

Exploring Opportunities: A Conference for Aspiring Pork Producers

April 1, 2008 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Quality Inn & Suites (I-35, exit 113 west), Ames, IA

9:30 a.m. **Registration**

10:00 **Welcome** Scott Tapper, Past President, Iowa Pork Producers Association
State of the Industry, Opportunities & Sustainability – Dr. John Lawrence, ISU

11:00 **Breakout sessions**
Assessing Contract Finishing
Gary Thome, Riverland Community College

Niche Production: Pitfalls & Windfalls
David Stender, Iowa State University & Gary Huber, Practical Farmers of Iowa

Noon **Lunch**
Comments by Dr. Mike Duffy, Beginning Farmer Center

1:00 p.m. **Breakout sessions**
Obtaining Capital
Jeff Ward, Iowa Agricultural Development Authority
Brian Gossling, USDA Farm Service Agency
Jason Demaray, Farm Credit Services of America

Regulations and Neighbor Relations
Gene Tinker, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Rex Hoppes, Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers

2:15 **Mapping Your Future: Transitioning Ownership**
Iowa Farmer Panel
Curtis Meier, Clarinda
Max Schmidt, Elma
Bill Tentinger, LeMars
John Weber, Dysart

3:15 **Closing Comments**

**Attendance is free when preregistered by March 28, or \$20 per person at the door.
Preregister by calling the Iowa Pork Industry Center at 800-808-7675.**

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