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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.

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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 12 – SD Legislative Session Convenes
January 12 – SDPPC Executive Board Meeting
January 13-14 – 52nd Annual South Dakota Pork Congress
January 26 – Legislative Ag Fest in Pierre
January 26-30 – Sioux Empire Livestock Show in Sioux Falls
January 28 – Sioux Empire Livestock Hog Show

February

February 15 – SDPPC Office closed for Presidents Day

March

March 3-5 – Pork Industry Forum, Louisville, KY

Looking Ahead:

June 9-11 – World Pork Expo, Des Moines, IA
August 18-20 – IDEAg Dakotafest, Mitchell
September 3-7 – South Dakota State Fair, Huron

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President's Message

SDPPC President Craig Andersen

What a beautiful fall it has been. It is almost seeming like Mother Nature is trying to make up for this last year for some reason. I just cannot figure out what it might be LOL.

As I write this, the staff is busy finishing up final preparations for the 2021 Pork Congress. The Executive Board decided to go ahead and have it and try to maintain a level of normalcy. Our Checkoff and Non-Checkoff business meetings will be held in person; we will also have available online options, too. We understand that not everybody feels comfortable getting out in crowds yet and by offering this option it will make it so that all South Dakota pork producers can participate.

Be patient with us as this will be a bigger project than most of our past zoom meetings have been. We want to encourage you to at least get on and watch the seminars, which will be both offered in person and through a video

option. We encourage everyone to view the seminars, we have some great topics on the agenda!

The trade show will still go on. We recommend that everyone visit our website to pre-register to try to relieve the bottleneck at the entrance. It will also make it go quicker if all you must tell them your name and they can hand you your name card. Masks will be available at the door and are highly encouraged. We will practice social distancing as much as possible.

This will be my last presidents' column and it has been an eventful year! Even though we could not have many events, it would take too long to recap the year, so I will not. If you are like me, I would prefer not to be reminded of some of the happenings from 2020!

I cannot speak highly enough of the staff; they are great to work with and when 2020 threw a monkey wrench into everything they adapted and rose to the

occasion. I am proud to have worked with them through this trying year.

We also have a great Executive Board in South Dakota. It has been an honor to have been president this past year for the South Dakota Pork Producers Council. Shane Odegaard, I am passing the torch to you and I know you will do a great job representing South Dakota Pork Producers Council. I could not have worked with a better group of people.

Thank you and may we all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Craig Andersen, President
South Dakota Pork Producers Council*



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52nd Annual Pork Congress Schedule
January 13 & 14, 2021
Sioux Falls Ramkota Hotel & Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

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

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Trade Show Exhibitor Set Up 7:00 – 10:00 AM

Checkoff Annual Meeting 9:00 AM
Amphitheatre I
Guest Speaker: Bryan Humphreys; NPB VP of Producer,
State and Industry Relations

2022 Pork Act Delegate Election 10:00 AM
Amphitheatre I

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

TQA Certification 10:30 AM
Amphitheatre II
Heidi Carrol, SDSU Extension Livestock Stewardship
Field Specialist, and Ryan Samuel, SDSU Extension
Swine Specialist

Carved Ham Lunch 11:00 AM
Rushmore Room
- Sponsored by Lynch Livestock

U.S. Pork Industry Economic Update 1:00 PM
Amphitheatre II
By Steve Meyer

PQA Plus® Certification 3:00 PM
Amphitheatre II
by Dr. Bob Thaler & Ryan Samuel; SDSU Extension
Swine Specialist & Professor

Trade Show Closes 5:00 PM

Master Pork Producers Recognition Banquet
Washington Room
Social Hour-Cash Bar-Popcorn 5:00 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM

Tickets can be purchased in advance from Ashley Gelderman at AGelderman@standardnutrition.com or 605.335.9693. On the day of the event tickets can be purchased at the SDPPC Help Desk

"Sold! What's Next?"

Live Auction, GAMES & Cash Bar
Following the banquet

Thursday, January 14, 2021

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

What did we learn from COVID-19 if ASF would break?

Amphitheatre II 10:00 AM
State Veterinarian Dr. Dustin Oedekoven,
Dr. Bob Thaler, SDSU Extension Swine Specialist,
and Scott Dee DVM, Pipestone Veterinary Services

Pork Brat Lunch 11:00 AM
Rushmore Room
- Prepared by Lynch Livestock

Non-Checkoff Annual Meeting of Members (SIP Investors) 1:30 PM
Amphitheatre I
Guest Speaker Craig Boelling, NPPC VP of Resource Development

Trade Show Closes 3:00 PM

SIP Membership Reception & Pork PAC Silent Auction 4:30 – 6:30 PM
Roosevelt/Lincoln/Jefferson Room
Everyone Welcome! Anyone interested in the SD Swine Industry, including allied industry representatives, producers and others interested in SIP participation are welcome. Ribs sponsored by Premium Iowa Pork, Rack of pork and beverages sponsored by National Pork Producers Council. Pork prepared by Lynch Livestock.

SDPPC Executive Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Crystal Room

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By South Dakota Pork Producers Council and the National Pork Board

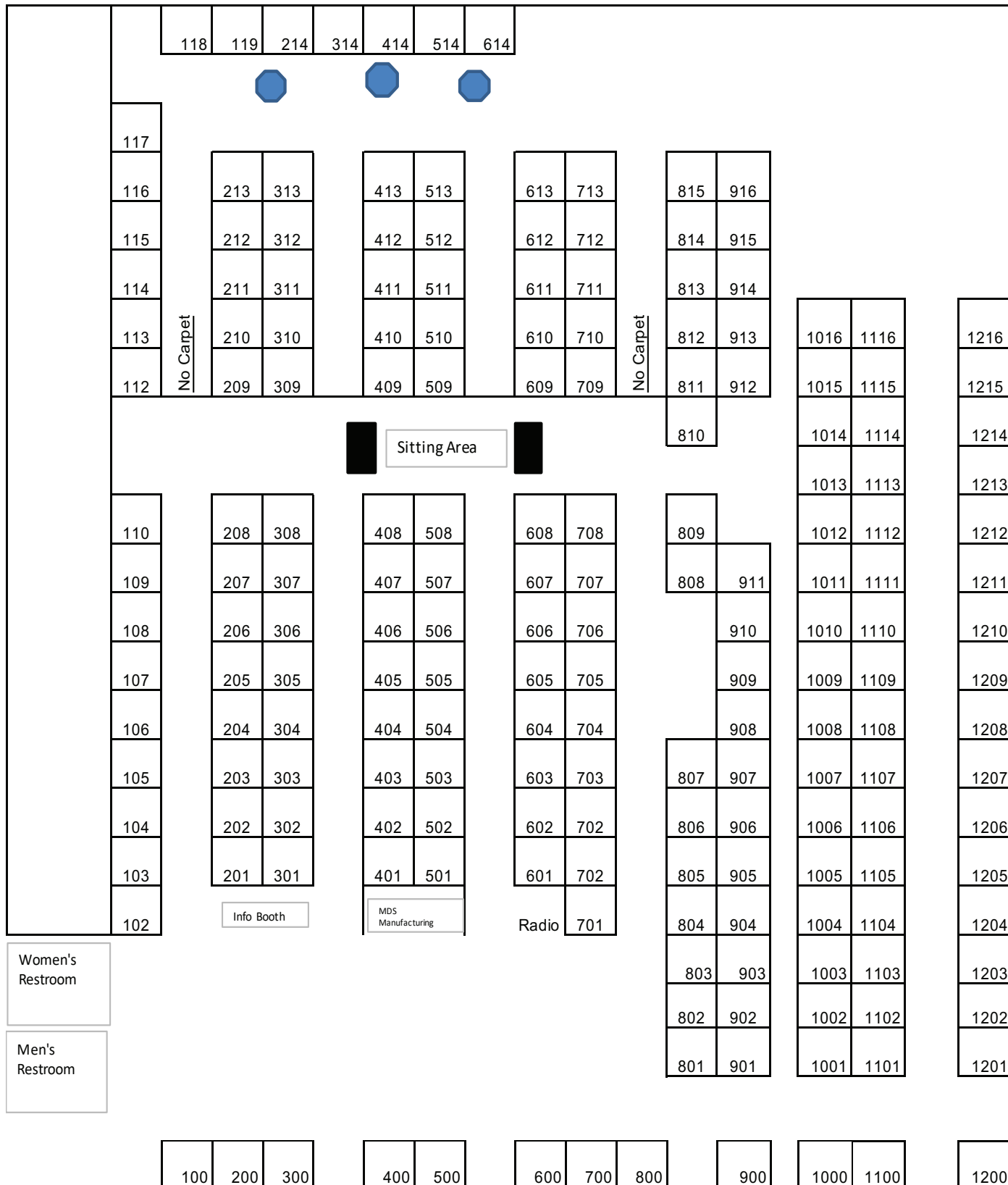
- The election of pork producer delegate candidates for the 2022 National Pork Producers (Pork Act) Delegate Body will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Members of the South Dakota Pork Producers Council at the Ramkota Hotel Amphitheatre 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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2021 SD Pork Congress Exhibitors in Alphabetical Order

Company Name	Booth #	Company Name	Booth #	Company Name	Booth #
A.J. O'Mara Group LLC	207	Form-A-Feed.	201	PigChamp Inc	607
A.R. LLC/Rotecna	114 115 116	Gene Pro	1113	PigEasy, LLC	112 113
ABC Industries Inc/Agri-Tex	612	Genesus Genetics	600 700	Pit Charger	803
ADA Enterprises, Inc	1214	Green Energy Products	602	POETNutrition	704
Advanced Ag Products	202 203	Green Gable Contracting	913	Pork Storks	503
Advanced Composting Tech.	1107	Hamlet Protein	403	Prairie Livestock Supply	609 709
Ag Plus Farm & Ranch	916	Hanson Silo Company	412 413	Prairie Systems	406
Ag Plus Farm & Ranch	1111	Heartland Builders Co	1102	Professional Ag Marketing	912
Ag Property Solutions	1001 1101	Hofland Enterprises, Inc	1103	ProfitProAg	409
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Alkota Cleaning Systems Inc	301	Huvepharma	205	Purina Animal Nutrition	808 809
All Pit Lagoon Pond Treatment	814	Hypor	305	PWA Technologies	1012 1013
Allied Powers LLC	1108	Innovative Heating Tech	900	QC Supply	1010 1011
Alltech	208 308	IntelliFarms Northern		Ralco	306 307
Alpha Electric, LLC	1006	Division	1004 1005	Reaves Building	105
Altenbnurg Construction Inc.	506	J & L Wire	512	Red Rock Holdings, Inc	901
Anez Consulting Inc.	1213	Jimdi	311	Riverside Industries	806
AP	801 802	JR Feeds	510	Rush River Steel	914
Automated Waste Systems	815	Jumpstart Environmental Tech	705	Scherer Inc.	902
Axiom-Bobcock Genetics Inc.	601	L.B. White Company	1009	Schick Enterprises	1215 1216
Barn Vista	1212	Lange Ag Systems	507	SD Industries	212, 213, 312, 313
Bazooka Farmstar	905 906	Lone Star Enterprises	309	SD Soybean Association & SD Soybean	
Biomin America, Inc.	411	Lynch Livestock, Inc	606	Research & Promotion Council	1105
Bioverse Inc	102	Master Blaster	204	Sharp Industries	200 300
Boehringer Ingelheim Animal		Maximum Ag Technologies	907	Sioux Nation Ag Center	711
Health USA, LLC	703	MB Swine Reproduction	1100	Slat Pros Inc.	1115 1116
Cambridge Technologies	407	McFleeg, Inc.	100	Solid Rock Precast	513
Central Confinement		MDS Mfg. Co., Inc.	Front Booths	Soppe Systems, Inc.	109
Service LLC	608	Merck Animal Health	800	Sowjoy	903
Central Life Sciences	206	Midwest Dry Cast	1000	Stockwell Engineers	509
Cerdos, LLC	810	Midwest Livestock Systems, LLC	805	Sudenga Industries, Inc	1002
Chore-Time	1008	Minitube USA	302	Summit Contracting Inc	707
CIH	1201	Montomco	504	Swine Robotics	1014, 1015, 1016
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Dakota Environmental Inc	1204	NPPC	501 502	Thorp Equipment Inc	1207 1208
DanBred	613 713	Nedap Inc	209 210	TOPIGS Norsvin USA	408 508
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DPI Global	804	Northland Heaters	1104	VP Livestock Equipment	706
Easy Automation Inc	708	Nu-Era Heaters	405	Walinga USA Inc	1110
EIP Manufacturing	1205 1206	Nutrient Advisors	1209	Waste Spectrum Incineration	
Envirotech Ag Systems		NutriQuest	310	Systems	1107
US Inc	314, 414, 514 614	Olmix	807	Wieser Concrete	712
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Farm Credit Services of America	701	PALS, Inc	304 404	XF - Nebraska	1202
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52nd Annual Pork Congress Highlights

MEALS

CARVED HAM LUNCH

Wednesday, January 13 ~ 11:00 AM
Rushmore Room

Come early to get your TQA Certification or get recertified. Then enjoy a delicious carved ham lunch sponsored by Lynch Livestock followed by Steve Meyer at 1 PM. You can then attend the PQA session to renew or get your PQA certificate.

MASTER PORK PRODUCERS BANQUET

Wednesday, January 13 ~ 5 PM Social, 6 PM Dinner
Ramkota Rushmore Room

Wrap up your day with the Master Pork Producers Banquet starting 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.

BRAT LUNCH

Thursday, January 14 ~ 11:00 AM
Rushmore Room

Come early and check out this year's trade show, featuring over 160 vendors. Also that morning, come to sit in on a discussion on what did we learn from COVID-19 if ASF would break? After that stay for a delicious brat lunch!

SIP MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

Thursday, January 14 ~ 4:30 p.m.
Roosevelt/Lincoln/Jefferson Room

Any pork producer who contributes to the Strategic Investment Program (SIP) of the Non-Checkoff funds is welcome to join NPPC staff for ribs, rack of pork, and beverages. Anyone with an interest in the swine industry including allied industry representatives, contract growers, employees, managers, partners or owners is encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the SIP program, which 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 13 ~ 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 biosecurity. After completing this training course and passing the exam you will receive a certificate card in the mail from the Pork Checkoff.

U.S. PORK INDUSTRY ECONOMIC UPDATE—Wed., Jan. 13 ~ 1:00 PM Steve Meyer

What is in store for pig farmers in 2021? Dr. Steve Meyer will address key factors directly impacting your bottom line, including grain supplies and prices, protein demand, hog price and supply projections, consumer trends and pork exports. Meyer has a history of providing producers with valuable insights on pork and hog markets that he will bring to this South Dakota Pork Congress session.

PQA PLUS® CERTIFICATION—Wed., Jan. 13 ~ 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.

WHAT DID WE LEARN FROM COVID-19 IF ASF WOULD BREAK?—

Thurs., Jan. 14 ~ 10:00 AM

Dr. Dustin Oedekoven, SD State Veterinarian, DVM, Dr. Bob Thaler SDSU Extension Swine Specialist and Scott Dee DVM MS PhD Dipl;ACVM Director of Research Pipestone Veterinary Services

Implications of COVID-19 have been the primary focus of the swine industry in 2020. However, we are well aware of the continued threat of a foreign animal disease entering the US and especially South Dakota and the immediate area. This session will focus on swine health including biosecurity, isolation and restricted movement of animals, as well as market and food chain disruption. With the expansion of African swine fever (ASF) confirmed in Germany there is increased concerns with potential US exposure to foreign disease. There will be a question and answer session to address your specific questions regarding foreign animal disease preparedness.

The South Dakota Pork Producers Council

Invites you to the SD Master Pork Producers
Recognition Banquet

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Washington Room

5 PM – Social Hour

6 PM – Delicious Pork Dinner

Award Presentations

Followed by the “Sold! What’s Next?” Live Auction

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Or the day of the event at the Pork Congress SDPPC Help Desk .

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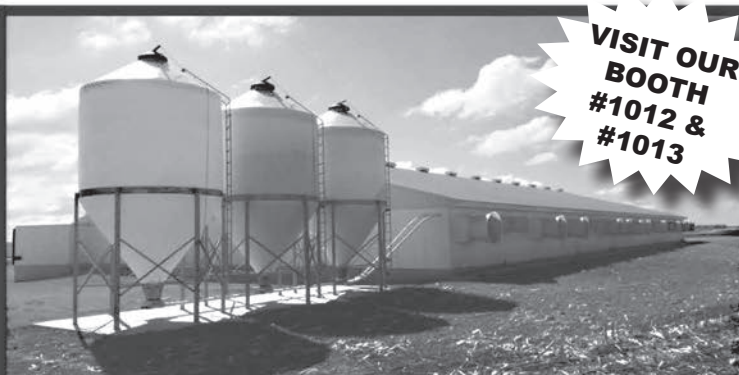
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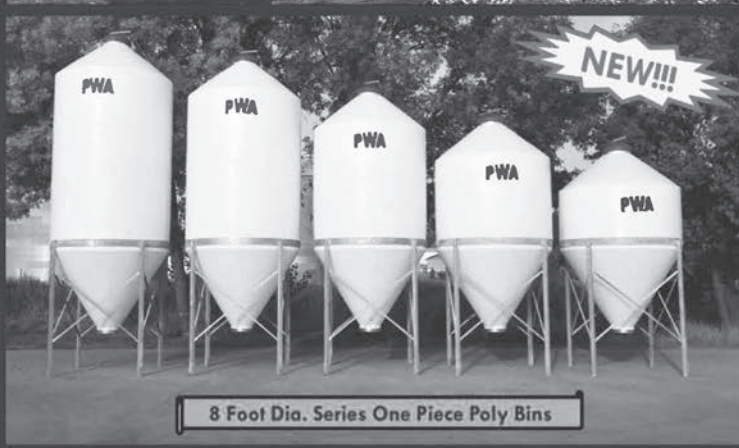
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From the Executive Director's Desk

By: Glenn Muller

I think most of us involved in the swine industry will be glad to have 2020 in the rearview mirror and move on into 2021.

I mentioned the challenges that 2020 created for pork producers and the entire food chain in the last issue of the *Porkline*. Now we can focus on 2021 and the opportunities that we may have.

The legislature recently approved an additional stimulus package that includes compensation for damages incurred by pork producers related to the COVID-19 pandemic. I encourage all producers to contact their local farm service agency office to determine exactly what you may qualify for and what documentation is necessary for filing a claim. At the time of this writing the details are limited but the intent is to make the funds available as quickly as possible.

The South Dakota Pork Producers Council intends to hold their Annual Meeting and Trade Show on January 13 and 14 at the Sioux Falls Best Western Ramkota Motel and Exhibit Hall. The full schedule for this event can be found in this issue. Featured events will be a panel discussion on Thursday at 10:00 a.m., where swine health experts will address what will transpire in the event that we should have a foreign animal disease outbreak in the United State and particularly in our area.

Steve Meyer will be providing his expertise on issues affecting the swine

market and projecting the outlook for the coming year during his presentation on Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Both of these seminars will be offered virtually as well as in-person. We will hold both our checkoff and non-checkoff meetings in Amphitheater 1 for those attending and also provide a zoom option for those who choose to participate virtually.

The Transportation Quality Assurance and Pork Quality Assurance certification classes will also be offered in conjunction with the Annual Meeting and Trade Show. The Master Pork recognition, SDPPC Awards program and the Annual Auction will be held on Wednesday evening.

The SDPPC Executive Board and Staff fully recognize that some of you may not feel comfortable to attend in person this year and we respect that. We recommend everyone in attendance to wear a mask and social distance as much as possible. We will have masks available at the registration area.

We feel that it is important to provide the opportunity for the vendors to interact with our producers and look forward to seeing those of you who are comfortable to attend during that time.

On January 12 the 2021 legislative session will convene with several new legislators being seated. We look forward to interacting with the legislators and providing them with information related to the pork industry. On January 26, Ag Unity will be hosting the Agfest

event in Pierre. This provides an excellent opportunity for producers to visit with the legislators at the event. We will keep you informed about whether this will be a face-to-face meeting this year or other arrangements will be made.

Pork Forum is scheduled for March 4 and 5 in Louisville, Kentucky. Shane Odegaard, Ryan Storm, Ferlyn Hofer, and Bill Larsen will be serving as delegates to the National Pork Board meetings. The delegates to the National Pork Producers Council meeting will be elected at our Annual Meeting and trade show. If you would be interested in being a candidate for those positions please contact the office.

We hope that the balance of the year will allow us to continue with our planned activities including summer grilling activities, the State Fair, Pork Palooza and other promotional events.

As we put 2020 in the rearview mirror and look forward to 2021 through the windshield, keep a positive attitude, stay safe and healthy in the new year. Through the epidemic we learned that consumers depend on each of you to provide a safe and secure pork supply for our food chain.



Steve Meyer

*US Pork Industry Economic Update
Wednesday, January 13, 1:00 p.m.*



Steve Meyer served as director of Economics for the National Pork Producers Council and National Pork Board from 1993-2002. In that capacity, he provided economic counsel to producers and NPPC/NPB staff and coordinated staff and consultants' activities regarding meat industry production and price forecasts and the economic impact of pork production and processing. He also administered the NPPC/NPB programs dealing with marketing and pricing systems, industry structure, coordination and competitiveness.

Since leaving the NPB staff, Meyer has served as the organizations' consulting economist. For 12 years he served as an author of The Daily Livestock Report sponsored by CME Group, an e-newsletter whose circulation grew steadily following its introduction in 2003. In addition, he writes a feature article for National Hog Farmer's Weekly Preview e-letter that focuses on economic issues in North America's swine/pork sector.

Steve and his wife, Carolyn, have three children.

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South Dakota's 96th Legislative Session convenes at noon on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, for a 37-day session. The Main Run ends on March 11. Veto Day will be March 29.

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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Lobbyist Report

Lorin Pankratz

Some good news first, with maybe more to follow. Congratulations to Kevin Scott of Valley Springs, SD, for being elected President of the American Soybean Association. Due to COVID, the election was held virtually and therefore there was no election celebration. Jerry Schmitz, Executive Director of the SD Soybean Association thought that was hardly fair, so he organized a "drive by" event at Kevin's farm! More than a dozen vehicles and twice that many folks congratulated Kevin and family. KELO TV provided great media coverage of the event.

In early December, Glenn, President Anderson, and I met with Governors Office of Economic Development (GOED) Commissioner Steve Westra and Business Development Director Joe Fiala to discuss ag and livestock development activities. Also attending were Jerry Schmitz and President Jeff Thompson from the SD Soybean Association, Kyrstil Smit and President Scott VanderWal from SD Farm Bureau and Jeromy Pankratz.

The purpose of the meeting was to address some questions and concerns about what GOED is and has been doing with respect to ag development. Commissioner Westra indicated that, up to October 2020, they have had 20 plus ag-related "wins" to include smaller meat processing facilities, livestock development and others. A "win" is when they work on and successfully conclude a project in SD. This brought in approximately \$180 million of new capital expenditures. GOED has 34 projects in the "pipeline" that are ag specific or related amounting to approximately \$1.8 billion in capital expenditures.

There was a good discussion about what GOED programs might be available for young farmers. Westra said there are several programs specific to young farmers, but are not being used and he wondered why. Those at the meeting suggested that the dollar amounts for support were so small that they really didn't come in to play when making financial decisions. So as a follow-up, a second virtual meeting was

held on December 17 to review available programs with GOED financial staff to talk about whether or not the programs are meaningful, could be combined, or could be upgraded, along with recommendations on how that might be accomplished. This discussion will continue and likely include ag loan officers. If pork producers have comments or concerns about their experiences with any of these programs, please let Glenn know so we can include that information in future discussions. For more information about GOED ag financial programs please go to: www.sdgoed.com.

The Pork Producers Political Action Committee, PorkPAC, made a total of 76 contributions to republican and democrat candidates in the 2020 General Election, with a success rate of almost 97%.

The 2021 Legislative Session will look different, literally, as there will be 30 women legislators, which is a record number. Another difference is that of the 105 legislators, only 11 are democrats, with three in the Senate and eight in the House. I personally think that is too big a disparity, but the voters decide who serves.

Agriculture continues to have good support from leadership in the Legislature, with Senator Gary Cammack, Union Center, serving as Senate Majority Leader and Representative Kent Peterson, Salem, serving as House Majority Leader. Both are actively engaged in day-to-day ag operations. Rep. Marty Overweg, New Holland, will be House Ag Chair and Sen. V.J. Smith, Brookings, will be Senate Ag Chair. Senator Elect Mary Duvall will be Senate Transportation Chair.

Governor Noem gave her Budget Address to the Legislature in early December. There will be roughly \$200 million in extra revenues available for one time use, to be allocated during the 2021 Session. Governor Noem presented her proposals to use most of those monies, and the Legislature can agree, disagree or modify her suggestions. Several of her proposals directly impact

agriculture, including \$5 million for grants to small meat processors to boost capacity for South Dakota raised meat. Noem wants to use \$12 million for a new 200,000 square foot livestock complex on the State Fair grounds. The beef complex burned down in October. The new multi-purpose facility is a \$19 million project and will include to rodeo arenas. Noem has also pledged to use \$100 million for broadband projects across the state. For more details on these projects and others go to www.bfm.sd.gov.



SDSU and the SD School of Mines have partnered on a project called Dakota BioPro Innovation Institute (DBPI). The facility will be located on the SDSU campus, but share staff and researchers from both universities. During the 2020 Session, legislators provided funding for engineering and design for the facility. Additional funding will be requested during the 2021 Session to start the construction process.

The Legislative Session is scheduled to begin on January 12, 2021. Legislative leadership have been working on stringent health guidelines for legislators, staff and the public for what is presumed to be an in-person Session. At this point, the plan includes options for legislators who would chose to stay home for personal and health reasons. I would anticipate much less personal interaction at the Capitol in the months to come. There may not be as many social events or groups visiting during the Session. The possibility of even more restrictions exists on a day-to-day basis.

I wish you all a safe and happy Merry Christmas and better days in 2021!

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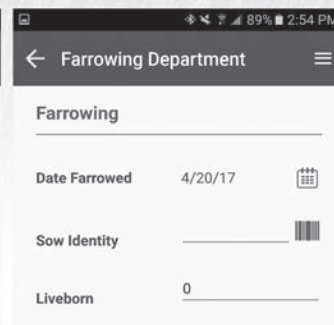
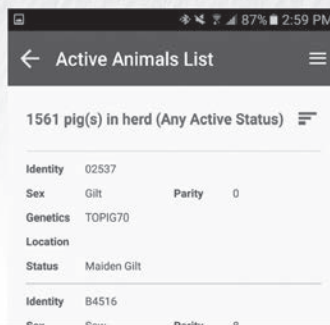
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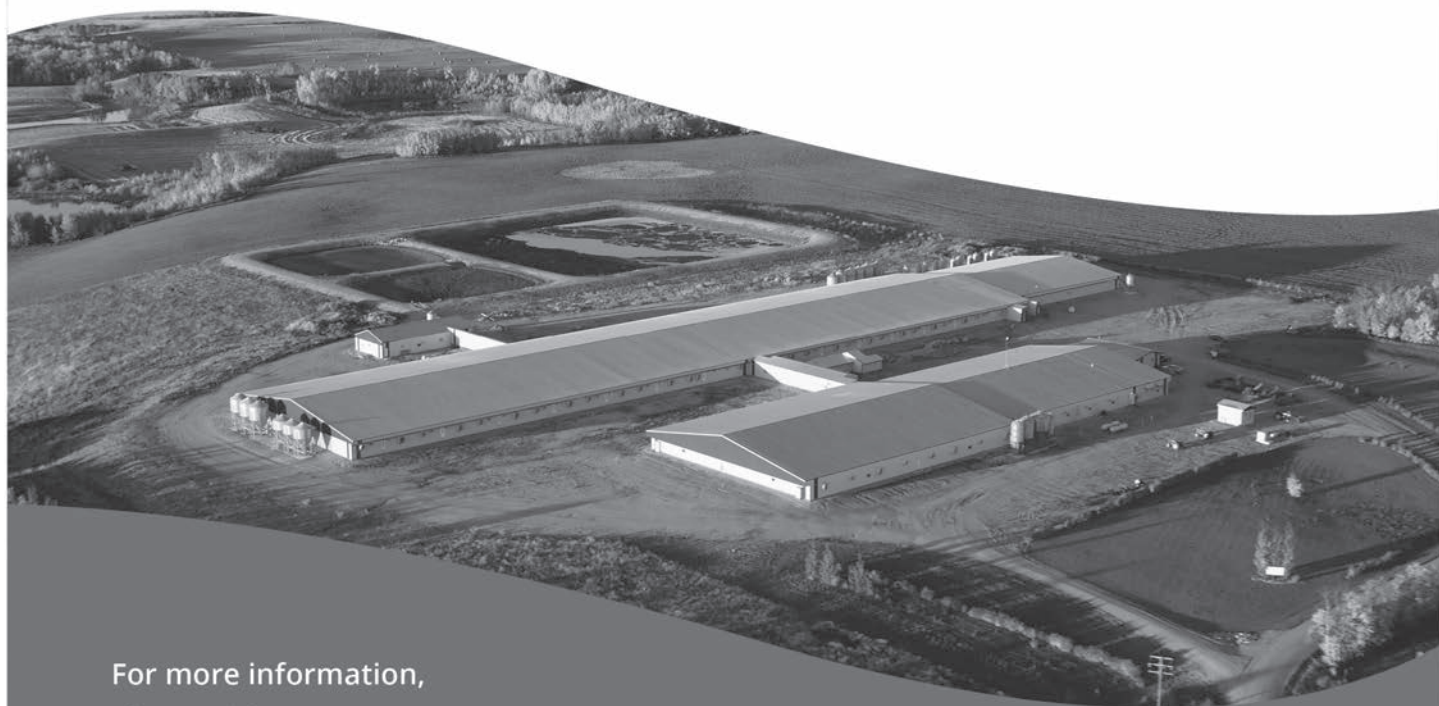


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To help reduce the magnitude of such an event, the National Pork Board through the Pork Checkoff, is committed to bringing innovative tools and initiatives to reduce the risk of FADs reaching the U.S. and reducing their impact if and when they do. In the end, it's about doing what's right for People, Pigs and the Planet while safeguarding the industry's business continuity.

Powering FAD Response, Faster

A rapid, informed response is vital for quickly containing a foreign animal disease (FAD) outbreak. While reporting protocols are in place on local and state levels, AgView is a free, opt-in technology solution that helps producers provide disease status updates and pig movement data to state health officials in real-time. When this data is shared by producers, it can be invaluable to creating a faster response to a suspected or confirmed FAD.

In the event of an African swine fever (ASF) outbreak, state veterinarians and other health officials will rely on reviewing a massive amount of important data from producers to assist in contact tracing of infected animals/herds. AgView can do this when the data's owner (the farmer) gives permission for their data to be shared with these officials. Once the data-sharing is approved, AgView can quickly share this vital information, which can include:



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Producers Pork producers integrate AgView into their farming operations, submitting data on day-to-day disease monitoring and animal movement both in-state and out-of-state. This can typically be done with easy importing of data from a producer's current software. In the event of a suspected outbreak, producers can opt to share their farm's real-time data which will help industry leaders quickly detect and contain infected herds.

State Veterinarians With its state-of-the-art features, AgView can complement any existing software systems that state veterinarians may be using. With its real-time information, state animal health officials can improve their disease response and foreign animal disease (FAD) investigations. In the event of an outbreak, AgView will allow for fast reporting of standardized, important data so

officials can quickly determine what areas and regions may be exposed, and more importantly, what areas remain free of African swine fever (ASF) or another FAD.

Animal Health Officials AgView can help state health officials contain a FAD faster and prove where a FAD is or isn't in the U.S. In the event of a FAD outbreak, the USDA and other government agencies work alongside state veterinarians and local animal officials to determine what areas and regions may be exposed, and more importantly, what areas remain free of ASF or another FAD. This will allow the industry to get back into global trade faster.

Integrating AgView into Swine Farms

We never know when an outbreak of a foreign animal disease will occur, so everyone must be prepared and plan ahead to protect their farms, the pork industry and the agricultural economy. Routine updates on swine disease trends in the producer's area can help manage diseases more effectively. To make this easier for producers and ensure data is up-to-date, AgView can integrate with many systems that producers are already using to make importing data easy. For producers that do manual record keeping, AgView also accepts imports from any excel records.

To learn more, get a demonstration, or see how to participate in the pilot process now, please visit pork.org/agview

Foreign Animal Diseases and Their Industry Impact

How damaging would it really be to the industry if we had an outbreak of African swine fever (ASF) or another foreign animal disease in the United States? According to a 2020 study completed by economists at Iowa State University, the economic impact of a hypothetical African swine fever outbreak could:

- Amount to \$8 billion in lost revenue (\$61.59 per head) if ASF is controlled and exports return within one year
- Cost the pork industry more than \$50 billion over 10 years
- Mean a difference of \$15 billion in losses for the industry in a scenario where ASF is controlled in two years, as opposed to \$50 billion in losses if controlled in 10 years
- Lead to the loss of 140,000 jobs in the U.S.
- Cause hog prices to fall by 47% in the first year of the outbreak, with prices stabilizing to 1.8% lower
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Bob Thaler Honored for Outstanding Scholarship

Dr. Bob Thaler, a professor and Extension Swine Specialist at South Dakota State University (SDSU), was recently awarded the Richard Wahlstrom Animal Science Award for Excellence in Scholarship at SDSU.

Each year the award is given to a faculty member in the Department of Animal Science to recognize outstanding scholarship in the areas of teaching, research, extension and/or outreach.

“Dr. Thaler’s efforts at promoting the national swine and agricultural industry, as well as enhancing educational opportunities for all students at SDSU, demonstrates he is well deserving of the Richard Wahlstrom Animal Science Award for Excellence in Scholarship,” said Rosie Nold, assistant head of the Department of Animal Science.

Thaler has been a faculty member at SDSU for the past 32 years. He graduated with both bachelor’s and master’s degrees from SDSU and a Ph.D. from Kansas State University. In his role as a professor, Thaler has taught a wide range of classes in animal nutrition, swine production, agriculture and global health, and current issues in animal and range sciences. Additionally, he created an online swine nutrition class as part of the Swine Science Certificate online program.

He also developed two international travel classes to China and Vietnam in which students take a semester-long course studying international agriculture in the countries and then get to go on a study abroad trip to the countries at the end of the semester.

Thaler was honored by his students by being selected as the college’s Teacher of the Year in 2000 and 2006. He has also served as an advisor for the Swine Club, Block and Bridle, and Little International.

As Extension Swine Specialist, several of Thaler’s main extension programs are the state environmental training for concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) and working with colleagues on the Pork Quality Assurance and Transport Quality Assurance programs. He has spent significant time in the last seven years helping producers

responsibly site new livestock operations, which includes providing information on odor control, manure management, economics, etc.

Thaler’s applied research program is a large part of his extension work. Despite not having a formal research appointment, in the past five years he has secured over \$450,000 in external funding as principal investigator and over \$750,000 as a collaborator. One recent critical and timely research project focused on developing strategies to handle mass burial of pig carcasses in case of a catastrophic death loss caused by a foreign animal disease.

“Dr. Thaler’s extension program has adjusted to fulfill the needs of the swine industry which has undergone considerable changes in structure over the course of his career,” Nold said.

Thaler advocated to secure 100% of the funds required to complete the state-of-the-art Swine Education and Research Facility at SDSU in 2016. The facility benefits the state and region, SDSU students and researchers, and national pork production advocacy programs. As a direct result of the new facility, the swine research team at SDSU grew from two faculty and one graduate student to six faculty and over 20 graduate students, technicians and post-docs. The facility also offers hands-on experiences in swine production to over 180 undergraduate students each year.

The creation of Operation Main Street in collaboration with the National Pork Board is another example of Thaler’s efforts at advocating for the swine



Dr. Bob Thaler with his wife, Karen, as he receives the Richard Wahlstrom Animal Science Award for Excellence in Scholarship

industry. The live virtual barn tour program utilizes the new swine unit and SDSU graduate and undergraduate students to educate the non-agricultural community on current swine production standards.

Thaler is routinely invited by national agriculture interest groups to promote U.S. agriculture in many of the major U.S. agricultural-export countries. The award is given in honor of Richard Wahlstrom, a retired faculty member of the Department of Animal Science.

“This is one of the most meaningful awards I’ve received since it is named after Dr. Rick Wahlstrom,” Thaler said. “Rick was my master’s advisor and one of the best mentors a person could have. Rick continues to be a tremendous resource and friend to me throughout all these years, both as a faculty person and human being.”

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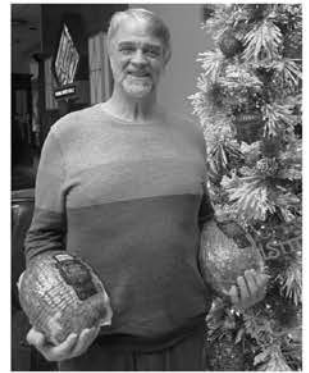
Pork Producers “Ham it Up” for the Holiday Season

During an extremely challenging year for so many, the commitment of American hog farmers to their communities and our nation’s food supply has been on clear display, never wavering.

The NPPC “Give-A-Ham” challenge is a social media campaign to engage the U.S. pork industry and the communities they support in a holiday giving program. During the holiday season, U.S. pork industry stakeholders took to social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) to pledge a pork product donation and challenge others to do the same.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. hog farmers and numerous state associations that represent them have donated to local food banks, providing 15.7 million pounds—or 222.8 million servings—of pork through October 31.

Here are some of the producers, staff, and allied industry who donated this year. You can find more pictures on the SDPPC Facebook page.



Executive Order on CAFO Stocking Limits Expires

On December 18, Governor Noem signed Executive Order 2020-34, dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. While the order continued some of the provisions of earlier orders until June 30, 2021, it specifically terminated three earlier Executive Orders. One of those was 2020-17, dealing with enforcement of overstocking pork operations.

Executive Order 2020-34 states that the statutory and regulatory requirements suspended by the earlier orders are in full force and effect as of December 18.

Section 2 of the earlier Executive Order reads:

"I temporarily suspend the authority granted to the board of county commissioners in SDCL 11-2-25 from being used to enforce violations of the overstocking of pork operations above the maximum permitted animal number due to the COVID-19 pandemic and pork market disruption caused by the closure of a regional pork processing plant."

All Executive Orders can be found online at the South Dakota Secretary of State's website: sdsos.gov.

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. Winston Churchill


NPPC Supports Vilsack Nomination to Head USDA

The National Pork Producers Council is expressing support for the return of Tom Vilsack as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. President-Elect Biden has nominated Vilsack to be the next secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, an agency he led for eight years under the Obama administration.

"We congratulate Tom Vilsack on his nomination," said NPPC President Howard "AV" Roth. "As both the former governor of Iowa, the top pork-producing state in the country, and the former USDA secretary, he understands how critical a vibrant American farm sector is to the rural and overall U.S. economy, and the importance of keeping consumers supplied with an affordable source of nutritious protein."

"We look forward to working with him on issues of importance to U.S. pork producers, including expanding exports, strengthening biosecurity at our borders to ensure African swine fever and other foreign animal diseases remain outside the country, and ensuring USDA oversight of gene-edited livestock."

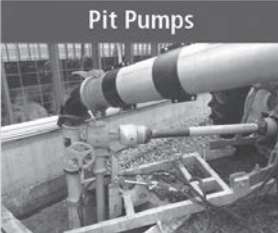

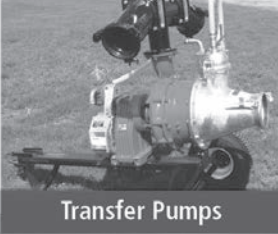

Vilsack's nomination will be considered by the U.S. Senate when the chamber convenes in January.



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Agricultural Animal Biotechnology Regulatory Framework

Transferring to USDA

In late December, USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue announced a significant step in modernizing regulations of agricultural animals modified or produced by genetic engineering.

USDA will be soliciting public input on a contemplated regulatory framework that would modernize our system into a scientifically-sound, risk-based, and predictable process that facilitates the development and use of these technologies for U.S. farmers and ranchers under USDA's authorities.

The announcement is applauded by the National Pork Producers Council. Gene editing is a promising new technology that can help farmers breed healthier, more resilient animals. NPPC was the leading advocate for USDA regulatory oversight over the last two years when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration was claiming jurisdiction.

The initiative follows President Trump's Executive Order on agricultural biotechnology that called upon federal agencies to make regulatory improvements to rectify some of the long-standing barriers to innovation for U.S. agriculture.

"Our livestock producers need all the tools in the toolbox to help protect against animal diseases and continue to meet the challenge of feeding everyone now and into the future. If we do not put these safe biotechnology advances to work here at home, our competitors in other nations will," said Secretary Perdue. "Science-based advances in biotechnology have great promise to continue to enhance rural prosperity and improve the quality of life across America's heartland and around the globe. With this effort, we are outlining a pragmatic, science-based, and risk-based approach that focuses on potential risk to animal and livestock health, the

environment, and food safety in order to provide our farmers and ranchers the tools they need to continue to feed, clothe and fuel the world."

According to NPPC President Howard Roth, the announcement "is a big step forward for America's farmers, who have weathered significant challenges over the past few years. FDA regulation of gene editing will result in an impractical, lengthy and expensive approval process. Thankfully, that is not the administration's intended plan. This announcement represents a critical milestone to ensuring American agriculture maintains its global competitive edge."

The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) already has a review process in place for gene editing in plants, which can serve as a model for livestock.

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Framework (Continued)

Whenever new technologies are introduced, consumer acceptance is critical. The U.S. pork industry is committed to transparency when using this technology in the future; there are currently no gene-edited pigs entering the food supply. The focus now is on establishing a regulatory framework that will not stifle innovation and drive use of this breakthrough technology overseas. NPPC will always support the rights of consumers and hog farmers to have choice.

USDA's rulemaking has a 60-day comment period. NPPC will be providing formal comments and will remain engaged to ensure USDA has primary oversight of gene editing in livestock.

Last year, President Trump directed federal agencies to modernize the regulatory framework for agricultural biotechnology products by establishing regulatory approaches proportionate to the product's risks, avoid unjustified distinctions across similar products, and promote future innovation and competitiveness.

USDA will publish proposed rules on animal biotechnology as a keystone

effort in fulfilling this Executive Order. The rules will transition portions of FDA's pre-existing animal biotechnology regulatory oversight to USDA. USDA will consult with FDA to ensure they benefit from FDA's expertise, while providing developers with a one-stop-shop for their products at USDA.

USDA is proposing to establish a regulatory framework that is flexible, forward-looking, risk-proportionate and science-based, to provide a predictable pathway to commercialization while keeping pace with advances in science and technology for certain farm animals (including swine) developed using genetic engineering intended for agricultural purposes.

USDA's proposed safety review would cover molecular characterization, animal health (including noninfectious, infectious, and zoonotic diseases), efficacy (for disease and pest resistance traits), environmental considerations, food safety evaluation of any expressed substance (including allergenicity and compositional analyses of key components), and food storage and processing. USDA's proposal would provide end-to-end regulatory oversight from pre-market reviews through post-market

food safety monitoring of animals. USDA will continue to coordinate closely with the FDA to fulfill oversight responsibilities and provide the appropriate regulatory environment, ensuring the safety of products derived from new technologies, while fostering innovation at the same time.

Under the proposal, USDA would promulgate regulations using the authorities granted to the Department through the Animal Health Protection Act, the Federal Meat Inspection Act, and the Poultry Products Inspection Act. Pursuant to these authorities, APHIS would conduct a safety assessment of organisms developed using genetic engineering that may increase an animal's susceptibility to pests or diseases of livestock, including zoonotic diseases, or ability to transmit the same. The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) would conduct a pre-slaughter food safety assessment to ensure that the slaughter and processing of animals developed using genetic engineering would not result in a product that is unsound, unhealthful, unwholesome, or otherwise unfit for human food.

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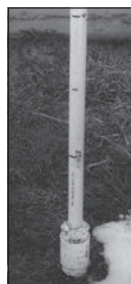
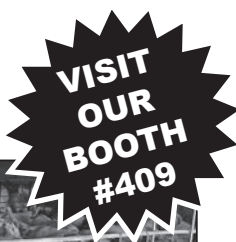


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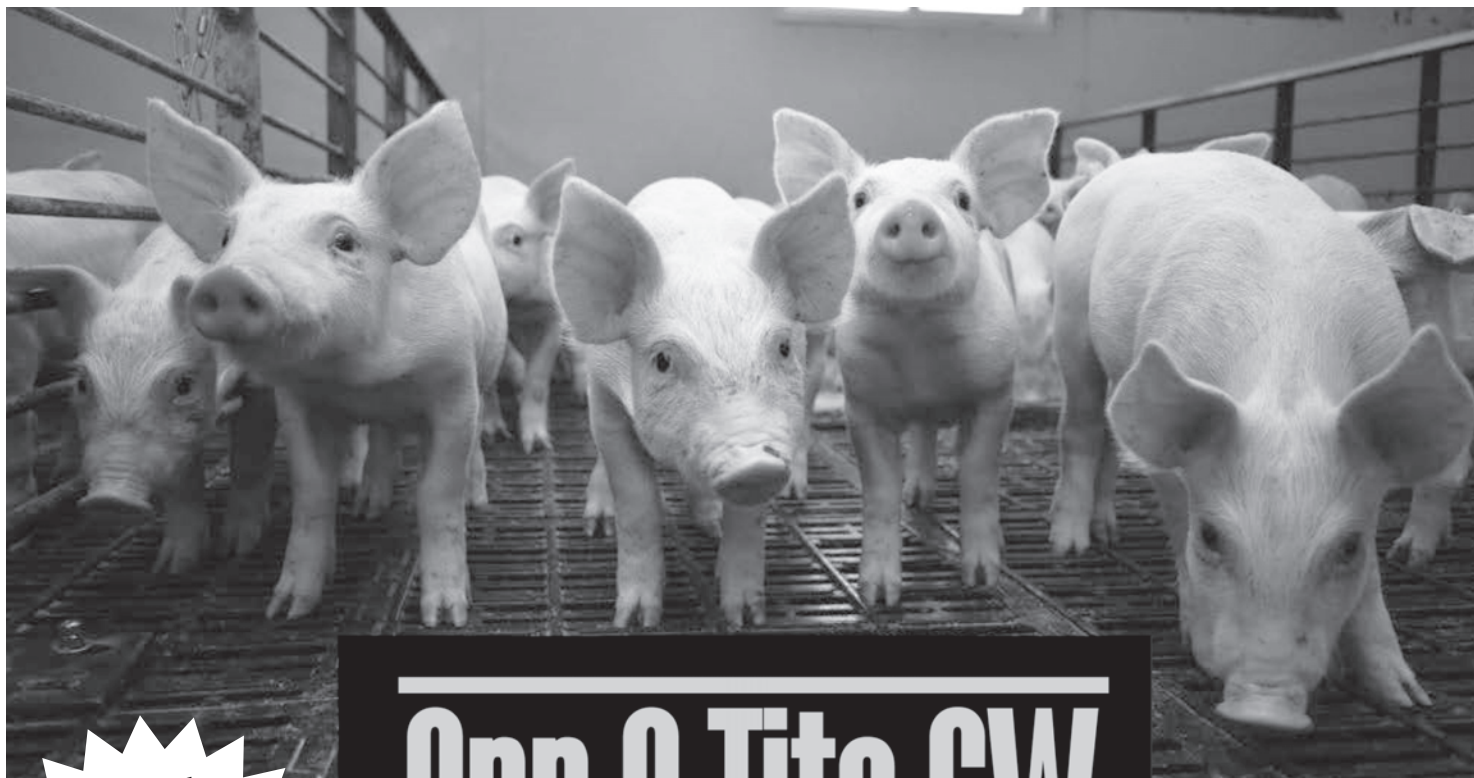
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2021-2022 Program Year

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Feb. 4	Day One Sow Care Ashley Johnson, DVM, Zoetis
March 3	Preventing COVID-19 on Swine Farms Erin Ehinger, Provimi North America
April 7	Mental Health of Barn Workers Robin Tutor Marcom, North Carolina Agromedicine Institute
May 5	Gilt Development Steve Brier, Smithfield
June 2	How to Handle Activists on Farms Jen Sorenson, Iowa Select Farms
July 7	Litter Size Adjustment Strategies Steve Horton, Thomas Livestock
Aug. 4	Sow Lifetime Productivity Findings Jennifer Patterson, University of Alberta
Sept. 1	Pig Farm Safety Practices Melissa Millerick-May/ Beth Ferry, Michigan State University
Oct. 6	Gilt Synchronization – Tools & Techniques Tim Safranski, University of Missouri
Nov. 3	Economics of Mortalities on Sow Farms Caleb Shull, The Maschhoffs
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SDPPC Thanks SD Teachers

South Dakota teachers have worked hard during the end of the last school year to make sure their students could continue learning, even during the unusual circumstances of a worldwide pandemic. They are continuing that work the first part of the current year.

To express their thanks, the SDPPC asked for nominations for deserving teachers to receive \$50 in Pork Certificates for all of their dedication and hard work. The following 100 teachers from across the state were selected to receive the Pork Certificates.

Thanks to everyone who participated!

TEACHER WINNERS

Alicia Hammond - Faulkton
Amber Hofer - Canistota
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Lynn Brown - Lake Preston

Wisdom from Winston Churchill

Kites rise highest against the wind—not with it.

I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught.

I am an optimist. It does not seem too much use being anything else.

Ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put.

Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfills the same function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things.

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Hog Wild Promotion Held in Rapid City

SDPPC teamed up with Riverfront Broadcasting, Family Fare grocery stores, Lowes, SD Lottery, and Coca Cola for the “Hog Wild” Promotion. Winner of the \$1,500 Fall prize pack is Chuck Henricks from Rapid City.



SDSU Swine Club Gives Back to the Community



The South Dakota State University Swine Club is a student-led organization dedicated to generating interest, building understanding and providing opportunities for growth in the swine industry. But these students are also finding ways to give back to the community.

This year, two service projects highlight their desire to serve others.

Usually, the club has a Halloween Bash at the Swine Unit with Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program (BCYMP). Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program builds and supports consistent and encouraging mentoring relationships that challenge the growth and expand possibilities for both Mentors and Mentees in Brookings County, SD. Due to difficulties getting together this fall, the Swine Club instead held an evening event where they made fleece tie blankets to donate to BCYMP. The organization, in turn, gave them to the six first Mentors who replied to a request to send a favorite pictures with their Mentees. The Mentors gave the blankets to their Mentees as Christmas gifts.

The Club also took part in the challenge from the NPPC to #GiveAHam during the holiday season. As part of the challenge, they donated eight hams to the local Brookings Food Pantry.

Farmland for the Next Generation

Tuesday, January 5 - Tuesday, February 23

According to the USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture, one in four producers is a beginning farmer with 10 or fewer years of experience. New producers often tend to smaller than average farms in both acres and value of production, because their challenge is often finding land in the first place, says Heather Gessner, SDSU Extension Livestock Business Management Field Specialist.

Following a widely-attended fall workshop series on these issues, Gessner is planning a second round in 2021 for individuals with some farming or ranching experience who are actively looking for land. The eight-week Farmland for the Next Generation will kick off January 5 and is supported by a grant from the USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program.

The online workshop series will encourage hands-on participation, at-home worksheets, and personal evaluation and improvements.

Dates

January 5
January 12
January 19
January 26
February 2
February 9
February 16
February 23

Topics

- introduction to land tenure,
- financial readiness,
- land tenure options,
- finding land,
- land assessment,
- leasing land,
- purchasing land, and
- estate planning

Registration

Registration is \$50 for up to two family members. Please register before January 1, 2021 in order to receive the information to join.

For more information or to register, contact Heather Gessner, SDSU Extension Livestock Business Management Field Specialist, at 605-782-3290 or email Heather.Gessner@sdstate.edu



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Four Cornerstones for Agriculture in Uncertain Times

By Bill Even, CEO, National Pork Board

The world is no longer what it was a few short weeks ago. It is unnerving to see empty grocery store shelves, shuttered schools, steep drops in the commodity and stock markets, people hoarding hand sanitizer and more – all due to coronavirus.

There are no guidebooks to tell us how to manage times like these. Yet, we can gain some perspective from history, especially when we remember the cornerstones that have helped us weather past storms: family, farming, faith and service.

Perspective and Resilience

Amidst all this turmoil, I was thinking of my grandfather, Anthony Even, who was born in 1893 in Humboldt, South Dakota. He grew up with eight brothers and sisters on a farm that had no running water, no electricity and no radio. He was 24 when the United States entered World War I, an age we would call a millennial today. Tony came of age at a time when his older brother Nick was drafted into the Army to fight the “War to End All Wars,” and millions around the world were dying from the Spanish Flu pandemic.

In 1923, Tony married his wife Edna, just as agriculture entered a long financial depression. My grandpa and grandma raised five kids, crops and livestock on our family farm. They endured bank closures during the Great Depression, devastating droughts, brutal blizzards, dust storms, grasshopper plagues, skyrocketing unemployment, family illness and ruinous low prices. Just when things improved, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, which prompted U.S. involvement in World War II and the associated rationing, supply and labor shortages, price controls and worry that comes with war.

Throughout the rest of his life, grandpa survived constant market downturns, livestock illnesses, crop failures and seeing his sons serve in the military during and after the Korean War. And yet, he endured.

Four Cornerstones

So, what helped farmers like my grandparents stick it out and succeed? It really boiled down to four simple things that were important to them then, and that I believe are important to us now.

1. FAMILY.

Anthony and Edna were passionate about caring for their family. “Family first” was their motto. That included extended family and friends they treated as family. As we are asked to make more personal sacrifices to help stop the spread of coronavirus, it is important to keep the needs of our families, employees, friends and communities top of mind. That is why people and community are the foundation of the pork industry’s We CareSM ethical principles. We consider caring for others a calling that we take seriously, now more than ever.

2. FARMING.

Grandpa loved being a farmer, despite the many challenges. Raising food to feed others was his driving force, and, as those of us in agriculture know, there is nothing quite like the feeling of fulfillment you get from feeding others. We know we work in a critical industry, but as the federal government makes it official to prevent disruptions amidst COVID-19 control efforts, we have an opportunity to demonstrate how important farmers, truckers, feed mill operators, packing plant workers and grocery store employees really are. Agriculture truly has a special responsibility, and we cannot forget it or take it for granted.

3. FAITH.

Grandpa and Grandma held their Catholic faith dear. Mass every Sunday and praying the rosary was akin to breathing. Regardless of your personal beliefs, having faith in a purpose larger than ourselves during these times is important. We must strive for a future that is not yet clear. One where we are kinder to, and more understanding of, one another. That is if we aspire to

emerge from this, as former President Abe Lincoln said, “the better angels of our nature.”

4. SERVICE.

Both of my grandparents believed in giving back.

Their sons and daughters, in addition to serving in the military, also volunteered at the fire department, at the hospital and for the VA. Now is our chance to do the same. To serve our neighbors. I am talking about doing more than clicking “like” on Facebook or putting a #buylocal on your next Instagram post. Our food banks, schools, the elderly and emergency workers need our help. Let’s figure out safe ways to do that in our communities, and as the millennials say, IRL.

Because that is the silver lining. Things are suddenly REAL. In the face of what will likely go down as one of the most significant challenges of our lifetimes, we’re finding that we crave the tried and true.

Suddenly, the trappings of celebrity seem shallow; partisan points of view leave us disappointed; talking heads on TV merely add to stress; and opponents of agriculture quickly lack followers when the grocery store shelves are empty.

Luckily, we can count on the women and men who work in American agriculture. These are real farmers, on real farms, producing real food. Like real pork. They still are, as they always have been, quietly working in the fields and factories, caring for their crops and livestock, feeding others by embodying four timeless cornerstones: Family, farming, faith and service.

Americans are resilient. Our grandparents weathered much worse, were successful and survived. We will get through this together.



PORK-INSPIRED RECIPES

Baked Pork Loin Chops with Parmesan White Beans

Ingredients:

4 pork loin chops (Bone-In, Or Boneless New York Pork Chops, about 6 Ounces Each)
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 small yellow onion (Chopped)
2 cloves garlic (Minced)
30 ounces white navy beans (Cannellini Or Great Northern Beans, Reserving Liquid From One Can)
1 lemon (Zested And Juiced, 2 Tablespoons Fresh Lemon Juice)

2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 tablespoon Herbes de Provence
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon red chile flakes
1/3 cup Parmesan cheese (Freshly Grated, Divided)
2 cups baby arugula
extra virgin olive oil (For Drizzling)
1 lemon (Cut Into Quarters, For Serving)



Directions

- Step 1: Season the pork with salt and pepper. Using a large flameproof skillet (such as cast iron), heat the pan for 5 minutes over low heat. Add oil and pan-sear pork chop on one side until browned, 3-minutes. Remove pork and set aside.
- Step 2: In the same pan, add the onion. Increase the heat to medium-high and cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent and browned around the edges, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook until lightly browned and fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in the beans with the reserved liquid, lemon zest and juice, Herbes de Provence, chili flakes, salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer and cook to slightly reduce the liquid, about 1 minute. Remove from the heat. Stir in 1/4 cup of the Parmesan cheese. Nestle the pork into the beans with the browned-side facing up, leaving the tops exposed. Sprinkle the remaining 1/3 cup Parmesan over the chops and beans.
- Step 3: Position a rack in the center of the oven. Do not preheat the broiler. Put the skillet with the pork and beans in the cold oven and then turn the broiler to high. Cook until the chops look opaque, an instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into the center of a chop reads between 145 degrees F. and 160 degrees F., and the cheese is melted and lightly browned, 10 to 13 minutes. If the beans brown before the chops are done, move the skillet to a lower rack of the oven and continue cooking. Remove from the oven and let stand for 3 minutes before serving.
- Step 4: While the pork is in the oven, dress the arugula with the olive oil, lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste.
- Step 5: Transfer each chop to a plate, topping each with a portion of beans, cheese side up. Divide dressed arugula among the plates.

Pork Pappardelle Puttanesca with Basil and Pecorino Cheese

Ingredients:

4 pounds boneless pork shoulder roast (trimmed)
2 teaspoons kosher salt (plus more to taste)
1 teaspoon black pepper
5 cloves garlic
4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil (plus more for serving, optional)
2 carrots (chopped)
2 stalks celery (chopped)
1 yellow onion (chopped)
2 tablespoons anchovies (in oil, drained and finely chopped)
2 tablespoons red chile flakes (plus more to taste)
28 ounces tomatoes (peeled whole, in juice, coarsely chopped, juice reserved)

1 sprig fresh thyme
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1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1 bay leaf
3 tablespoons capers (drained and rinsed)
9 ounces cherry tomatoes (halved)
1/2 cup kalamata olives (pitted)
17.6 ounces pappardelle
12 fresh basil leaves (large, torn into small pieces)
1/2 cup pecorino romano cheese (freshly grated, plus a chunk of Romano for serving, optional)



Directions

- Step 1: Liberally rub pork shoulder with salt and pepper. Cut 2 garlic cloves into 16 slivers. Make sixteen 1-inch incisions and insert a sliver in each. Cover and refrigerate for 6 to 12 hours.
- Step 2: In a Dutch oven or large ovenproof casserole, heat 2 tablespoons of oil over medium-high heat. Add pork and brown on all sides. Transfer pork to a platter. Pour out all but 2 tablespoons of fat and return Dutch oven to medium-high heat. Chop 2 more garlic cloves. Add carrot, celery, onion, and chopped garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 3 minutes. Stir in 1 tablespoon of anchovies and 1 1/2 teaspoons chili flakes and stir until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add tomatoes with their juices, thyme, and bay leaf to Dutch oven and bring to a boil, scraping up browned bits on the bottom with a wooden spoon. Return pork with any juices to the Dutch oven. Add enough hot water to almost cover the pork and return to a boil.
- Step 3: Tightly cover Dutch oven and bake in 375 degrees F. oven, turning pork occasionally, adding hot water as needed if liquid reduces, until pork is very tender, about 3 hours. Remove from oven and let pork cool in sauce until easy to handle, 1 to 2 hours. Discard the thyme branch and bay leaf.



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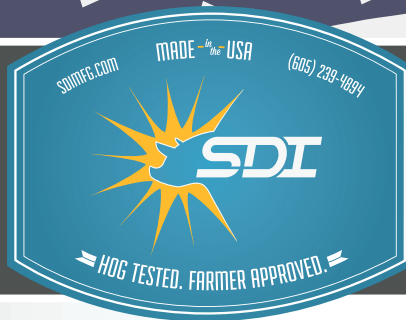
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