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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

April

April 5 – SDPPC Office closed for Easter holiday
April 11-13 – State FFA Convention
April 14-16 – Spring Legislative Action Conference (virtual)
April 16 – Retirement party for Lorin Pankratz
April 17 – Paws to Celebrate

May

May 21 – Hog Wild
May 31 – SDPPC Office closed for Memorial Day

June

June 4-5 – Pork Palooza
June 4-5 – SD BBQ Championship in Huron
June 5 – Washington Pavilion Ag Day
June 8 – Brookings Ag Day
June 9-11 – World Pork Expo, Des Moines, IA
June 14-17 – MN Young Leaders Conference
June 25 – Hog Wild

Looking Ahead:

August 18-20 – IDEAg Dakotafest, Mitchell
September 2-6 – South Dakota State Fair, Huron

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President's Message

SDPPC President Shane Odegaard

Since this is my first article for the Pork Line as President, it is truly a pleasure to represent pig farmers across South Dakota.

The 52nd Annual Pork Congress was held in early January in Sioux Falls. With all things considered with COVID-19, I would call the Pork Congress this year a success. We had a full trade show, very great speakers at our seminars, and an awesome awards banquet. The trade show and seminars were very well attended. Although, attendance was down numbers from past years due to COVID-19, it was still very much a success overall. I want to send a big thank you out to the staff and committee for organizing a spectacular event. I would also like to send out another big thank you to all our vendors, sponsors, and attendees for your support of the South Dakota Pork Producers Council. None of this could be possible without all of you.

The South Dakota Legislative Session is wrapped up. It was overall a quiet session for South Dakota pork producers. There were a few bills that we assisted with, but none were directly specific to pig farmers. Thank you to

our lobbyists Lorin and Jeromy Pankratz for representing the South Dakota Pork Producers Council extremely well. This was Lorin's last legislative session as lobbyist, as he is retiring. We wish him well in retirement. He will be greatly missed.

The 2021 Pork Forum was held March 3, 2021. Due to COVID-19, the meeting was held virtually. The South Dakota delegates gathered at the SDPPC Office in Sioux Falls to be together to have discussions on the resolutions and the candidates who were running for election. Overall, it went well, but as many of you know virtual meetings make it difficult for good discussion and debate.

We have a new event happening March 29 in Sioux Falls. It is called "Swine and Dine." This event is designed to showcase a restaurant and pork entrees. Ode to Food will be hosting the event. The chef will be featuring a four-course meal, all containing pork. During this evening event the attendees will enjoy a delicious meal with the opportunity to visit with pig farmers about their farms and how their pigs are raised.



As I write this newsletter today, we are expecting another winter storm, but winter thus far has been mild, and spring is near! The hog market is good, the weather is getting nicer, and it is time to get outdoors and enjoy some great pork on the grill. I hope everyone has a great 2021 as we get back to normal. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out of the SDPPC Office or myself.

*Shane Odegaard, President
SD Pork Producers Council*

Ag Ambassador Nominations Sought

Nomination deadline is May 1, 2021

Governor Noem is seeking nominations for the 2021 SD Governor's Ag Ambassador Award. Nominations should be for individuals or organizations who have continually worked to promote agriculture in South Dakota, while demonstrating servant leadership, hard work, honesty, humility and respect for others.

Key achievements of the Ag Ambassador:

- Provides visionary leadership to SD agricultural industry.
- Champions growth and prosperity of the state's number one industry.
- Advocates for agriculture and the responsible stewardship of livestock and land.
- Highlights the significance of SD agriculture to our global food system.
- Influences decision makers to develop and implement sound agricultural policies.

Nominations are due to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture by **May 1, 2021**. The nomination form can be submitted online at <https://sdda.sd.gov/office-of-the-secretary/ag-summit/default.aspx>

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Lobbyist Report

Lorin Pankratz

The 2021 Legislative Session was more interesting than many in the past for several reasons. One, with somewhere between \$3-4 million in “extra revenues,” special appropriation requests were increasingly creative as the days wore on. Governor Noem made some early proposals that took up about half of the extra revenues, not all of which she was able to hang on to. One example of this is her request for \$100 million for Broadband infrastructure improvements, with the money going to the Governor’s Office of Economic Development. A very worthwhile investment for all of South Dakota, and in particular our farmers and ranchers, however the legislature reduced that amount to \$75 million, as they had some ideas of their own!

It was also interesting to see what legislators would decide was worth spending some of the extra revenues on and what was not. In most Legislative Sessions, legislators fight about what to cut in the budgeting process, not where to spend, even though they remained mostly frugal.

The Governor proposed building a new beef facility on the State Fair grounds. The legislature approved spending a total of \$20 million for the new facility, with \$12 million in general funds and the other \$8 million coming from insurance proceeds and other donations.

SDSU benefitted through judicious use of extra revenues, including a new \$15 million Dairy Barn, with half coming from general funds and the other half coming from other private sources. The new Dairy Barn was not a request that came from SDSU through the Board of Regents, so it was a little more difficult to achieve, but was accomplished under the leadership of Rep. Larry Tidemann, Brookings. Additionally, there will be a new BioProducts facility to be built in the Brookings Research park. This is a cooperative effort between SDSU and the School of Mines, showing how two of our universities can work together on something this significant. The \$20

million endeavor was the number two priority for the Board of Regents.

There was also a special appropriations request for \$25 million to renovate and expand the Meat Laboratory at SDSU. This was also not on anyone’s list, but came about because of the extra revenues. In the end, this did not make it, but there was considerable discussion about the need and the request will be made again in the future as the lab does need to be upgraded.

Additionally, the Governor had proposed \$5 million in grants for small meat processing facilities. Legislators found other revenues that could be used for this program, which is now up and running. Please let the small meat processors in your area know about the program and contact the Ag Department for application information.

The legislature allocated \$6 million to go toward county and township bridge and road infrastructure improvements, over a two-year period. The first year will use funds to take inventory of structures and roads that need work and the second year will be to identify projects most in need. The money will flow through the counties to the townships and the townships will also need to make contributions to be eligible for funding.

There was a resolution brought forward to “disapprove” the merger of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The resolution was assigned to Senate Ag Committee and it did pass and was sent to the Senate floor for debate. The resolution failed on a 17/18 vote, needing a simple majority of 18 to pass. There was notice of intent to reconsider the vote, however the following day there was no motion to reconsider the vote, so the merger will stand. It is important to remember that every Governor has the authority to make changes within the Executive Branch of government. This particular change caught everyone in agriculture off guard, thereby making it harder to understand and approve. With that said, I think our producers

are obligated to let the leadership of this new Department and the Governor know when you think they are doing something you agree or disagree with. Keep them on their toes!



A proposal to create an Interstate Cooperative Meatpacking Compact made it out of the House Ag Committee, primarily because House Speaker Spencer Gosch was the Prime Sponsor. The bill failed on the floor due to the work of Dr. Odekoeven, SDPPC, and other ag groups helping legislators understand that SD would most likely lose almost \$1 million in USDA funding as well as our State Meat Inspection program.

SB 52 was brought forward by DENR and supported by SDPPC, to change the General Permit from five years to 10 years. SCR 604 was a Resolution to remove barriers to county of origin labeling. We did not engage on this as it did not make any reference to pork.

Every 10 years a census of the U.S. takes place and those new population numbers are then used to determine any changes to be made in legislative districts in each state. Sen. Mary Duvall will be the Chair for the Senate Legislative Redistricting Committee, which will meet with a similar committee from the House when the 2020 census numbers are released in late September. These Legislative Committees will host several meetings across the state to gather public input, then prepare recommendations for the legislature to consider in a Special Session sometime in November 2021.

I wish you all the best during Spring planting and beyond!

Lorin

Thank You, Lorin Pankratz



Gov. Dugaard approves funding for the Swine Research Facility (2014)



Thanks to Lorin, livestock groups in South Dakota took the lead in drafting legislation dealing with animal cruelty (2014)



Ribbon-cutting for SDPPC's new office (2017)



Lorri and two grandsons, visiting Lorin at the State Fair food booth (2018)



Lorin and his wife, Lorri, have been great promoters of pork (Strawbale Winery, 2015)



Lorin and Dave Uttecht golfing with House Republican Leadership (2014)

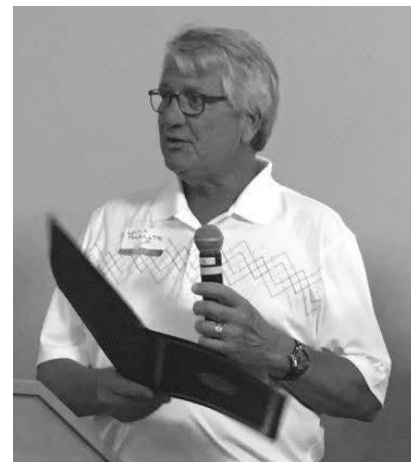
After nearly four decades of lobbying in Pierre, Lorin Pankratz is retiring. We are thankful for his tireless work representing our organization and helping promote our industry. We wish Lorin and Lorri all the best as they pursue their next adventures together. A retirement party in Lorin's honor will be held on April 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the Sioux Falls Ramkota. The public is invited.



Bill signing for HB1201 in 2015, dealing with county planning and zoning.



Gov. Dugaard approves funding for the ADRDL upgrade and expansion (2017)



SDPPC's 50th Anniversary (2017)



Honored for his service to the industry (2015)



Sturgis (2014)



Ham Giveaway (2020)



ADRDL groundbreaking ceremony (2017)

Ferlyn & Karen Hofer Family Honored as Family of the Year

The South Dakota Pork Producers Council recognized the Ferlyn and Karen Hofer Family with the 7th Annual Family of the Year Award during the Master Pork Producers Banquet on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

The award was created to honor a pork-producing family who has contributed to the long-term success of the industry through leadership and pork promotion on the local, state or /and national level.

Ferlyn Hofer grew up on the family farm east of Canistota where his parents had a farrow to feeder pig, and eventually a farrow to finish farm. After graduation from Canistota High School in 1978, he started his own 75 sow farrow to finish operation using outside finishing lots one mile north of his parents' farm. In the early 1980's, even with high interest rates, he expanded his hog operation to 150 sows, built a new farrowing, nursery, and finishing barns.

Ferlyn and Karen were married in 1987 and over the years working together grew their sow herd to approximately 350 sows. In 1991 they purchased the original family farm where Ferlyn grew up and now the gestation and farrowing is located at the home farm and the nursery and finishers are at the farm Ferlyn started. They also raise corn and soybeans where they grind their own corn in their feed mill for feed for the sows and pigs.

They were blessed with three sons who grew up working on the farm.



All three sons are married now, and are still involved with the farming operation.

Ryan not only is the family's electrician but also crop farms with his parents, and also owns Great Plains Electric. His wife, Amber, teaches 2nd grade at Terry Redlin in Sioux Falls.

Tyler and DiAnn own and operate TH Custom Mfg. together where they make freestanding panels, garbage dumpsters and roll-off containers. That business was started on the home farm and has since moved into a larger facility at Wall Lake. He is also the family's welder when things need to be repaired.

After working as a lineman in North Dakota for a few years, Nolan returned to work full time on the family farm. He not only is involved in the day-to-day operations, but also manages the

family's feed mill and crop farms. His wife, Krystal, works at the Ortman Clinic in Canistota and occasionally helps out in the gestation Barn breeding sows.

Both Ferlyn and Karen are active with SD Pork Producers Council with Ferlyn serving on the Executive Board and committees and as Past President. Karen is active on the Trade Show Committee and helps out with pork promotions. Ferlyn is currently a Supervisor for Greenland Township and past Cenex Board Member. They are members of United Church of Canistota where they have both served on Church Council.

They feel so privileged that their sons want to be involved on the farm and feel that the family bonds are strengthened when everyone has a part and works together.

Paws to Celebrate

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Paws to Celebrate, to be held April 17, 2021, is a fundraising event for the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society. Each year the event helps raise over \$60,000 to help provide care and treatment for the animals looking for forever homes in Sioux Falls and surrounding communities. The event includes a live auction, silent auction, Heads or Tails game, and miscellaneous other ways to win. In addition, a handful of the best chefs in the area (including SDPPC) provide appetizers and desserts.

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Friend of the Industry: Dr. Dustin Oedekoven

State Veterinarian Dr. Dustin Oedekoven was honored as Friend of the Industry during the Master Pork Producers Banquet in January. The award recognizes individuals or businesses for their continued support of the pork industry.

Dusty grew up on a diversified livestock and grain farm east of Sturgis, SD. His family raised cattle, pigs, sheep, rabbits, and chickens. Dusty learned swine husbandry from his mother, who managed a small farrow to finish operation, selling finished pigs weekly at Philip Livestock Auction. Active involvement in 4-H and FFA also helped to foster his interest in animal agriculture.

Dusty studied at SDSU before attending Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, logging nearly seven years of student employment in the veterinary diagnostic laboratories. While working with veterinary diagnosticians and researchers, he gained experience with PRRS virus, Porcine Circovirus, Swine Influenza



virus, and many other diseases of swine.

Dr. Oedekoven completed an equine internship in Sheridan, WY, before returning to South Dakota in 2003 to work as a staff veterinarian for the SD Animal Industry Board. In 2009 he was appointed as the Board's Executive Secretary and State Veterinarian. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Preventive Veterinary Medicine in 2015. Twice he has served in an interim capacity as the state Secretary of Agriculture. He is fortunate to work with a dedicated staff of veterinarians and other animal health and food safety professionals, as well as an extensive network of

animal health and livestock industry partners. He currently serves as President Elect and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Animal Health Association.

Among the many notable challenges of his tenure with the AIB have been the response to Winter Storm Atlas, emergence of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus, an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, the reemergence of Bovine tuberculosis, and continual planning for foreign animal disease preparedness and response. Among his greatest accomplishments has been guiding and participating in the cooperative effort of government, industry, and academia to build the expansion of the SDSU Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory.

Dusty and his wife, Jenn, live in Pierre with their five children, ages 7-18. They enjoy ministry with Community Bible Church, boating on the Missouri River and visiting family in the Black Hills.

Kingsbury County Producer Earns Pork All-American

Shane Odegaard of Lake Preston, SD was honored with the 2020 Pork All-American Award during SDPPC's Annual Pork Congress in January.

The award acknowledges pork producers or industry members who have established themselves as dedicated, involved business people and leaders in their communities.

Shane is part of Odegaard Family Farms, which includes himself, Justin & Jenna Odegaard, Randy & Glenda Odegaard, Michelle Malone, Shaun & Kristi Odegaard and his mother, Sharon Odegaard. They also have essential team member Ashley Pederson who is a key employee and part of their family farm.

Odegaard Family Farms is a diversified farm that consists of a 700-sow farrow to finish operation, 4,000 head contract nursery, cow/calf and feedlot operation. They also grow corn and soybeans.

Shane has four daughters Ashley (Ethan) Tolzin who is a nurse at Horizon Health, Danielle a Junior, Callie a 6th grader and Emsely a 4th grader at Lake Preston School.

Shane stays very active on the local level as he attends zoning hearings in support of legislation. He serves on the Lake Preston Development Board, is a past board member of Prairie Ag Partners, and past president of the SD Custom Harvesters Association. He is a member of the Lake Preston UCC/UMC church. Also, he is a part of the SD and Kingsbury Cattlemen's Association, SD Corn Growers and SD Soybean Association. He represents SDPPC on the Ag United for South Dakota board of directors. He was a member of SDRL Class VI and went through NPB's PLI program. Shane also participates with legislative events such as Ag Fest in Pierre and Washington D.C. LAC.



He and his family are active the Kingsbury County 4-H, which includes grilling of pork loins for the program fundraising.

Shane became SDPPC President in January. He serves on Executive Committee, Annual Meeting & Trade Show, Producer Education and Outreach, Budget, and Personnel Committees and chairs the Public Policy & Regulatory Committee.

Rasmussen named Pork Promoter of the Year

Turner County pork producer Robert Rasmussen was named the 2020 Pork Promoter of the Year during the Master Pork Producers Banquet in January. The award recognizes outstanding achievements in promoting pork and/or the pork industry on a local, state or regional level.

"We are proud to honor Robert with this award, he is willing to go above and beyond to help promote pork," commented SDPPC executive board member Greg Feenstra.

Rasmussen and his two brothers run a diversified farm near Hurley. They raise row crops, feeder cattle and hogs. He currently has three sow farms and a finishing site. Robert raises Berkshires and Duroc pigs and they go through the Heritage pork system.

Robert is very active in the Viborg community and Turner County area. He does a lot of grilling of pork loins, ribs, wings and pulled pork for area events. He has helped with the 4th grade program in Sioux Falls, Hot Harley Nights, Blood Drive store promotions and Taste of Elegance.

He also serves with the Turner County Pork Producers and helps with the pork food booth in Parker for the Turner County Fair. They cook up 2400 pounds of pork loin to serve fair goers. They also give away hams, pork certificates and loins at the holiday season to the area food banks.

Rasmussen is part of the Swine Breeders Association and has helped make improvements to the State Fair Swine Barn.



He currently serves on the SDPPC Executive Board, is chair of the Demand Enhancement Committee, and sits on the Budget, Production and Profitability, and Swine Health Advisory Committees. He has also served on several committees at National Pork Board.

Dedicated & Distinguished Service Award: Monte Fuhrman

SDPPC honored Monte Fuhrman with the Dedicated and Distinguished Service Award during the Master Pork Producers Banquet in January.

"The award recognizes an individual who provides outstanding and dedicated service to South Dakota's pork industry, and Monte certainly has demonstrated this type of service to our industry," said Executive Board member Greg Feenstra. "We are proud to honor him with this award."

Dr. Monte is a 1981 graduate of SDSU with a 1985 DVM from Iowa State University. Monte is thankful for his veterinary practice time and colleagues/associates at Canistota Vet Clinic, Canistota/Freeman Veterinary Hospitals, Sioux Nation Ag Center, Fermentation Experts, and Pipestone Veterinary Clinic. He is now practicing independently on a limited basis.

Monte is licensed in South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and Colorado. He has served on the SDPPC Swine Health Committee, American Association of Swine Veterinarians Nutrition Committee,



AASV Praise Breakfast Planning Committee, and is currently District 8 Representative (which includes South Dakota and Nebraska) to the AASV Board of Directors.

Monte regularly lectures to pre-veterinary science students at SDSU. He recently provided a lecture to the pathology team at the newly renovated SDSU Animal Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory.

His research has involved influenza virus in swine, turkeys and humans

with Dr. Jane Christopher Hennings, controlled fermented liquid feeding technologies with Dr. Rob Fischer, and food associated disease micro-organisms in offal bound for overseas markets with the National Pork Board and Dr. Alan Erickson at SDSU.

He has consulted in

Denmark, Sweden, Poland, Germany, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico and China.

Monte and his wife, Kim, live in Sioux Falls, SD and Spirit Lake, IA. His newly acquired "off-time" is spent visiting kids and grandkids and walking down to the lake and fishing off the dock.

Dr. Fuhrman thanks the industry for the experience of practicing swine veterinary medicine and for the lifetime friendships.

SDPPC Announce Pork Ambassadors

Abigail Blagg, Kyra Schenk and Dylan Brandt each received a \$1,000 scholarship

Three South Dakota students will spend the next year helping promote the pork industry as Youth Pork Ambassadors. Abigail Blagg of Salem, Kyra Schenk of Mission Hill, and Dylan Brandt of Clear Lake, each received a \$1,000 scholarship for being chosen.

Abigail Blagg is the daughter of Kevin and Amber Blagg. After graduating from McCook Central High School in May, she will be attending Iowa State University to pursue a degree in Animal Science. After attaining her degree, she hopes to work in production agriculture.



Throughout high school, Abigail has been involved in FFA, 4-H, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, band, and the SD Junior Simmental Association. She has held multiple leadership positions through these respective organizations, and is currently chapter parliamentarian in FFA, president of her 4-H club, fundraising chairman in National Honor Society, and the Treasurer and Queen of the SD Junior Simmental Association. At the 2020 SD

FFA convention and Expo, Abigail was awarded first place in the Swine Production Entrepreneurship SAE.

Abigail is looking forward to learning more about the pork industry and meeting new people.

Kyra Schenk is the daughter of Karl and Nancy Schenk. She is a freshman at SDSU, studying Animal Science. She plans to go to veterinary school to specialize in large animal medicine.



Kyra found a passion for animal agriculture working in her family's finishing and nursery barns. This last year she started her own cow/calf herd with an emphasis on registered Red Angus. Kyra continues to help on her family's farm assisting in a row crop and livestock operation. In school Kyra is involved in Swine Club, Block & Bridle, and Pre-Veterinary Club.

Kyra looks forward to gaining experience to further her education on advocacy for American pork.

Dylan Brandt, son of Paul and Lisa Brandt, grew up on a family farm near Clear Lake. At a young age, he was helping on the farm in the barns, sorting and loading pigs, checking cattle and doing field work. In high school, he was involved in football, basketball, track, band, National Honor Society, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was also active in his local 4-H club in Deuel County, showing pigs as well as holding several leadership positions.



Like his three older siblings, Dylan is attending SDSU. He is currently a freshman majoring in agriculture business with a minor in animal science. After graduating, he plans to return to the family farm. Dylan is looking forward to gaining experiences and networking with producers serving as a South Dakota Youth Pork Ambassador.

The Pork Ambassador Program gives students an opportunity to develop strong relationships with both pork producers and allied industry members, learn about pork production and the industry, and improve communication and leadership skills.

NPPC Elects New Officers, Craig Andersen Elected to 2nd Term

Jen Sorenson has been chosen as the 2021-2022 NPPC president. For the past decade, Sorenson has been with Iowa Select Farms, an Iowa farming business that markets more than five million hogs per year. She grew up on a livestock farm, raising pigs and row crops. In addition to serving on NPPC's board, Sorenson chairs NPPC's Labor Security Task Force. She takes over from Howard "AV" Roth, a hog farmer from Wauzeka, Wisconsin, who becomes NPPC immediate past president and chairman of the council's trade and nominating committees.

Terry Wolters of Pipestone, Minn., was elevated to president-elect. Wolters owns Stoney Creek Farms, where he has ownership in several sow farms and is a partner in Pipestone System. He is also a

member of Wholstone Farms and is active in the Pipestone County Pork Producers Association, Minnesota Pork Producers Association and the SD Pork Producers. He is chairman of NPPC's Animal Health Food Security Policy Committee and also a member of the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

Scott Hays of Monroe City, Mo., was elected to serve as NPPC vice president. He is a fifth-generation pork producer and the CEO of Two Mile Pork, LLC. He is chairman of NPPC's Competitive Markets Committee and active on the Missouri Pork Association Board and committees, Missouri Corn Growers, Farm Bureau, Missouri Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow, Monroe City FFA, and Missouri Institute of Cooperatives.

Rob Brenneman of Washington, Iowa, and Jeb Stevens of Osgood, Ind., were elected as new members of the board. They join current directors Craig Andersen of Centerville, S.D., Mark Cooper of Des Moines, Iowa, Bob Ivey of Goldsboro, N.C., Dr. Jeremy Pittman of Waverly, Va., Dr. Gordon Spronk of Pipestone, Minn., Duane Stateler of McComb, Ohio, Lori Stevermer of Easton, Minn., and Russ Vering of Howells, Neb. Cooper was re-elected to a new two-year term and Andersen and Stateler were re-elected to new three-year terms.

Elected for two-year terms to NPPC's nominating committee were Adam Dohrman of Houstonia, Mo., and Jay Moore of Jackson, Minn.

Celebrating New Pork Barn Open Houses



Mark Fuoss Open House February 3




Turkey Ridge Open House February 16



Spink Colony Open House March 5


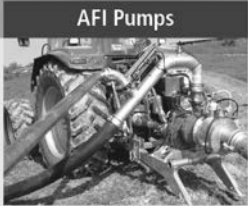




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Dr. Bob Thaler Honored as Distinguished Professor



Professor and South Dakota State University Extension Swine Specialist Dr. Bob Thaler has been chosen as Distinguished Professor at the university.

The award recognizes the most outstanding faculty members at SDSU who have achieved recognition in their disciplines as leading scholars. The award is the institution's highest level of scholarly distinction granted to a faculty member. Those who earn distinguished professor are models of professional accomplishment, who demonstrate good character, professional integrity and exemplary citizenship within the university community.

Dr. Thaler was nominated by Dr. Joseph Cassady, Head of the Department of Animal Science, and was supported by Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. The final approval was made by SDSU President Barry Dunn.

Congratulations, Dr. Thaler, on being recognized for your commitment to enhancing the quality and reputation of South Dakota State University!

Odegaard Elected SDPPC President



The South Dakota Pork Producers Council (SDPPC) elected Shane Odegaard, a pork producer from Lake Preston, SD, to serve as president.

Odegaard stated "I am honored to have been selected to be the SD Pork Producers President for 2021. Our hog industry is growing in the state which is enabling many of our young people to come back to the farm. My hope is that we grow our hog industry responsibly and with respect for our neighbors. I ask each of you to share your story with others so that we can all understand modern pork production. Our staff at the office is exceptional and if you have any questions, please call the office and they are more than willing to answer your questions."

The board also elected Adam Krause of Clear Lake, SD as first vice president; Greg Feenstra of Huron, SD as second vice president. Also, Brent Greenway of Mitchell, SD; Greg Feenstra of Huron, SD; and Ashley Gelderman of Hartford, SD were re-elected to serve a second 3-year term to serve on the South Dakota Pork Producers Council Executive Board.



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The World Pork Expo Set for June 9-11, 2021 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds



NEWS RELEASE

The 2021 World Pork Expo will take place at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa. Professionals in the pork industry can expect three days of networking, education, and innovation from June 9-11.

“We’re more than thrilled to be hosting World Pork Expo this year,” said NPPC President Jen Sorenson, communications director for Iowa Select Farms in West Des Moines, Iowa. “We look forward to connecting with our fellow producers, business partners and others who contribute to our nation’s essential pork production system.”

NPPC will continue to monitor developments in COVID-19 guidelines (local, state, federal) for the World Pork Expo to ensure the health and safety of all participants. NPPC will provide guidance to exhibitors and

attendees. “A safe event is our number one priority,” said Sorenson. “We will implement appropriate precautionary measures to ensure a great experience for all World Pork Expo participants.”

Registration information will soon be available online at worldpork.org

WORLD PORK EXPO - A WORLD-CLASS EVENT

Who attends World Pork Expo?	Thousands of U.S. and global pork producers, industry professionals and industry experts attend each year. If you’re part of the pork industry, you should be part of World Pork Expo
What is World Pork Expo?	The world’s largest pork industry-specific trade show brings together pork producers and industry professionals from around the world for three days of education, innovation and networking
When is World Pork Expo?	Wednesday, June 9—Friday, June 11, 2021
Where is World Pork Expo?	Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa
Why should I attend World Pork Expo?	There’s something for everyone—an expansive trade show, educational seminars, industry updates and networking. And, don’t forget the delicious pork served across the fairgrounds!
How can I attend World Pork Expo?	Go online to worldpork.org and register, then start planning your visit

U.S. & Canada Partner on ASF Protocol

USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) have developed a protocol to help ensure bilateral trade will continue if African swine fever (ASF) is detected in feral swine in either country, while still absent from domestic swine.

The intent of the protocol is to protect swine populations in both countries during an outbreak of ASF in feral swine, while minimizing impacts on the trade of live swine, swine products, and other swine commodities. Upon an ASF feral swine detection, all trade between both countries would initially stop. Then,

according to the protocol, trade would resume in three, progressive phases with increasingly reduced restrictions on live swine, swine germplasm, and untreated swine commodities.

“Continuing trade with Canada in the event of a feral African swine fever detection is important to our stakeholders, and this trade protocol provides the necessary guidance to minimize the impact to the swine industry,” USDA Chief Veterinarian Dr. Burke Healey said. “This collaborative effort uses a science-based approach to ensure trade between both countries resumes as quickly as possible.”

How quickly the U.S. and Canada establish initial control areas, initiate surveillance/case findings and removal in feral swine, and start surveillance in captive swine, will determine when they enter phase two of the protocol. During the third and final phase, trade restrictions are reduced to the boundaries of the established control area.


APHIS and CFIA are continuing to work with industry and other stakeholders to ensure that both countries have the processes and procedures in place to fully implement the protocol.

More information is available online at porkcheckoff.org.

Pork in the Classroom



SDPPC had the privilege of speaking to the Howard culinary class pork! The students were given four different cuts and assigned to teams to prepare delicious pork entrées.



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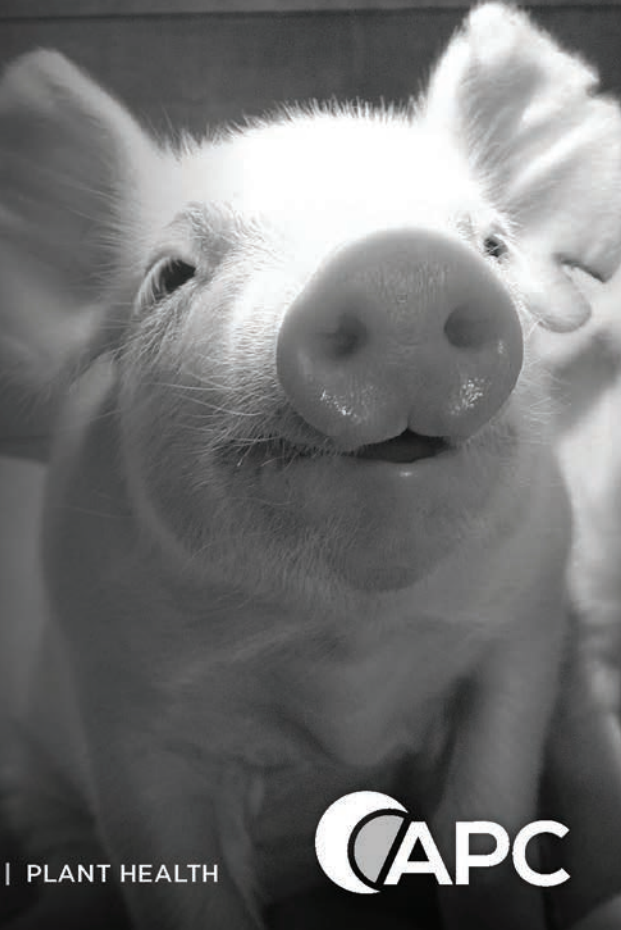
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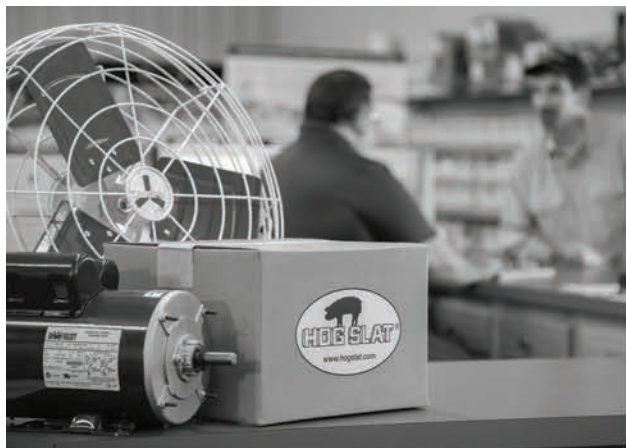
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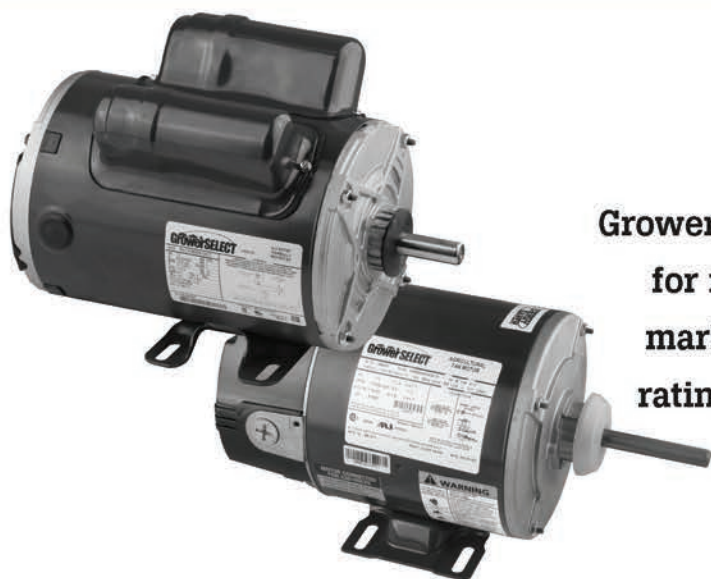
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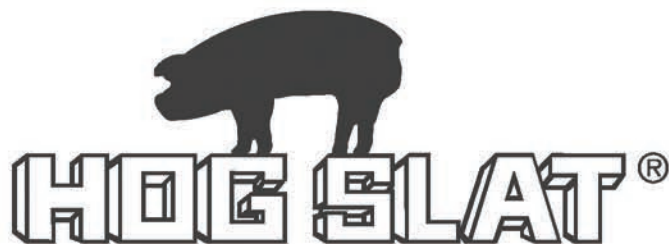
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Pork-Inspired Recipes

Italian Sausage with Pasta and Herbs

Ingredients

1 pound Italian sausage 8 ounces rotini
1 Tbsp. olive oil 1 cup ricotta cheese (part skim)
2 cups zucchini (cubed) 2 Tbsp. dried herbs (basil, sage, parsley)
1/2 red bell pepper (diced) Parmesan cheese (freshly grated)

Directions

Cut sausage diagonally into 1-inch pieces and cook sausage in a large skillet over medium heat, turning to cook and brown evenly, about 10 to 15 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 160 degrees F. Set aside. Heat olive oil in a large skillet and add zucchini and red pepper. Cook over medium heat until tender but still crisp, about 3-4 minutes.

Cook the rotini according to the directions on the package. Drain and reserve 1 cup cooking water. Add pasta to skillet and stir in ricotta. Add 1/2 cup pasta water and stir until creamy. Stir in sausage. Add more water if mixture is too dry. Sprinkle with herbs and Parmesan cheese.



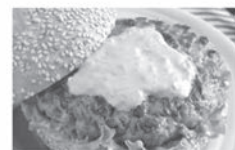
Spicy Asian Ground Pork Burgers

Ingredients

1 pound ground pork 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic chili paste
1 clove garlic (crushed) 1 tablespoon fresh mint (minced)
1 tablespoon fresh ginger root (grated) 4 sandwich buns
2 tablespoons soy sauce

Directions

Mix together all ingredients except buns; form into 4 patties. Grill over medium-hot coals 10-12 minutes, turning once, about 5-6 minutes per side, until an instant read thermometer reads 160 degrees F. Serve on buns.



Jamaican Rubbed Chops

Ingredients

4 ribeye (rib) pork chops (3/4-inch thick) 1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons brown sugar 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 clove garlic (minced) 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon black pepper (coarsely ground)

Directions

Pat pork chops dry with paper toweling; stir together remaining ingredients in small bowl and rub chops on both sides with seasoning mixture. Grill chops over medium-hot coals, turning once, about 8-9 minutes, until internal temperature on a thermometer reads 145 degrees Fahrenheit, followed by a 3-minute rest time.



Chops with Hawaiian Marinade

Ingredients

4 porterhouse (bone-in loin) pork chops (3/4-inch thick) 2 Tbsp. sesame oil (dark)
12 oz. unsweetened pineapple juice (1 1/2 cups) 2 Tbsp. light brown sugar
2 scallions (white parts sliced into thin rounds) 3/4 tsp. Black pepper, freshly ground
3 Tbsp. ginger (peeled and minced) 1/2 tsp. coarse salt
3 Tbsp. soy sauce (reduced-sodium)

Directions

Mix pineapple juice, white parts of scallions, ginger, soy sauce, sesame oil, brown sugar, pepper and salt together in large, resealable bag. Add chops, seal bag and refrigerate for 2 to 10 hours.

Prepare a medium-hot fire in grill. Brush grill grate clean and lightly oil grate. Remove chops from marinade, shaking off excess marinade. Do not pat dry. Discard remaining marinade. Grill chops directly over heat, turning once, until internal temperature on a thermometer reads 145 degrees Fahrenheit, 8 to 10 minutes, followed by a 3-minute rest time.





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