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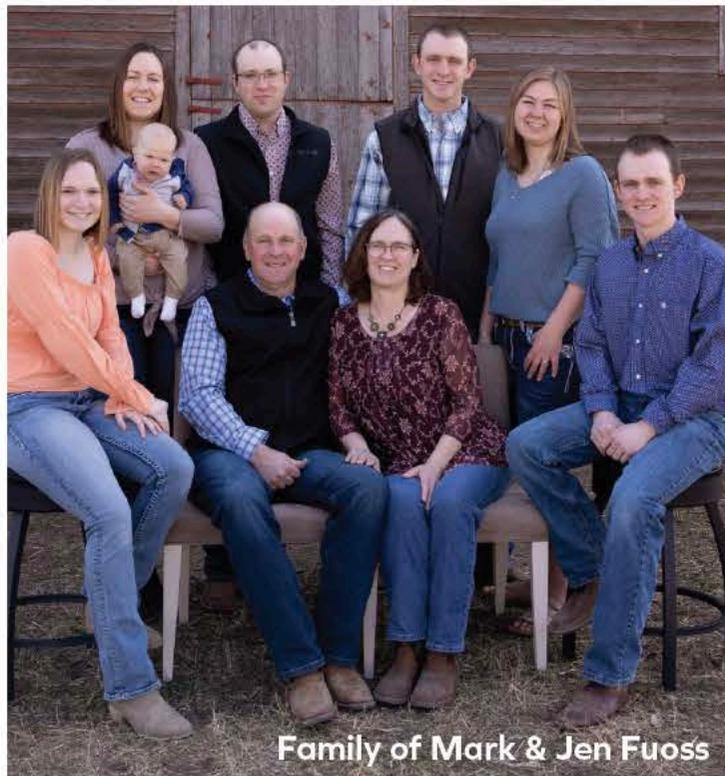
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The South Dakota Pork Producers Council is a unified and engaged advocate that promotes, with integrity, the image and growth of the South Dakota pork industry through education, research, marketing, and responsible policy.

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

April

April 9 - 10 – Spring LAC
 April 18 – SDPPC Office closed for Good Friday

May

May 26 – SDPPC Office closed for Memorial Day

June

June 4 - 5 – World Pork Expo, Des Moines, IA
 June 12 – Swine Summit @ SDSU
 June 17 - 18 – Governor’s Ag Summit, Deadwood

July

July 4 – SDPPC Office closed for Independence Day
 July 13 - 16 – National Pork Industry Conference, Wisconsin Dells
 July 28 - 30 – SDPPC Producer Educational Tour

August

August 7 – Pig Pals
 August 8 – MPPA Pork Chop Open, Hartford
 August 13 – Midwest Export Summit
 August 13 – Turner County Fair Pork Day
 August 14 – Brown County Fair Pork Day
 August 27 - September 1 – South Dakota State Fair

September

September 8 – When Pigs Fly Clay Shoot Event, Humboldt, SD

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President's Message

SDPPC President Jason Foster

Hello everyone! Can you believe we are a quarter way through the year 2025! I guess it helps when we have had a mild winter so far this year.

Before we get down to business, let me personally introduce myself. My name is Jason Foster and I am from Garden City, SD. I am a fifth generation farmer; our farming operation consist of a 200 head sow farrow to finish operation, cow/calf, and row crop operation. I help run our farm alongside my parents Rodney and Sheri Foster, and also along with my wife, Ashley. We have one son, Renner. I am looking forward on taking over this role and am very honored to be elected the President of SDPPC.

SDPPC has been very busy these past few months, In January we had our 56th Pork Congress and Trade Show, which was a huge success! We had great turnout, great seminars, great weather, and of course great company.

It is always fun to get together during Congress and see old friends that you haven't seen for a while. I want to give a big THANK YOU to the staff and the trade show committee for all the help, hard work, and dedication they put forward to make our trade show so successful! And if you have never been to our Pork Congress I invite you to attend it some year. You won't be disappointed.

A group of South Dakota hog producers traveled to Pierre in the first part of February to attend Ag Fest. We first met with SD Soybean Association and had some Legislators come in and talk to us about what was coming down the pipeline for 2025 bills. That evening, we cooked up some delicious Pork Wings for the legislators who attended Ag Fest. It was a great opportunity for us to showcase our product and get that personal connection with them. We even had the pleasure to meet the new Governor Larry Rhoden

and feed him some PORK! All in all it was a great event for ag organizations to showcase their products to our law-makers.



As we continue through 2025, it looks like it is finally going to be a profitable year for us producers. But many of us know that can change in a blink of an eye, between swine health challenges, trade wars, market volatility and other factors. Just remember, we don't choose this life because it's easy. However, faith, friends, and family make it all worth it. So we that being said, I wish you and your families a safe planting season!

Jason Foster, SDPPC President

Welcome to our new SDPPC Board Members



Martin Prouty and his wife, Krista, live outside of Bryant, SD, with their three children, Savvy, Rip and Calla. They are wean to finish growers for Smithfield foods, and have a diverse farm operation. Martin is on several local boards and enjoys learning new things, in addition to helping however he can.



Noah Thaler grew up on an acreage just south of Brookings, and graduated from SDSU with a B.S. in Agricultural Systems Technology. He has been a design drafter for Ag Property Solutions, a design build general contractor for animal and ag facilities. Noah and his wife, Erin, have two energetic daughters who keep them on their toes. When not working on home remodel projects Noah enjoys being active outdoors, playing sand volleyball, and keeping up with his daughters.

Join us July 28-30, 2025

South Dakota Pork Producer Educational Tour

We will depart from Sioux Falls on July 28th and visit the following locations

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| Des Moines, IA | National Pork Producers Council
National Pork Board |
| Ames, IA | Iowa State Meat Lab |
| Lanesboro, MN | Amish Community |
| Minneapolis, MN | Minnesota Twins vs Boston Red Sox Baseball game |
| Marshall, MN | Tour of the Ralco Ag Facility |

For questions, details, or to sign up, contact:

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From the Executive Director's Desk

By: Glenn Muller

As we look back, most of us had a very mild winter but we will need some spring moisture to start the growing season of 2025.

We started off the year with an outstanding Annual Meeting and Trade Show. Thank you to all of you who attended the event and to the vendors for filling each of the booths on the Trade Show floor.

The 2025 South Dakota legislative session addressed several bills that will impact the pork industry in our state. There were multiple bills regarding the production and sale of cell cultured proteins. House Bill 1022 addresses the labeling requirements for cell cultured proteins to make the consumer aware that the product is not animal produced meat. House Bill 1118 prohibits the use of state money for research, production, promotion, sale, or distribution of cell cultured protein. Both bills have been signed by Governor Rhoden. A third bill, House Bill 1109, to prohibit the manufacture, sale, or distribution of cell cultured protein in the state, was defeated by the Senate.

SDPPC supported House Bill 1021 introduced by the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. This bill increases the annual water quality inspection fee for concentrated animal feeding operations. The fee increase is necessary to cover the increased costs of conducting the inspections and the fees have not been changed since 1997. Without the increase there is a risk of terminating the state inspection services, making all CAFO's subject to the federal inspection program. The SDPPC board feels that it is in the best interest of the pork industry and the public to maintain control at the state level for water quality by securing adequate funding for DANR to maintain and improve the current permitting process.

As we look forward to summer, SDPPC has several events planned. We have an educational tour scheduled for July 28-30. This event will include a visit to both the National Pork Board and the National Pork Producers Council offices. In addition, we will have a pork cutting demonstration at

Iowa State University and attend a Minnesota Twins baseball game.

We will also be hosting our third annual Swine Summit at the Swine Education and Research facility on the SDSU campus on June 12. Any youth with an interest in the swine industry is encouraged to attend. If you are interested in either of these events, contact Tina Erickson at our office.

We will complete the summer with our food booth and informational booth at the South Dakota State Fair. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer to assist during a specific shift during the fair.

Finally, I wish each of you a Happy Easter, Enjoy the time with your family and friends with your ham or pork loin meal.



Honoring the memory of Lester Moeller

October 28, 1950 – March 10, 2025

Lester Moeller, former SDPPC board member and President in 2014-2015, was one the very first in South Dakota to build a confinement barn. His farm was in the St. Lawrence, SD area.



After retiring from farming, Lester and his wife, Rosemary, moved to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where he would occasionally still promote the pork industry to the public through the Operation Main Street program.

Memorial services will be arranged (most likely in summer) at both the farmstead near Miller and on Cape Cod. If you feel compelled to do something in Lester's memory, the family encourages you to smile at a stranger, grow something, feed someone, help someone in a way they can't do for themselves and don't expect anything in return for it, and go out and see the world.

Condolences may be sent to: Rosemary Moeller, 71 Snow Creek Dr, Hyannis, MA 02601



SDPPC President Jason Foster was invited to take part in a commodities panel during the recent Dairy Annual Meeting in Brookings. Jason spoke about consumer-facing messaging, sustainability and how commodity groups work together to advocate for all of agriculture production.

Jason is pictured here with South Dakota Soybean Executive Director Jerry Schmitz.

Meet our 2025 Pork Ambassadors

The South Dakota Pork Producers Council is proud to award Laney Andrews and Preston Mattheis with a scholarship for representing South Dakota Pork as our 2025 Ambassadors.



Laney Andrews

Laney is the daughter of Jim and Michelle Andrews of Beresford, SD. She is a senior at Beresford High School. She plans to attend SDSU for Agricultural Education and in the future Ag Policy and Law. Laney plans to teach and be an FFA advisor, and then do something political such as lobbying for different agricultural groups.

Laney applied for the ambassador program because “It offers a unique opportunity to gain knowledge on many aspects of the pork industry. It’s one step in continuously learning and being an agricultural advocate, while allowing me to share my passion with others. I hope to make a positive impact for the Council and utilize the knowledge I’ve learned in my career and on my family farm.”

Preston Mattheis

Preston Mattheis is the son of Mike and Amy Mattheis of Parkston, SD. Preston is a sophomore at SDSU, majoring in Animal Science.

Preston plans on using his degree to be involved in the nutrition and reproduction side of the livestock industry. He plans to go back to his family’s farm sometime in the future.

Preston says the Ambassador program will help him gain leadership and understanding on how to be an advocate for the pork industry, and will help him gain connections and relations to continue promoting pork, not only in the commercial industry but in the show industry as well.



Congratulations to Dan Howell!

South Dakota pork producer and SDPPC Board member Dan Howell, Volga, SD, is among seventeen individuals selected to participate in the Pork Leadership Institute (PLI) class for 2025.

The yearlong PLI program is a collaborative effort between the National Pork Producers Council and the National Pork Board. Producer candidates are identified and nominated by state pork association executives and NPPC field representatives working together

The comprehensive leadership development initiative features five intensive sessions that cover key areas of industry knowledge and advocacy. Participants gain insights into the federal legislative and regulatory processes, the critical role of international trade, the functions of national and state pork organizations, and the challenges facing today’s producers.

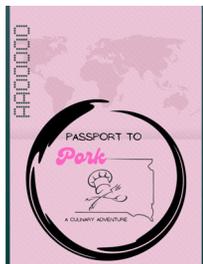
Extensive media and communication training rounds out the experience, ensuring participants are well-prepared to serve as effective grassroots advocates for the pork industry, from Main Street to the nation’s capital.

Dan farms with his dad, Kent, and his uncle Craig. Together, they grow corn and soybeans. Dan has been custom feeding 1,900 hogs since January of 2014. Dan’s wife, Ann, works for Wetland Specialist, where she does consulting. They have four children.

In Dan’s spare time, he enjoys golfing and fishing. He has been a volunteer fire fighter since 2011, and is an EMT with the Volga Fire Department.



Passport to Pork



New to the South Dakota Pork Producers Council is Passport to Pork.

By educating culinary students about pork production, proper meat handling and preparation of pork products, we are setting them up to be well rounded and knowledgeable chefs who can go into the industry and create innovative and unique dishes that utilize the products our producers are so proud of.

This two-day program will come right to your culinary classroom and the meat for the class is provided! Day One is all learning what it takes to go from farm to fork. At the end of the day, the students are introduced to the Day Two Culinary Challenge. They will be split into teams and randomly choose a country of inspiration, pork product to use, and dining setting to work off of. On Day Two, they will execute their recipes for all to try.

Culinary teachers of high school home ec/culinary classes and CTE Academies can find more information on our <https://www.sdppc.org/events/passport-to-pork> website page.

You may also contact Abbey Riemenschneider at abbeyr@sdppc.org for more information.

Glenn Muller named Sioux Falls Agribusiness Citizen of the Year



Joann and Glenn Muller with Representative Richard Vasgaard, prime sponsor of House Legislative Commemoration 8023.

SDPPC Executive Director Glenn Muller has been honored as the 2025 Agribusiness Citizen of the Year by the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, recognizing his decades of commitment to agriculture and the pork sector.

Muller grew up on a farrow-to-finish swine operation near Davis, where he and his family continue to reside today. After earning a bachelor's degree in Ag Education from SDSU, he taught voca-

tional agriculture in the West Lyon Community School District for three years before returning to the family farm. His career included teaching the veterans farm program at USD and spending three years with First American Bank in Canton. He taught adult farm management at Southeast Technical College and gained risk management experience at Smithfield Foods. Glenn served as SDPPC president in 1991-1992 and became Executive Director in August 2010.

Sioux Falls Agribusiness Citizen of the Year Glenn Muller

Career: Executive Director, South Dakota Pork Producers Council

Family: Wife: Joan; Children: Sarah Voegele (Shannon), Scott Muller (Amie Larsen), Shelley Altena (Cory), Steven Muller (Amy). Grandchildren: Cash and Sage Voegele, Kinsley and Keilahnnny Altena and Shaden and Shally Muller.

Activities: Serves as an elder of Chancellor Reformed Church; stays active with 4-H and FFA through children and grandchildren.

The Pork office has been housed in Sioux Falls for more than 30 years. Muller feels it is important to be in the state's largest city because Sioux Falls has the largest consumer base and the only commercial pork harvesting facility in the state.

Glenn was also honored during the 2025 Legislative Session with House Commemoration 8023.

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SDARL International Tour to Argentina

Our very own Tina Erickson, a member of the South Dakota Agricultural and Rural Leadership program (SDARL) class XII, recently returned from the class's international trip to Argentina. Tina captured a few of her favorite ag-related tours they went on.

Tina writes:

We toured the Association of Cooperatives Argentina (ACA) grain shipping facility in Jesus Maria. This is a port facility for ACA and they can load three cargo ships a month; each ship can hold up to 60,000 metric tons.

Our host from ACA and took us on a tour from the trucks' arrival to the loading of barges. When a truck enters

the facility, their grain is graded, weighed, and unloaded within a half-hour of arrival. Due to Argentina's infrastructure issues, most grain is delivered to the facility 1,100 bushels at a time by a variety of trucks.

We were welcomed at the American Embassy in Buenos Aires by South Dakota native Chase McGrath. Chase is the USDA Foreign Ag Service agricultural attaché for the United States in Argentina.

Chase introduced us to Acting Ambassador Abigail Dressel, who discussed the mission of the Embassy. Abby explained that it is their job to make the U.S. relationship with Argentina stronger, more secure, and

more prosperous. The Embassy is also responsible for protecting American visitors and the 40,000 Americans living in Argentina.

Chase discussed the issues and opportunities he faces as ag attaché. One of the biggest responsibilities is to track what is happening with current crops, as this directly affects U.S. markets. Chase discussed how Argentine and U.S. policy often closely align because of the similarities between both countries, which makes Argentina a valuable partner when dealing with European Union regulations.

Lastly, Chase told us the top exports from the United States to Argentina are essential oils which are used to flavor foods; distilled spirits; and seed stock.

Abby and Chase wrapped up our discussion by saying working with Argentina is not a zero sum game; "Our win is not their loss." The two countries have different enough markets that a benefit to Argentina will also benefit the United States

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Class XII at the American Embassy in Buenos Aires



Tina at the port facility

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Meet SDSU's New Swine Extension Staff

Dr. Rafe Royall, Assistant Professor & Extension Swine Specialist

Dr. Rafe Royall grew up in Garden City, Texas, where showing and judging livestock through 4-H led him to love the swine industry. While earning a B.S. in Animal Science from Texas Tech University, Rafe competed on multiple nationally competitive judging teams. During this time, he interned with the Improving Pig Survivability project which inspired his passion for swine nutrition research and led him to Kansas State University.

At KSU, Rafe completed his M.S. and Ph.D. as a member of the applied swine nutrition team. His Master's research focused on determining Lysine requirements for DNA full-program pigs and developing prediction equations to optimize growth and profitability. During his Ph.D. Rafe analyzed the effectiveness of novel carbohydrate blends as replacements for lactose on growth performance and feed preference in nursery pigs. He also worked to determine Threonine to Lysine requirements for PIC and DNA-genetic based growing-finishing pigs. With JBS Live Pork, Rafe studied the effects of feed-pan design on lactating sow and litter performance. Moreover, he studied the effect of reducing dietary net energy on finishing performance and used this data to compare the accuracy of various net energy systems.

"Pork Producers in South Dakota are passionate people, who love what they do," he noted. "It is extremely exciting to work with people who are driven to be the best! Couple this with the immense support they show for the program at SDSU and I am confident that it will be a winning combination!"

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Kaylyn Rudy, Swine Extension Field Specialist



Hello everyone, my name is Kaylyn Rudy, and I am SDSU's new swine field extension agent. My husband and I come from Indiana, but I grew up on a small farm in Illinois, raising Dexter cattle, showing horses, and helping my dad in his vet clinic. I received my bachelors in Ag science with an animal science emphasis from Western Illinois University. After working in industry for a while, I pursued my master's degree from Purdue University studying swine reproductive physiology. During this time, I studied changes in the swine placenta through mid-to-late gestation and how these changes could possibly facilitate the vertical transmission of PRRSV from the dam to the fetus. I also studied fetal development and intrauterine growth restriction (IUGR). Prior to coming to SDSU I worked for Premier BioSource, a biomedical swine facility in Indiana, as head of animal care and special projects. After Premier BioSource I worked for Indiana Packers as a swine service technician. I am so excited to be a part of the SDSU extension team and the opportunity to foster new relationships with South Dakota swine producers. In this role I will work to identify the needs of producers and become a reliable source of pertinent, research-based information, programing, and support for the swine industry. I am passionate about creating educational opportunities and encouraging the next generation of agriculturalists and I look forward to helping producers and their operations thrive!

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SDPPC Recognizes Industry Leaders



Family of the Year: Mark and Jennifer Fuoss

Mark and Jennifer Fuoss farm in Armour, SD, which is about 35 miles southwest of Mitchell. They are the proud parents of four children, Krista and her husband Justin, Daniel and his wife Catherine, Corbin and Makayla. They also have one grandson Henry and another arriving before Spring. Mark and Jen are both proud SDSU graduates as well as their children, with Makayla currently a freshman.

As the fourth generation of Fuoss's, they are proud to carry on the family legacy. They farm with Mark's parents, Ron and Barb, and now two sons, Daniel and Corbin. They have 4800 finishing spaces and raise corn, soybeans, milo and wheat in Douglas County. They also have 150 stock cows on their farm.

Throughout the years Mark and Jen have been involved with various community and state organizations including their local church, county zoning board, 4-H board, rural fire protection, district community foundation, as well as SDPPC committees and executive board. Mark currently is moving into the Vice President position on the SDPPC board. They also enjoy grilling and serving pork at community and SDPPC events. With two sons to help with the work, they now also occasionally travel to enjoy what our great country has to offer.



South Dakota Pork All-American: Jason Foster

Jason, wife Ashley, son Renner, and parents Rodney and Sherry Foster farm north of Garden City, SD. The family farm was homesteaded in 1882 which makes Jason the fifth generation farmer. Jason and Family have a diverse farming operation which includes raising corn and soybeans on 1500 acres, a 200 head sow farrow to finish operation, and 120 cow/calf pairs.

On and off the farm, Jason is committed and involved with local and state organizations, including but not limited to Clark County 4-H leaders association, the Garden City Volunteer Fire Department, and SDPPC Executive Board. Jason is truly passionate about South Dakota Pork and shows dedication by his involvement in committees and by promoting the State fair pork booth and cooking for the Watertown Winter Farm Show and local 4H events.

Jason truly believes we make a living by what we do but make a life by what we give.



Dedicated and Distinguished Leadership Award: Craig Andersen

Husband, father, son, grandfather and farmer. These are the words Craig Andersen uses to describe himself. Craig also describes himself as "someone who is willing to stand up, speak up and be a voice for the future generations of pig farmers." Craig is all of those and so much more. Words we would use to describe Craig are humble and dedicated.

Craig and his wife, Gail, live on the family farm that Craig's great-grandfather homesteaded. They have a diverse farm where they grow corn, beans, winter wheat, alfalfa and finish pigs. Craig and Gail have been married for 40 years. They have two sons, Tyler, Jacob and his wife Heather, and a daughter, Emily and her boyfriend Josh.

Craig is past President of the SDPPC Executive Board as well as a former board member for the National Pork Producers Council. We are grateful Craig remains dedicated to our industry by sitting on various committees for both SDPPC and NPPC.



Friend of the Industry: Ashley Gelderman

Ashley Gelderman is no stranger to the swine industry. She grew up on her family's sow operation near Salem, SD, and knew from an early age that being involved in the swine industry was in her future. She attended SDSU for her B.S. in Animal Science and her M.S. in Monogastric Nutrition. She worked for Pipestone Systems and SDSU Extension before finding her place at Standard Nutrition where she has worked for the past ten years as a nutritionist. Her time at SDSU Extension led her to becoming a member of the SD Master Pork Producers Association, where she has been the treasurer for the last several years. She enjoys doing the legwork for the Pork Chop Open and interviewing candidates for the SD Master Pork Producer award. Ashley served for six years on the SDPPC Executive Board as an allied industry representative and enjoyed her time on the board getting to know more producers and being a voice for the industry.

Ashley was in the 2021 class of Pork Leadership Institute (PLI), which is a joint venture between NPB and NPPC to showcase what each organization is working on and how they are helping pork producers. She will tell you that if you are able, you should apply for that class as you learn so much valuable information and get to meet so many wonderful people.

Ashley helps at swine day at the Sioux Empire Fair talking to fairgoers about swine production. She has wondered at times if she should still continue to help as that is the fair that her oldest two daughters show at and the days get busy/hectic, but when they ask mom what day are you helping at the booth as they want to help it's a special memory. Ashley has helped at the SD State Fair in the food booth and most recently at the information booth with the help of her kids who like to make sure the booth is tidy and make any pig ears for the kids walking around. Ashley and her husband Tony live north of Hartford with their four kids: Sadie (11), Seneca (9), Stella (5), and Ryn (1). The kids' activities of gymnastics, softball, and showing sheep keep them quite busy. Ashley also has a sweet spot for FFA and helps judge at local, state, and national levels in various areas.



Pork Promoter of the Year: Trent Thompson

Trent Thompson is a fourth-generation member of his family to be involved in the swine industry. He lives near Hudson, SD, and in 2017 founded Thompson Family Genetics which emphasizes marketing purebred show pig projects to 4-H and FFA members.

Prior to Thompson Family Genetics, he assisted his family on their purebred seedstock operation near Shindler, SD, called Thompson Bros. Hampshires which specialized in marketing boars until 2005. Professionally, he has also found a career in the packing industry with Smithfield foods since 2011 where he is currently an area hog buyer.

Trent is just completing his second year on the SDPPC Board where he serves on various committees and volunteers at events. One of those events that is highly important to him is the Swine Summit. Trent helped envision this opportunity in 2023 for youth and is excited to see what the future holds on this program.

Trent and his wife, Rachel, have two children, Tessa (14) & Raelyn (5). Along with SDPPC, he is involved in other organizations such as SD FFA Executive Board, SD State Fair 4-H Swine Committee, and SD Purebred Breeders. In his free time, he enjoys attending livestock shows with his family and assisting with 4-H & FFA events.



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Congratulations, Katlyn!

Katlyn McClellen, a graduate student at South Dakota State University, was recently named as one of two nationwide winners of the 2025 Neil Dierks Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship, founded in 2021 and sponsored by the National Pork Industry Foundation (NPIF), awards recognizes exceptional graduate students in a swine program.

McClellen is working on a PhD in Swine nutrition at SDSU.

Dierks served as NPPC's CEO for 20 years. Retiring in December 2021 after 31 years with NPPC, Dierks made countless lasting contributions to the U.S. pork industry and established NPPC as a top-tier advocacy organization and the global voice of the U.S. pork industry. He was inducted into the NPPC Pork Industry Hall of Fame in 2022.



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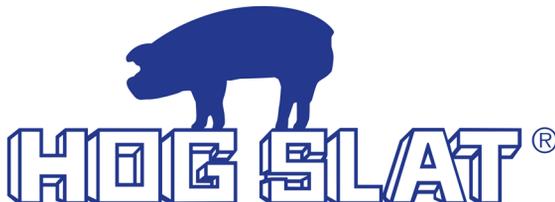
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During Pork Forum 2025, SDPPC immediate Past President, Adam Krause, was re-elected to NPPC's Nominating Committee.

Adam is involved in K&K Farms Inc. near Clear Lake, SD, and has hands-on experience in both livestock and crop production. He is an active leader in the South Dakota Pork Producers Council, and continues to contribute through community initiatives.

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Ag Groups Ask for Swift Approval of Luke Lindberg

The National Pork Producers Council joined 121 other ag businesses and organizations in urging the US Senate Ag Committee and the full Senate to quickly approve Luke Lindberg as the USDA's Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

Lindberg is president and CEO of South Dakota Trade, collaborating with local and regional agriculture groups to help the state's producers and agricultural partners navigate the global trade landscape. He also serves on the board of directors of the National Association of District Export Councils and as an adviser with the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition.

Prior to those roles, he was chief of staff and chief strategy officer at the U.S. Export-Import Bank, where he managed day-to-day operations and advanced strategic trade initiatives.

"Given the many challenges facing America's farmers and rural communities, it is critical that Congress act on Mr. Lindberg's nomination in a timely manner," wrote the agriculture groups in a letter to Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee Chairman John Boozman (R-AR) and Ranking Member Amy Klobuchar (D-MN). "U.S. agriculture needs a dedicated champion in this role to support farmers and exporters as we continue to nourish the world with the most secure, affordable and nutritious food on the globe."

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Registration is now open for the 2025 World Pork Expo, hosted by the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC). The Expo will take place June 4-5 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa, welcoming pork producers and industry professionals from across the globe.

With two full days of exhibits, education and networking, the 2025 Expo will feature the industry's top experts, innovative solutions and the latest products and services designed to help pork producers succeed.

"World Pork Expo is much more than just a trade show—it's a valuable opportunity for pork producers to come together, collaborate and celebrate the strength of the industry," said NPPC President Lori Stevermer. "This event draws producers from many parts of the world to share ideas and explore solutions that will advance their operations. NPPC remains committed to supporting the pork industry, and World Pork Expo is a key part of that effort."

What to Expect at WPX

Building on attendee feedback and the latest industry trends, the 2025 Expo will feature updates designed to make the two-day event even more valuable to those who attend:

- The World's Largest Pork-Specific Trade Show – More than 700 booths showcasing cutting-edge technology, ser-

vices and equipment across 300,000 square feet of exhibit space.

- Young Pork Advocates Issues Meet – A unique platform highlighting future industry leaders' voices and perspectives on important pork production topics.
- Industry Education – Expanded educational sessions featuring practical insights from experts designed to address the evolving challenges and opportunities facing producers.
- Networking & Hospitality – Live entertainment, industry receptions and the return of complimentary pork lunches at The Big Grill to create an environment for both business and community-building.

Save Money with Early Registration

Online registration is now available at WorldPork.org, with early-bird pricing through May 30:

Adults (12 and older): \$10

Children (6-11): \$1

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SDPPC Staff Spotlight: Abbey Riemenschneider, Director of Programs and Communications

Our SDPPC Staff spotlight this quarter is Director of Programs and Communications, Abbey Riemenschneider. Always donning a smile, Abbey is an energetic, spunky addition to our team. She has an enlightened grasp on what is needed to get information out to our consumers and young, future farmers so pork production can be maintained and stay in demand across South Dakota.

Tell us about your job. My job as the Director of Programs and Communications is to develop and manage promotions, projects, and events in alignment with the regulations of the Check-off. I also develop, oversee, and manage communications across SDPPC. I am responsible for selling advertisements for our *Porkline* publication and submit information for the *Porkline* magazine and E-newsletter to our fabulous External Communications Director. As needed, I assist my fellow co-workers with events and programs they manage.

How long have you been with SEPPC, and how did you get started here? I have been with SDPPC for just over 18 months. After graduating from Iowa State, I knew that I wanted to work within the agriculture industry to utilize my degree, but little did I know my future career would bring me close to home and working a sector where I didn't have much experience.

What is your favorite part of the job? My favorite part of the job is getting to interact with producers and consumers across the state. I have the unique opportunity to learn from our producers and then take that information directly to our consumer base and educate them about what our producers do each and every day on their farms.

Tell us about your family: I am the youngest of three girls. My oldest sister Sidney lives in Mediapolis, Iowa, with her fiancé Wyatt, their three dogs (Tear 'N, Dorthy, and Rory), and three cats (Peter, Odi, and Kathy) on his family's farm. Sidney works for the Iowa Ag Literacy Foundation as an Education Program Coordinator. Kasey, my middle sister lives outside of Kingsley, Iowa, with her boyfriend Mitchell, their two dogs (Tucker and Nash), and their cat (Miller). Kasey is Registered Nurse and works with Floyd Valley In-Home Health. Finally, my parents, Steve (a cattle dispatcher) and Tanya (Pharmacy Technician) live in my childhood home in Kingsley, Iowa, with their dog (Murphy) and cat (Millie). I would not be where I am today without the love and support that my family gives me each and every day. I am so fortunate to have such a close-knit family!

What are your hobbies: I love to travel, cook, and be with friends and family. I am never not listening to something; my current favorites are travel YouTube videos and ALWAYS country or classic rock music.

Fun facts about me: I have traveled overseas three times within nine months of each other — Paris in June 2022, Brazil and Argentina in January 2023, and the United Kingdom in March 2023. I was raised on a very small cow-calf operation, and we have a 37 year-old donkey named Bill.



SD 4-H Legislature Program

During the 2025 Legislative Session, the SDPPC lobbyist team (Lorin Pankratz and Brenda Forman) had an opportunity to sit on a panel and talk to the participants of the South Dakota 4-H Legislature Program. This state level civic and governmental education program allows participants to gain a better understanding of how our state government operates while strengthening the voices of our youth. From left: Matthew Bogue, Brett Koenecke, Lorin Pankratz, Sylvia Waltman, and Brenda Forman.



Thanks to our SDPPC Alliance Members!



Legislative Recap

Mary Duvall

The Main Run of South Dakota's 100th Legislative Session glided to a close shortly after lunch on March 13, after legislators approved a \$7.3 billion budget for the state's 2026 Fiscal Year. Veto Day was March 31.

It was a memorable session in many respects, thanks to an exceptionally large freshman class, a change in governors, relatively inexperienced leadership, and deep divisions within both the House and Senate caucuses.

Several of the key bills we worked on found their way across the finish line and have been signed by Governor Rhoden.

The Ag Facilities Protection Act, SB 14, enhances current law regarding livestock theft and criminal trespass on agricultural facilities. The bill also makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor to use deception to gain employment at or access to an agricultural facility with intent to cause physical or economic harm, or to knowingly place surveillance equipment at an agricultural facility while committing criminal trespass. The bill was amended to remove a section that codifies the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) practice of not releasing an aggregated list of CAFO locations. This information is publicly available, but not as an aggregated list.

A bill brought by DANR updates the annual CAFO fees, which haven't been changed since they were first implemented in 1997. The current fee structure covers approximately five percent of the total cost of running the program; the goal is to have fees cover

approximately a third of the cost of the program, with state general funds and federal funds making up the rest.

The legislature gave unanimous approval to a bill requiring cell-cultured protein products to be clearly labeled as "cell-cultured" or "lab-grown." The legislature also approved a bill that prohibits using state money to produce, promote, sell, or distribute cell-cultured protein. Legislators resisted a proposal to completely outlaw the manufacture, sale, or distribution of cell-cultured meat in the state. The House Ag Committee also stopped a bill that would have authorized the sale of home-processed poultry and pork by producers who verify compliance with food safety training requirements.

Starting July 1, the Animal Industry Board will expand to include a poultry producer. The board currently consists of seven members representing swine, cattle, sheep, dairy, livestock feeders, auction barns, and the veterinary industry. Another bill that would have affected the Animal Industry Board was a proposal to sweep \$2 million from the livestock disease emergency fund and give it to the State Library. The bill was tabled in the House Ag Committee at the request of the prime sponsor.

In her final budget address last December, then-Governor Noem proposed using one-time money to pay off the bonds for the Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (ADRDL), the Precision Ag Building in Brookings, and several fish hatcheries within the Department of Game, Fish & Parks. The legislature approved

the plan. Paying off the remaining \$36.6 million ADRDL debt will save almost \$12 million in interest and fees.

A bill that did not make it across the finish line would have given the board of county commissioners authority to govern the construction or operation of infrastructure within any public right-of-way for an intra-county land use. Opposition from the Association of Towns and Townships led to the bill's failure on the Senate floor.

Numerous proposals were offered to address property taxes for South Dakota homeowners. We were monitoring these closely, because the zero-sum nature of our property tax system means that many of these proposals would have shifted an increased tax burden onto owners of agricultural land. In the end, legislators approved a bill brought by Governor Rhoden to limit growth of owner-occupied assessments for the next five years. The issue is far from settled, however. The legislature will have yet another interim study on property taxes, this one with the stated goal of identifying "impactful, substantive measures to provide significant and lasting tax relief for the homeowners of this state." The committee will consist of sixteen legislators, the commissioner of the Bureau of Finance and Management, and a representative of the Governor.

Additional interim study topics will be determined by the Legislature's Executive Board.

Again, we will be monitoring the efforts of interim committees for any issues that may affect pork producers in our State.

Legislative Ag Fest 2025



SDPPC Producers who grilled and served pork wings at the Ag Fest: Shane Odegaard, Bill Larsen, Brad Hohn, Mark Fuoss, Craig Andersen, Adam Krause, Brent Greenway, Chad Stoterau, Jason Foster



Jason Foster with Governor Larry Rhoden



Glenn Muller, Rep. Jessica Baumiller, and Joan Muller

Pork-Inspired Recipes

Air Fryer Pork Chop Bites

Ingredients

1 lb pork chops, cut into bite-sized pieces 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
2 tbsp olive oil 1 tbsp light brown sugar (optional)
1 tbsp Montreal steak seasoning 2 tbsp butter, melted
1 tsp smoked paprika Fresh parsley for garnish
1/2 tsp onion powder

Directions:

Preheat your air fryer to 400°F for about five minutes. In a large bowl, toss the pork chop pieces with olive oil, Montreal steak seasoning, smoked paprika, onion powder, garlic powder, and light brown sugar.

Arrange the seasoned pork chop bites in a single layer in the air fryer basket. It's crucial not to overcrowd the basket for even cooking. You might need to cook them in batches. Air fry the pork chop bites for 10-12 minutes. Shake the basket halfway through cooking.

Once they're golden brown and crispy outside, carefully transfer the pork chop bites to a serving plate. Drizzle or toss them with the melted salted butter. Garnish with fresh chopped parsley and serve hot. These are great on their own or paired with your favorite sides or dipping sauces.



Savory Pork Loin Pasta

Ingredients

2 to 2 1/2 lbs of pork tenderloin 1 lb sliced portobello mushrooms
1/2 cup all-purpose flour 2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon garlic powder 2 tbsp. flour or cornstarch
1 tablespoon onion powder 1/2 cup marsala or white cooking wine
1 tablespoon paprika 1 cup chicken broth, low-sodium
2 tablespoons unsalted butter 1/2 cup sour cream, half & half, or
2 tablespoons olive oil cream cheese
1 large onion, chopped salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Slice the pork tenderloin into several medallions, approximately 1-inch thick. On a large plate or using a zip lock bag for easy cleanup, mix together flour, garlic powder, onion powder, paprika, salt, and pepper. Dredge each pork medallion in the seasoned flour mixture, ensuring they are thoroughly coated.

Heat a pan with light olive oil over medium-high heat. Once the oil is hot, sear the pork medallions until they are golden brown on each side. Remove the medallions from the pan and set them aside.

Reduce the heat to medium and add a mix of butter and light olive oil to the pan. Add sliced onions and mushrooms to the hot pan. Sauté them until the mushrooms have browned and the onions are caramelized, about 5-7 minutes.

Sprinkle 2 tablespoons of flour or corn starch into the pan and mix well with the vegetables. Pour in Marsala or white wine and chicken broth, making sure to scrape up all the delicious browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Stir in sour cream, or Half & Half milk or a Cream Cheese/Milk mix, to create a creamy sauce.

Return the cooked pork medallions to the pan, submerging them in the creamy mushroom sauce. Let them simmer for 1 to 2 minutes until the sauce thickens to a gravy consistency. If needed, adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper to taste.

While the medallions are simmering, cook your favorite pasta according to the package directions. Once cooked, drain and add the pasta to the pan, tossing it with the creamy mushroom sauce. Garnish the dish with fresh herbs such as chives, thyme, dill, or parsley.

Crack Bacon and Corn Salad

Ingredients

Salad

4 cups sweet corn
12 slices cooked bacon finely chopped
1/4 cup green onions chopped
1 jalapeño finely diced
1/2 cup Ranch salad dressing
1 cup cheddar cheese shredded
Juice of 1 lime
1 teaspoon garlic powder
Kosher salt to taste
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Ranch Dressing

1 1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sour cream
1/3 cup whole milk
1/4 cup buttermilk
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon fresh dill
salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Ranch dressing: In a large bowl, combine all ingredients for the dressing, stir, and set aside.

Salad: In a large bowl, combine all the salad ingredients. Add the dressing, stir until ingredients are thoroughly mixed and coated in dressing. If you have time, chill it for 30 minutes. Garnish with herbs, if desired, then serve.

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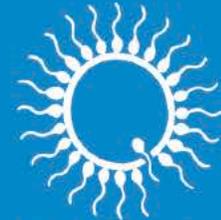


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