



MI PORK SAMPLER



Secure Pork Supply: Foreign Animal Disease/African Swine Fever 101 - Time to Really STOP and Think.....

Locations:

January 7, 2020

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Zeeland Farm Services
2525 84th Ave.
Zeeland, MI

January 9, 2020

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Cass County MSUE Office
120 N Broadway St. Suite 209
Cassopolis, MI

January 14, 2020

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Branch County MSUE Office
570 Marshall Rd, Suite C
Coldwater, MI

January 16, 2020

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Isabella County MSUE Office
200 N Main St. Room 340
Mt. Pleasant, MI

Designed for farmers that need to stop and think about the significance of an African Swine Fever outbreak in the United States to their farm. These educational meetings are focused on protecting the viability of Michigan's pork industry and preparing farmers to respond. Experts will discuss how pork producers can prepare for continued production if there would be an outbreak (Secure Pork Supply Planning). MDARD leadership will discuss their role in working with producers in such an event.

Presentations:

- How does a Foreign Animal Disease (FAD)/African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreak impact or change my farm?
- ASF: Is the threat over?
- How important is your veterinarian during a FAD outbreak?
- If a FAD outbreak occurs, do you have a good plan for your farm?
- How is Michigan prepared to respond? -Understanding MDARD's role and what they expect of the farmer.

Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to ensure your place at the meeting. RSVP at:

www.events.anr.msu.edu/ASF2020Roadshow/

For questions, call Michigan Pork Producers Association at 517-853-3782 or email schmitt@mipork.org



Capital Update

SENATE SUPPORTS NPPC PUSH FOR MORE AG INSPECTORS

In an important milestone in NPPC's ongoing push for congressional funding for more U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agricultural inspectors, the Senate recently passed by unanimous consent the Protecting America's Food and Agriculture Act. The vote reflects strong bipartisan support and authorizes \$222 million over three years to enable CBP to hire 240 new agriculture specialists and 200 new agriculture technicians each fiscal year until the shortage is filled. The bill also funds 20 new canine teams each year. For more than a year, NPPC has led agriculture's call for a solution to the ag inspector shortage to bolster the nation's defenses against foreign animal diseases.

EPA PUBLISHES RULE REPEALING 2015 WOTUS LAW

The Environmental Protection Agency officially published its final rule repealing the 2015 Waters of the United States (WOTUS) law. The agency announced plans to repeal WOTUS in September. The recent notice is effective in 60 days and lays the groundwork for a new final rule. The previous WOTUS rule was issued by the Obama administration in August 2015, giving EPA broad jurisdiction over U.S. waters to include other water bodies, upstream waters and intermittent and ephemeral streams that farmers use for drainage and irrigation. Most importantly, it also covered lands adjacent to waters such as farm fields. Prior to the 2015 rule, EPA's jurisdiction over waterways – based on several U.S. Supreme Court decisions – included “navigable” waters and waters with a significant hydrologic connection to navigable waters. NPPC had opposed the 2015 WOTUS rule because it was overly broad and had significant technical flaws, including the process that EPA used to develop the rule, which violated basic due process and long-standing procedural protections. On Aug. 21, 2019, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia

remanded the rule to EPA to redraft, stating that the Obama-era WOTUS rule itself violated the Clean Water Act and that the Obama administration's procedures for enacting the WOTUS rule were clearly in violation of the Administrative Procedures Act.

APPLY FOR LOIS BRITT MEMORIAL PORK INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP BY JAN. 3, 2020

NPPC is now accepting applications for the Lois Britt Memorial Pork Industry Scholarship sponsored by the CME Group and Pork Industry Foundation. The scholarship is open to undergraduate students in a two-year swine program or four-year college of agriculture. The application period for this opportunity will close Jan. 3, 2020. For more information on how to apply, visit nppc.org.

BILL INTRODUCED TO PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO LIVESTOCK HAULERS

Legislation was recently introduced that would give farmers and ranchers more flexibility when transporting live animals and perishable goods. Specifically, the Responsible & Efficient Agriculture Destination Act (H.R. 4919) would make it possible for drivers hauling live animals and perishable goods to finish their routes if they are within 150 air miles of their destination. Additionally, the bill allows this exemption to be utilized year-round rather than only during harvesting seasons. NPPC supports this common-sense legislation to provide regulatory relief to livestock haulers. Similarly, NPPC supports the Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's proposal to increase flexibility for truckers, including livestock haulers. The Hours of Service (HOS) of Drivers proposal revises rules around the amount of time truckers can drive their loads and when they are required to rest between drives.



Pork Checkoff

Pork Checkoff Video Series Provides High-Tech View of Today's Pig Farming

A new cutting-edge video series from the National Pork Board creates opportunities for farmers and others involved in pork production to share with consumers a firsthand view inside today's modern farms. The virtual reality (VR) videos enable viewers to virtually tour gestation, farrowing, nursery and finishing barns. The video series show how pig farmers and their teams use the latest technology and tools to provide a safe, secure and healthy environment for pigs following the We CareSM ethical principles.

"The new videos let viewers step into a barn, take a guided tour and look around through a virtual reality platform in much the same way as if they were actually inside a barn," said David Newman, president of the National Pork Board and a pig farmer representing Arkansas. "We think this platform will go a long way toward sharing our We CareSM story with consumers and the lengths farmers go to in order to provide a safe, sustainable and nutritious product."

Pork Checkoff leaders showcased the videos and highlighted the nutritional benefits of pork at the 2019 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE) held Oct. 26-29 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"The videos will help us share the story of today's pig farming and demonstrate that what we do – day in and day out – is based on the utmost concern for human health, nutrition and sustainability," said Adria Huseuth, RDN, LD, CPT, and manager of nutrition communication and research for the Pork Checkoff. "The videos will showcase our industry to key audiences, including health and nutrition professionals from around the world."

The videos use VR technology to offer a firsthand view inside different types of pig barns. The videos can be viewed on YouTube, Facebook or through a VR headset. "The high-tech platform is a fitting way to illustrate the cutting-edge tools and processes pig farmers use to provide a safe, secure environment for the well-being of every animal on farms across the

United States," said Newman.

The videos were filmed in partnership with the Minnesota Pork Board and Christensen Farms located in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

Prioritize Flu Vaccinations to Protect People and Pigs

As we move into fall, there are many on-farm tasks that need to be adjusted, such as ventilation and rodent control. One practice that needs to be added to the list is influenza protection, specifically to prioritize flu vaccinations for everyone working on a pig farm.

"Everyone associated with the farm should be vaccinated whether they work directly with pigs or not," said Heather Fowler, DVM, director of producer and public health for the Pork Checkoff.

Influenza is a virus, and infections can last three to seven days, although a cough can persist for more than two weeks.

"People with active infections can be contagious for several days," Fowler said. "They should not return to work for at least 24 hours after their fever breaks without using a fever-reducing medication."

Other on-farm practices should receive extra attention this time of year, including reviewing the Pork Quality Assurance[®] Plus (PQA Plus[®]) section that addresses influenza. Below are a few critical steps.

Animal caretakers should wash their hands and arms frequently with soap and water. Keep hands away from mouth, nose and eyes.

Monitor animal health daily and contact the herd veterinarian immediately if influenza is suspected. A rapid response is helpful when treating sick pigs and may also minimize losses and further spread.

Maintain proper building ventilation and barn hygiene to help reduce influenza virus transmission.

Ensure bird and rodent control programs are well established.

Do not allow anyone with flu-like symptoms to enter the facility, and ask visitors about recent contact with others who may have been ill.

Restrict eating in animal areas.

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The Michigan Pork Producers Association awards more than \$3,000 annually in scholarships to high school seniors, college freshmen, sophomores or junior students. The Pork Industry Scholarship is available to all youth interested in the pork industry or a related field. Students attending four-year colleges and technology programs are eligible to apply. The application will be based on written responses instead of interviews, as it has been in the past.

The deadline to apply for the 2020 Michigan Pork Producers Association's scholarship is February 4, 2020.

The applications are available at www.mipork.org/michigan-pork-industry-scholarship/

Please contact Emily Schmitt with questions at schmitt@mipork.org or 517-853-3782.

Now Accepting 2020 MPPA Award Nominations

Do you know someone that does an outstanding job in the pork industry? MPPA is looking for nominations for the 2020 Master Pork Producer, Distinguished Service, Contract Grower and Swine Herd Manager/Employee Awards.

The winner of each award will be recognized at the MPPA Awards Luncheon February 20 at the Lansing Center, Lansing, MI

Please email the nomination to
schmitt@mipork.org
or send or fax the information to:
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All nominations must be in by Dec. 9, 2019.