

Registration information by phone, fax or mail. **Due January 11, 2007.** Call 712-225-6196 to register or complete this form and mail or fax.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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You can participate in a Tuesday group or a Wednesday group. Please mark the box with your choice of time:

**Tues. group at noon works best**    **Wed group at noon works best**    **Tues or Wed will work for me**

The registration fee of \$20.00 per person includes all educational materials and participation in the group meetings via phone conference. Enrollment is limited to **20** operations per group.

Visual hookup is strongly recommended- the workshop will be by phone, but visual access will be available at any high speed Internet site. County Extension Offices can help you with this, mark the box below or call (712) 225-6196 if you want to find a computer to watch from a county Extension Office.

**Please help me find a computer hookup near my home**

Checks payable to **Iowa State University** and mail to:

**209 Centennial Drive, Suite A  
Cherokee, IA 51012**

or **FAX (712) 225-3173**

Questions? Contact Dave Stender at 712-225-6196 (Cell) or 712-261-0225 (Office) or e-mail [dstender@iastate.edu](mailto:dstender@iastate.edu)

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### MEETING WEB SITE:

<http://breeze.extension.iastate.edu/morepigs>

### Call in Times:

**Group One Option – Tuesday group**

**Jan. 16** – noon to 1:30 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> call in

**Jan. 30** – noon to 1:30 p.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> call in

**Feb. 13** – noon to 1:30 p.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup> call in

OR

**Group Two Option – Wednesday group**

**Jan. 17** – noon to 1:30 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> call in

**Jan. 31** – noon to 1:30 p.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> call in

**Feb. 14** – noon to 1:30 p.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup> call in

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## Niche Sow Breeding/ Gestation Discussion Group



Learn via your computer at home  
or at your local Extension Office

Meet with other producers  
over the phone during  
January and February 2007

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Iowa Pork Industry Center  
Iowa State University Extension  
University of Nebraska Extension  
Iowa Pork Producer Association

## This will include producer-to-producer learning

Plan on picking up breeding/gestation herd tips, technologies and ideas from various Swine Specialists. Even one new idea will be well worth your time and effort to participate.

The group gatherings are designed to address specific questions about the breeding problems you are experiencing on your farm.

After you do some homework, you get a chance to discuss pros and cons of your herd with your peers as well as Swine Specialists.

## Why should I join this discussion group?

Your participation is a great way to connect with other niche marketers in a convenient way to discuss common issues and concerns focused on getting sows bred successfully.

There will be opportunity to devise operation-specific solutions to your primary breeding herd problem. Having the opportunity to establish a bond with others who share your interests and challenges at work will be rewarding.

## Dates to mark down on your calendar – pick your group

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## Do I need computer access?

*Yes, if not from home, access can be made available through a local Extension Office.*

It will be best to have a computer to look at during the conferences. You'll also need a separate phone line.

If having a phone line and Internet hookup simultaneously at home is not possible, we will help you find a computer hookup at an Extension Office near you. You will have to indicate on the registration form that you need a computer hookup.

## How do I connect?

First, you will need a computer hookup and a separate phone line. This can be anywhere, home, office, Extension Office, etc.

Second, you will need to open a web page at the following address:

<http://breeze.extension.iastate.edu/morepigs>

After the web site is open, do not log in. Simply click on 'enter as guest' button and you are in the meeting.

Third, find the words "My Status" and click "My Status" with your mouse, and from the drop down menu click "Call my Phone." Type in your phone number and click "Call." Your phone will ring. Answer it to join the group.

## What, homework?

The homework assignments will be mailed to each group member. The homework should take less than 1 hour. Pick one or two homework assignment(s) due Jan 29 and an optional second homework assignment you could send in by Feb 12. There will be a list of at least 9 homework options to pick from.

It is important to do the homework so we can discuss the results as a group and target the issues important to your farm.

## Who are the Group Leaders?

**Dr. Butch Baker**, College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University

**Dr. Don Levis**, Extension Swine Specialist, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Dr. Duane Reese**, Extension Swine Specialist, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Dave Stender**, Extension Swine Field Specialist, Iowa State University

## Is enrollment in the group limited?

Yes. In order to have a "small group" feel and to ensure the phone bridge functions properly, enrollment is limited to 20 people.

## Other questions?

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Also, there will be limited opportunity to test your knowledge of the subject matter and to probe deeper into certain subjects.

## General Information

This activity is designed for people who work in sustainable hog production that pen breed sows. Below is a partial list of topics we will be discussing:

✓**Pen mating fundamentals.** Including facility/equipment design characteristics.

✓**Improving pen breeding output.** Discussion tips on making a pen breeding system more successful including gilt pool.

✓**Reproductive herd health.** Sorting out non infectious from infectious reproduction problems/ overview of common repro disease.

✓**Introduction to hand mating and AI.**

✓**Sow condition.** Feeding the sow to the right condition for optimum performance

✓**Production flow.** Thinking about scheduling to capture the value of extra pigs.