

## Who should enroll?

Persons involved in the daily care of growing-finishing pigs should consider enrolling. This includes contract growers, employees, owners, and technical service providers. The course is designed to deal with the daily decisions of the grow-finish process, including feed and water monitoring, necropsy, ventilation controllers, hot weather management, biosecurity, etc.

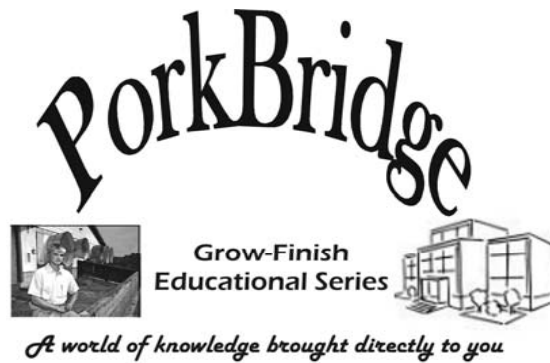
## Why should you enroll?

Enrollment in the course gives you access to grow-finish experts. Not only do you get to share in their insights on a topic, but you also get to ask questions of the expert and other producers, all from the comfort of your home, office, or swine unit.

Enrollment allows you to participate in an educational opportunity without having to worry about time off from work, travel distance, etc. Participation involves just one hour of your time every two months and you can spend that hour at your home, office, or swine unit.

## Are there limits to the number of enrollments?

Yes. There are only 150 toll-free telephone lines available for each session (noon and 7 pm CST). If the session you choose is full, you will be automatically enrolled in the other session.



## How does the program work?

- ✧ One week prior to the scheduled session, participants will receive a CD in the mail. This CD will contain the session materials, including spreadsheets, video clips, publications, etc. provided by the speaker. A complete set of instructions will be included with each CD.
- ✧ On the day of the scheduled session, participants will call a toll-free number to participate in that day's lesson.
- ✧ At 5 minutes after the hour, the session host will introduce the speaker for the day and the session will begin. Participants will follow along on their computer as the speaker goes through the visuals.
- ✧ At the end of the formal presentation, 10-15 minutes will be available for speaker questions and producer dialog.
- ✧ Following each presentation, participants can continue to ask questions, or respond to other producer questions, via the [porkbridge@lists.umn.edu](mailto:porkbridge@lists.umn.edu) discussion group (for those with email access).

## Are there limits to the number of people per site?

No. Enrollment is based on one dial-in telephone line. With speakerphones, you can have any number of people gathered around the computer screen and telephone. The only requirement is that participants be able to listen on the telephone while viewing the CD.

## Does participation require internet access during the session?

No. Each session will be a stand-alone CD. Internet access will not be utilized during the sessions. However, email access will be helpful if you wish to participate in on-going discussions at [porkbridge@lists.umn.edu](mailto:porkbridge@lists.umn.edu)

## Technology Requirements

- ✧ Telephone access
- ✧ Computer with CD drive and capability of reading "html" files

**Get all six sessions for only \$125! To participate in the first session, registration must be received by November 25.**



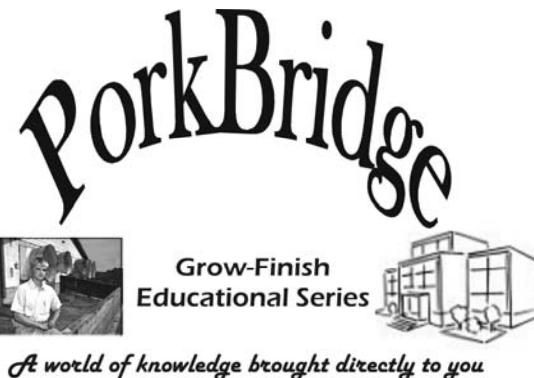
Session cost of **\$125** includes all six sessions and supporting materials. Please make payment payable to **Iowa Pork Industry Center** and return payment and registration to:

Center and return payment and registration to:

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**Comments from past participants**

- ☆ "This method of learning made the best use of my time."
- ☆ "Nice tool."
- ☆ "The format and time of day is perfect. I noticed a lot of agreeable head nods and the session also stimulated some productive discussions during lunch."



December 8, 2005  
*Impact of out-of-feed events and water restrictions on grow-finish performance*  
 Dr. Mike Brumm, University of Nebraska

February 9, 2006  
*The basics of on-farm necropsy*  
 Dr. Locke Karriker, Iowa State University

April 6, 2006  
*The basics of ventilation controllers*  
 Dr. Rick Stowell, University of Nebraska

June 1, 2006  
*Keeping pigs eating in hot weather*  
 Dr. Bob Thaler, South Dakota State University

August 3, 2006  
*The basics of grow-finish biosecurity*  
 Dr. Alex Ramirez, Iowa State University

October 5, 2006  
*Animal welfare considerations in grow-finish facilities*  
 Dr. Lee Johnston, University of Minnesota

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**Registration deadline is November 25, 2005 to participate in the first session.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Session (circle preferred time): **noon** or 7:00 PM CST

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**Questions?**

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