AM

Those involved in the swine industry need to be aware of how a foreign animal disease (FAD) could affect our industry, and how to be prepared if an FAD occurs here. This panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Bob Thaler from SDSU, will include State Veterinarian Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, director of the Animal Disease Research & Diagnostic Laboratory Dr. Jane Christopher-Hennings, and Dr. Joel Nerem, Biosecurity specialist for Pipestone Veterinary Services.

Pulled Pork Chili (slow cooker or instant pot)

Ingredients

3 pounds pork shoulder (or loin)
28 ounces baked beans (1 can, do not drain, we want all the yummy sauce!)
15 ounces tomatoes (1 can, don't drain.)
15 ounces cannellini beans (rinse and drain these, they typically have a thick slimy coating that can be easily rinsed off)
1 package chili seasoning (or use a combination of chili powder, cumin, cayenne pepper, garlic powder, paprika, and onion powder.)
1 cup chicken stock (You can use homemade chicken stock, canned chicken stock, or even bouillon with water.)
15 ounces chopped onion (about 2 scant cups)
Chili Toppings: chopped onions, sour cream, shredded cheese, pickled jalapenos

Directions: First, add everything to the inner pot of your slow cooker or instant pot. Then, stir to mix.

Next, for Instant Pot: cover and set to manual, then natural pressure release for 65 minutes. Or, for slow cooker: cook covered on high or low until pork shreds easily with a fork.

Finally, remove pork from cooker and shred with a fork. Return to cooker and mix well.





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NPPC's Neil Dierks Receives USMEF Distinguished Service Award

Neil Dierks, chief executive officer of the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC), has been awarded the U.S. Meat Export Federation's (USMEF) Distinguished Service Award. Created in 1991, the award honors outstanding figures who exemplify the exceptional dedication responsible for the red meat industry's success in building global demand for U.S. pork, beef and lamb. It was presented Nov. 11 at the USMEF Strategic Planning Conference in Carlsbad, Calif.

Dierks, who retired from NPPC at the end of the year, served in several senior roles at NPPC since 1990, but noted that his initial interaction with USMEF dates back to his time with the Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA).

"I am so humbled to receive this award because my first opportunity to work with USMEF was when I was with IPPA, helping host international buyers coming to Iowa and taking them on tours of the U.S. industry," Dierks said. "At that time, and even in my early years with NPPC, there was a conceptual understanding of the opportunities exports provide, but the United States was a net importer of pork until 1996. It wasn't until more recently that producers really 'got it' – when they saw the amount of pork destined for international markets and the positive impact exports have on the hog market – and they bought in."

One area in which Dierks and his NPPC team have had an enormous impact on pork trade is securing improve-

ments in market access in key destinations such as Japan, Mexico, South Korea, Central and South America, the Dominican Republic and Oceania, where free trade agreements eliminated or reduced both tariff and non-tariff trade barriers.

"The reality is that before you can promote pork in a market, you have to have access," Dierks said. "I do take a lot of pride in what NPPC and the entire industry helped accomplish, and the small role that I played in it. I remember some of those trade policy battles, and they weren't always easy. But that effort has paid off by expanding opportunities for everyone in the pork supply chain."

Animal health is also a critical factor for maintaining access to export markets and keeping meat products moving internationally, and Dierks is pleased with the way the industry has collaborated with federal and state agencies to protect the U.S. swine herd from foreign animal diseases.

"Until African Swine Fever (ASF) became such a major global threat, our greatest concern was foot-and-mouth disease and that resulted in a vaccine bank being created in the last farm bill," Dierks said. "Most recently I applaud APHIS (the USDA Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service) for creating the ASF protection zone for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Of course this effort goes beyond APHIS, and includes Customs and Border Protection, the USDA Agricultural Research Service, and state veterinarians and state



animal health officials also play a very important role."

USMEF President and CEO Dan Halstrom praised the selection of Dierks for the Distinguished Service Award, citing his lengthy history as a tireless and extremely effective advocate for U.S. exports.

"Having worked with Neil for many years on a wide range of critical issues, I can tell you he's a tremendous champion for trade," Halstrom said. "Neil is determined to shape science-based policies that give U.S. ag products a fair opportunity to compete in the global marketplace, and this is exactly the type of commitment that has made the United States a pork-exporting powerhouse."





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Sunday, October 24, 2021



Travis Eberle - Blind Lion Speakeasy - 3rd Place - Porchetta and Chimi
Jacob Whealy - Gold Bison Grill - 2nd Place - Smoked Mustard Chipotle Pork
John Miller - Maple Street BBQ - 1st Place - Smoked Pork Belly Heaven

The South Dakota Pork Producers Council hosted its ninth annual Rapid City Taste of Elegance on Sunday, October 24, at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn.

The event features pork entrees created by local chefs that are critiqued by a panel of Executive Chefs.

This year's winning dish was a smoked pork belly with a broccoli apple slaw and romanesco sauce, prepared by John Miller from Maple Street BBQ.

The event was sponsored by SDPPC, National Pork Board, Zoetis, Dimock Cheese, Preferred Printing, RiverFront Broadcasting, Family Fare, Farm Credit Services of America, and Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn.

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Ag Day gives children and families a wonderful opportunity to learn about agriculture's significance – in South Dakota and beyond. Our exhibits are exciting and educational – great for the whole family!

This year's Ag Day at the Sioux Falls Washington Pavilion will be located in the first and second floor lobbies as well as in the Amphitheater.

Come for free family fun including free admission to the Kirby Science Discovery Center and Visual Arts Center.

A variety of exhibits and experiences are planned for Ag Day including:

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Lobbyist Report

Lorin Pankratz & Jeromy Pankratz

Well, here it is! The long awaited last *Porkline* lobbyist report from me and the first from your new lobbyist, Jeromy. It has been an honor to have represented the pork industry for almost 25 years.

I have worked with great Executive Directors, Presidents, Board members and staff. Glenn and his current staff are doing a great job for all of you and they love what they are doing.

Looking ahead, 2022 will be another election year and the first election for our state legislature using the new legislative districts. As you know, redistricting comes about every 10 years, following the federal census. While most districts will not see substantial change, there will be some that will combine portions of two current districts so that incumbents from each of the districts will now run against each other. Additionally, there will be some legislators who are term limited and some who will decide not to run again. There are three

who are term limited and deserve special recognition for their service and support of agriculture: Sen. Gary Cammack and Representatives David Andersen and Kent Peterson. All three are actively engaged in day to day modern agriculture production. Thank you!

South Dakota has one of the shortest and earliest legislative sessions in the country. While there may not be a correlation between the growing season and the number of days we meet in Pierre codified anywhere in our laws, it is probably based on the notion that we like to get a lot of work done in a short amount of time.

So to what will we be paying attention when our citizen legislators make the yearly pilgrimage to Pierre in January? The first topic on everyone's mind is how the infrastructure bill will impact the ag community and how it will be implemented in South Dakota. This \$1.75 trillion act, while slender on direct farm aid, is aiming to revitalize rural

communities by improving the agricultural transportation network, improve the national water infrastructure, and expand broadband connectivity and affordability in underserved localities.

The elephant in the room is how much does South Dakota get, and how will it be spent? That will be the major question this session, and we want to help supply those answers. While South Dakota will receive less

money overall than most other states, we will actually receive one of the highest percentages of money per resident.

South Dakota is set to get approximately \$2.8 billion total, with it being broken down as follows: \$1.9 billion for highways, \$225 million on bridges, \$124 million on public transportation, \$335 million on water infrastructure, and \$242.3 million on other projects. This comes out to approximately \$3.2k per resident. Again, our primary concern for the 2022 session is having a seat at the table during these spending discussions.

Outside of the Build Back Better Act, we have some home-grown issues on which to keep a weather eye. It is likely that someone will continue to bring pesticide and/or herbicide legislation relating to licensure, application, and effects on organic farming practices. There is also a discussion occurring at the Agricultural Land Assessment Task force regarding an "actual use" assessment on ag land as opposed to looking at predicted use based on soil types. It is unlikely that the task force will recommend any specific changes to this format, but there could be some individual legislators who bring a bill to change assessment classification.

The primary objective we face each year is not only promoting our industry at each possible opportunity but making sure that policy discussions do not travel down dangerous paths. It is often the case that the success of a session is measured by how many bad bills are stopped as opposed to how many good bills are supported.

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Ingredients

8 New York (top loin) pork chops
(2 1/2 pounds)
3 Tbsp. olive oil
1/2 cup flour
1 tsp. salt
1 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
29 oz. cream of chicken soup

Directions: Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. In a bowl, combine the flour, salt, dry mustard and garlic powder. Mix well. Dredge the pork chops in the flour mixture and place them in the hot skillet. Allow them to brown for 2-3 minutes, then flip the pork chops to brown them on the other side for an additional 2-3 minutes.

Place the browned pork chops in a slow cooker. Pour two cans of cream of chicken soup over the pork chops. Cover the slow cooker and cook on high for 3-4 hours or on low for 4-5 hours, until the internal temperature of the pork reaches between 145 degrees F. (medium rare) and 160 degrees F. (medium), on a meat thermometer. Let rest for 3 minutes. Serve immediately.

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South Dakota Legislative Information Available Online

South Dakota's 97th Legislative Session convenes at noon on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, for a 38-day session. The Main Run ends on March 10. Veto Day will be March 28.

Complete legislative information can be found online at sdlegislature.gov. Here you can see the full text of bills and amendments, check committee agendas and floor calendars, read the daily journals, and catch up on committee minutes.



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South Dakota pork producers are helping others this holiday season



South Dakota pork producers joined with others from across the nation to give back to their communities through the Give-A-Ham challenge. Individuals participate by buying a gift of ham (or any pork product) and paying it forward to those in need. Participants share their donation stories on social media and use the #GiveAHam tag to challenge others.

The National Pork Producers Council kicked off the annual campaign on November 1 with a joint event at the Food Bank of Iowa. The challenge is aimed at encouraging members across the country to donate pork to organizations that are fighting food insecurity. The challenge continued through the end of the year.

This year, the SDPPC donated 500 pounds of pork loin to The Banquet Sioux Falls. In addition, board members are handing out over \$2,000 worth of pork certificates to local food banks, backpack programs, church groups, and others. SDPPC also challenged the SD Soybean Association to join the fun and donate their favorite pork product to a person or organization of their choice.

Last year, more than 15 million pounds of pork, or about 220 million servings, were donated during the challenge.



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Delaware: Scrapple
Florida: Cubano
Georgia: Low-Country Boil
Hawaii: Manapua
Idaho: Potato Ham Bake
Illinois: Deep Dish Pepperoni Pizza
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Kansas: BLT
Kentucky: Hot Brown Sandwich

Louisiana: Gumbo
Maine: Maine Italian Sub Sandwich
Maryland: Stuffed Ham
Massachusetts: Boston Baked Beans
Michigan: Detroit-Style Pepperoni Pizza
Minnesota: Swedish Meatballs
Mississippi: Delta Hot Pork Tamales
Missouri: Barbecue Pork Steaks
Montana: Pork Chop Sandwich
Nebraska: Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwich
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The National Pork Industry Foundation is proud to announce the Neil Dierks Scholarship, created to support students seeking a graduate degree at a land grant university in a field related to the pork industry.

For more than 30 years, Neil Dierks devoted himself to US pork producers' well-being. As CEO of the National Pork Producers Council, he encouraged, challenged, supported, and equipped members as they advocated for opportunities in trade as well as reasonable regulation. In times of trial and triumph, Neil provided insight born from experience as well as study. His servant's heart, along with the tenacity necessary to ensure success, combined to benefit producers of all sizes and philosophies. Above all, Neil nurtured leadership for the pork industry, seeking and elevating talented persons with a variety of skills to serve as resources and decision-makers for today and tomorrow.

Neil's 2021 retirement created an opportunity to honor his contribution to the US pork industry and legacy as a leader with the Neil Dierks Scholarship. Designed to support students seeking a graduate degree in a field related to the pork industry at a land grant university, this \$5000 one-time scholarship will be given to one individual annually, carrying on Neil's mission to equip new leaders for the industry he served so well. The scholarship will be administered by the National Pork Industry Foundation with applications due each September, with the award made during the Pork Forum annually.

If your life has been touched by Neil and his work — whether it was on Capitol Hill, in a boardroom in Des Moines or in your barn — the Foundation is asking you to consider making a tax-deductible donation that will help perpetuate the work he began by empowering future pork industry leaders.

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8% Vitamin B12

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Next to milk, few foods have as much riboflavin per serving as pork. Riboflavin has an important role in the release of energy from foods.

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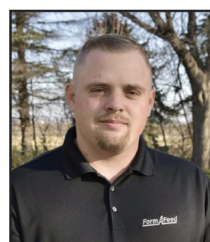
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Swine + Dine held in Brookings



SDPPC hosted a “Swine + Dine” event in Brookings on December 13. The evening showcases pork dishes, from soup to dessert, and provides an opportunity for pork producers to help local leaders better understand the pork industry.

Downtown Pork Showdown



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- Acute metritis (0 to 14 days post-partum) associated with bacterial organisms susceptible to ceftiofur.

DOSEAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Shake for 90 seconds to ensure complete resuspension before using.
Swine: Administer intramuscularly at a dosage of 1.26 to 2.27 mg ceftiofur equivalents/lb (3.0 to 5.0 mg/kg) BW (1 mL of sterile suspension per 22 to 37 lb BW). Treatment should be repeated at 24 h intervals for a total of three consecutive days.

Cattle: For bovine respiratory disease and acute bovine interdigital necrobacillosis: administer by intramuscular or subcutaneous administration at the dosage of 0.5 to 1.0 mg ceftiofur equivalents/lb (1.1 to 2.2 mg/kg) BW (1 to 2 mL sterile suspension per 100 lb BW). Administer daily at 24 h intervals for a total of three consecutive days. Additional treatments may be administered on Days 4 and 5 for animals which do not show a satisfactory response (not recovered) after the initial three treatments. In addition, for BRD only, administer intramuscularly or subcutaneously 1.0 mg ceftiofur equivalents/lb (2.2 mg/kg) BW every other day on Days 1 and 3 (48 h interval). Do not inject more than 15 mL per injection site.

Selection of dosage level (0.5 to 1.0 mg/lb) and regimen/duration (daily or every other day for BRD only) should be based on an assessment of the severity of disease, pathogen susceptibility and clinical response.

For acute post-partum metritis: administer by intramuscular or subcutaneous administration at the dosage of 1.0 mg ceftiofur equivalents/lb (2.2 mg/kg) BW (2 mL sterile suspension per 100 lb BW). Administer at 24 h intervals for five consecutive days. Do not inject more than 15 mL per injection site.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

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minutes. In case of accidental skin exposure, wash with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing. If allergic reaction occurs (e.g., skin rash, hives, difficult breathing), seek medical attention.

RESIDUE WARNINGS:

Swine: When used according to label indications, dosage, and route of administration, treated swine must not be slaughtered for 4 days following the last treatment.

Use of dosages in excess of those indicated or by unapproved routes of administration may result in illegal residues in edible tissues. **Cattle:** When used according to label indications, dosage and route of administration, treated cattle must not be slaughtered for 3 days following the last treatment. When used according to label indications, dosage and route of administration, a milk discard time is not required. Uses of dosages in excess of those indicated or by unapproved routes of administration, such as intramammary, may result in illegal residues in edible tissues and/or milk. A withdrawal period has not been established in pre-ruminating calves. Do not use in calves to be processed for veal.

PRECAUTIONS

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Swine: Areas of discoloration associated with the injection site at time periods of 11 days or less may result in trim-out of edible tissues at slaughter. The safety of ceftiofur has not been demonstrated for pregnant swine or swine intended for breeding.

Cattle: Following intramuscular or subcutaneous administration in the neck, areas of discoloration at the site may persist beyond 11 days resulting in trim loss of edible tissues at slaughter. Following intramuscular administration in the rear leg, areas of discoloration at the injection site may persist beyond 28 days resulting in trim loss of edible tissues at slaughter.

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Registration Open for 2022-2023 SowBridge Educational Series

SowBridge, the distance educational series for those who work with sows, boars and piglets, and with genetic and reproductive issues, begins its next program year in February, and registration is now underway. New this year, the series will be provided online through Zoom, although participants will be able to use a call-in option instead, if they prefer.

Sessions are the first Wednesday of every month and run from 11:15 a.m. to about 12:15 p.m. Central time. During each session, participants can ask questions of the industry expert presenter and discuss with other participants from the comfort of their home, office or swine unit. Each registration provides access to one Zoom connection (or call-in) per session and all program materials for each registration, including recordings of the live session.

Cost for the program is \$200 for the first registration from an entity, and half that amount for each subsequent registration from the same entity. Registration is due Jan. 18, 2022, to ensure participants receive materials for the first session on Feb. 2.

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Massachusetts Delays Effective Date of Question 3

Following approval by the Massachusetts Legislature, Gov. Charlie Baker has signed into law a compromise measure delaying until Aug. 15, 2022, implementation of the state's Question 3 initiative to prohibit the sale of pork that doesn't meet new prescriptive animal production standards. The National Pork Producers Council, which worked tirelessly to secure this much-needed solution for pork producers and the entire pork supply chain, applauded the legislative relief.

The 2016 ballot initiative – similar to California's Proposition 12 – will ban the sale of pork from hogs born to sows housed in pens that don't comply with Massachusetts' new standards. It applies to any uncooked pork sold in the state, whether it's produced there or outside its borders. Nearly all pork currently produced in the United States fails to meet Massachusetts' arbitrary standards.

"Question 3, like Prop. 12, lacks any scientific, technical or agricultural basis and only will inflict economic harm on America's pork producers and even jeopardize the well-being of their animals," said NPPC President Jen Sorenson. "We're grateful the legislature listened to our concerns and delayed implementation of Question 3 so that at least producers in and outside the state can have more time to consider their options and continue to supply pork to Bay Staters."

In addition to delaying the initiative's implementation, the compromise measure requires the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources to write rules and regulations for the law, in consultation with the state's attorney general – who originally was given authority – within six months.

NPPC has pointed out that, like California's 2018 ballot initiative, Question 3's supporters claimed it would

improve animal welfare and food safety. But the measure's requirements will have no effect on either and may negatively affect both, according to numerous studies on animal housing.

"Pork producers with decades of experience using various housing systems know it's not the type of housing that affects the health and well-being of pigs but the individual care – the animal husbandry – that's given to them day in, day out," Sorenson said. "These ballot measures actually make it harder and more dangerous to practice good animal husbandry."

NPPC and the American Farm Bureau Federation have petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to take their case against California's Prop. 12. The agricultural organizations are challenging the constitutionality of one state imposing regulations that reach outside its borders, arguing that it stifles interstate and international commerce.



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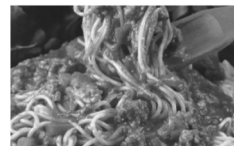
Hearty Spaghetti with Pork

Ingredients

3 slices bacon
3/4 pound ground pork
3/4 pound bulk pork sausages
1 onion (large, coarsely chopped)
1 green bell pepper (seeded and chopped)
2 cloves garlic (minced)
1 cup dry red wine
43.5 ounces tomatoes (Italian-style, crushed)
6 ounces tomato paste
2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves, crushed
1 teaspoon brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon dried basil (crushed)
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
2 bay leaves
12 ounces spaghetti, cook and drain

Directions:

In a large skillet cook bacon until crisp. Drain bacon, reserving drippings in skillet. Crumble bacon and set aside. In reserved drippings cook pork, sausage, onion, green pepper and garlic over medium-high heat until meat is browned and vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Drain well. Add wine; bring to boiling; lower heat and simmer for 10 minutes or until liquid is absorbed, stirring occasionally. Stir in the bacon, undrained tomatoes, tomato paste, oregano, brown sugar, basil, thyme and bay leaves. Bring to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour or until desired consistency. Remove bay leaves. Serve with hot cooked spaghetti.



USDA Provides Additional Pandemic Assistance to Hog Producers

The USDA has announced a new program to help hog producers who sold hogs through a negotiated sale during the period in which these producers faced the greatest reduction in market prices due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program (SMHPP) is part of USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative and addresses gaps in previous assistance for hog producers. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will accept applications through February 25, 2022.

SMHPP provides assistance to hog producers who sold hogs through a negotiated sale from April 16, 2020 through Sept. 1, 2020. Negotiated sale, or negotiated formula sale, means a sale of hogs by a producer to a packer under which the base price for the hogs is determined by seller-buyer interaction and agreement on a delivery day. USDA is offering SMHPP as packer production was reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic due to employee illness and supply chain issues, resulting in fewer negotiated hogs being procured and subsequent lower market prices.

"Previous pandemic assistance used flat rates across the hog industry, and this didn't take into account the various levels of harm felt by different producers," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "We worked closely with industry partners and USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service to target assistance to hog producers who were hit the hardest during the pandemic. This is one more example of our efforts to provide new, broader, and more equitable opportunities for farmers, ranchers and producers."

The Department has set aside up to \$50 million in pandemic assistance funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act for SMHPP.

SMHPP Program Details

Eligible hogs include hogs sold through a negotiated sale by producers between April 16, 2020, and Sept. 1, 2020. To be eligible, the producer must be a person or legal entity who has ownership in the hogs and whose production facilities are located in the U.S., including U.S. territories. Contract producers, federal, state and

local governments, including public schools and packers are not eligible for SMHPP.

SMHPP payments will be calculated by multiplying the number of head of eligible hogs, not to exceed 10,000 head, by the payment rate of \$54 per head. FSA will issue payments to eligible hog producers as applications are received and approved.

Applying for Assistance

Eligible hog producers can apply for SMHPP by completing the FSA-940, Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program applications. Additional documentation may be required.

Visit farmers.gov/smhpp to see the Notice of Funds Availability, information on applicant eligibility, and more information on how to apply.

Applications can be submitted to the FSA office at any USDA Service Center nationwide by mail, fax, hand delivery or via electronic means. Hog producers can also call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.



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