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February 16-18, 23, 24

2009 Iowa Pork Regional Conferences
Dr. John Patience, associate professor of applied swine nutrition, Iowa State University

Are there any lessons we can learn from the Canadian pig industry?

In the last 15 years, until 2007, the Canadian pork industry doubled the number of pigs sold annually. More recently, the fortunes of Canadian pork producers have taken a turn for the worse. John will discuss some of the historical and current drivers that supported this growth, and also those that contributed to the reversal. He will devote most of his presentation, however, to discussing the technologies that supported the Canadian industry’s growth and development, and allowed it to briefly be the largest net exporter of pork in the world.

Keeping control of feed costs in an uncertain market

The world of livestock feeding has changed in the past 36 months. While feed costs have dropped recently, there is no reason to believe that volatility and uncertainty will not return in the future. John will address some of the causes of this volatility, and then discuss practical approaches to keeping feed costs as low as possible, while maintaining performance targets. He believes that producers are best prepared when they understand the basic principles of responsive and flexible feeding programs; John will therefore present these principles along with practical examples. The objective of this presentation will be to provide pork producers with a greater sense of control over their feed costs.

Dr. Derald Holtkamp, assistant professor of Food Supply Veterinary Medicine, DVM, Iowa State University

Risk assessment factors for the herd and the pocketbook

Wildly fluctuating feed costs and new uncertainties have tossed the pork production industry out of its comfort zone. The conventional wisdom that served the industry reasonably well for the last two or three decades is no longer adequate. The biology of the pig and the management fundamentals that lead to high levels of productivity have not changed. What has changed is the relative importance of things that can be managed. The list and priority of risks facing producers with survival implications also is shifting and growing. Risks resulting from disease, changes in market hog price, input prices, currency exchange rates, political and environmental policies, trade restrictions, introduction of foreign animal disease and other threats to export markets for pork are now all good reasons to experience insomnia. The focus of this presentation will be on approaches to assess the magnitude of disease risks and to evaluate whether investments to reduce the risks are justified.

ISU Extension Swine Specialists

Animal handling & well-being

Animal well-being and husbandry issues continue to drive public perception of animal agriculture. It is critical to the pork industry for all producers and employees to understand proper handling techniques, recommended practices for euthanasia and day-to-day activities on the farm. The ISU field specialists will discuss handling techniques and their importance for public confidence and exceptional meat quality. Bring your employees!

Speakers and Topics

Dr. John Patience

Dr. Derald Holtkamp

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February 16
Ainsworth
Marr Park
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

February 17
Carroll
Carroll County Extension Office,
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

February 18
Sioux Center
Corporate Center
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

February 23
Oelwein
Oelwein Community Plaza
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

February 24
Dows
Dows Community Center
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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