Greetings!

In this issue of the Swine Extension Update e-Newsletter you will find activities happening in Swine Extension and news from the industry.

Topics covered in this edition of the Swine Extension Update Newsletter include: Information about upcoming workshops on the Common Swine Industry Audit, caution when pumping manure and pressure washing when manure surface foam is present, information on Seneca Valley Virus, registration specifics for the 76th Minnesota Nutrition Conference and the Allen D. Leman Conference, PQA Plus Advisor Training, upcoming PQA Plus and TQA certification classes and calendar of activities.

Please forward this email to other members of our swine industry that you feel would be interested, and/or they can email me with their request to be added to the newsletter distribution list.

Sarah Schieck
UMN Swine Extension Educator

Register for Common Swine Industry Audit Workshops

Are you and your farm ready for an on-farm audit? Plan to attend a Common Swine Industry Audit (CSIA) workshop to get prepared for an on-farm audit. University of Minnesota Swine Extension is partnering with Minnesota Pork Board to offer...
free workshops to get you prepared for the CSIA.

- **September 18** - Mankato, MN Pork Board Office, 151 Saint Andrews Court, Suite 810
- **September 25** - Worthington, Regional Extension Office, 1527 Prairie Dr.
- **November 19** - Morris, West Central Research & Outreach Center, 46352 State Hwy 329

All workshops will be held from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Attendees should bring a laptop computer to work on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) during the workshop.

No cost to attend, but pre-registration is required. Register **online** or contact Sarah Schieck (320-235-0726 ext. 2004) to register.

The CSIA workshop will go through the 89 questions of the audit tool, which includes records, documents, and SOPs that need to be available for the audit. Attendees will be provided with a binder and a flash drive, including customizable audit materials for their farms.

**Beware of Surface Foam While Pumping Manure, Power Washing**

As we enter into late summer/early fall, manure pit pumping will be occurring across the country side. Be sure to practice safe management practices when manure pumping this fall, especially if there is surface foam present. Larry Jacobson, University of Minnesota Extension Engineer is quoted in a National Pork Board **publication** outlining safe management practices when surface foam is present during manure pumping and power washing.

**Seneca Valley Virus - Movement to Slaughter**

In recent weeks, pigs in the Midwest have been diagnosed with Seneca Valley Virus (SVV). This virus belongs to the Genus Senecavirus within the Family Picornaviridae.

Clinical signs in infected sows, nursery pigs, and finishing pigs may include:
• Vesicles and coalescing erosions on the snouts and coronary bands
• Acute lameness in a group of pigs
• Ulcerative lesions on or around the hoof wall
• Anorexia, lethargy and/or fever - In early course of the disease, fevers up to 105°F have been reported

Producers should know not to take hogs with lesions or any of the above clinical signs to slaughter, unless a foreign animal disease (FAD) investigation has been completed and the Board has been notified. Minnesota Board of Animal Health has put together a fact sheet on SVV - movement to slaughter.

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health continues to work with the industry, the University of Minnesota Diagnostic Lab and other groups on this disease.

Register Now for the 76th Minnesota Nutrition Conference

The Minnesota Nutrition Conference is a highly regarded and well known livestock nutrition conference in the upper Midwest. For over 75 years this conference has delivered leading-edge, research-based knowledge to advance sustainable production of beef, dairy, equine, poultry and swine.

Join us for the 76th Minnesota Nutrition Conference on September 16 and 17, 2015. Details are posted on the conference website including the Program Agenda.

Register now! See Registration Information for details and a special offer from AFIA. Register online by September 9 for early bird pricing. Pre-registration is encouraged. On-site registration will be limited.

The conference will be held at Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd, Prior Lake, Minnesota. Reserve a hotel room by September 1 for reduced rate. Mention "MN Nutrition Conference" when making reservations.

Conference preview:

• Pre-Conference Symposium and Complimentary Lunch -
September 16
"Role of Fatty Acids in Animal Nutrition"
Sponsored by Milk Specialties Global

- General Session - afternoon of September 16
  Featuring topics that impact all livestock species, including alternative housing, antibiotic feed additives, impact of GMO on feedstuffs, and other presentations that reflect societal concerns in animal nutrition

- Welcome Reception - evening of September 16
  Sponsored by Alltech

- Ruminant, Non-Ruminant, and Equine Sessions - September 17
  Species sessions run concurrently and include University of Minnesota Research Updates

- Complimentary Lunch - September 17
  Co-Sponsored by Diamond V and Nutriad

- Conference proceedings offered as a thumb drive or a printed book
  Thumb Drives Sponsored by Novus
  (choice of format to be made during online registration)

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Sponsors are critical to the success of the Minnesota Nutrition Conference. See Sponsorship Opportunities for more information, or contact Val O'Reilly, Conference Communications & Planning, at val.reilly@gmail.com or 952-334-0404.

Get Registered to Attend the Allen D. Leman Conference

The Allen D. Leman Swine Conference is an annual educational event for the global swine industry. It is internationally acclaimed for bringing science-driven solutions to the complex challenges facing the industry. Each year hundreds of participants from over 20 countries attend the Leman Swine Conference. Major players in swine production, animal health management and marketing, from around the world exhibit their products and services.

Join us for the 2015 Allen D. Leman Swine Conference
on September 19 - 22, 2015. Details are posted on the conference website including the conference agenda. Be sure to check out the Pre-Conference Program.

Register now! See registration information for details. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Leman Conference will be held at the Saint Paul River Centre. See Conference Location and Hotel for lodging information.

Leman Conference is presented by University of Minnesota Extension, College of Veterinary Medicine, and College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Sciences.

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PQA Plus Advisor Training to be held in October

PQA Plus Advisors are the educators who work directly with producers to educate them on the PQA Plus program and will help producers obtain PQA Plus certification and PQA Plus site status at their respective production sites.

Upcoming PQA Plus Advisor training date and location:

- October 21st - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., AmericInn, 1406 E. Lyon St. Marshall, MN

This PQA Plus Advisor training session is for both new Advisors and recertifying Advisors. Individuals wishing to attend the training session must meet the qualifications to become a Certified PQA Plus Advisor. Qualifications include:

1. Be a veterinarian, Extension Specialist, or Ag Educator (for the purposes of PQA Plus, the definition of an ag educator is a person who spends full time in adult education or at least 50% time in production training)
2. Have a D.V.M or B.S in Animal Science (or equivalent)
3. Have two years of recent documentable swine production experience

The cost to attend is $50. Individuals wishing to attend must pre-register by contacting Colleen Carey, MN Pork Board at
1-800-537-7675 or at colleen@mnpork.com to register and obtain an application. Registration deadline is October 19th.

PQA Plus & TQA Certification Classes Coming Up

Are you current with your Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Plus and/or Transport Quality Assurance (TQA) certification? Upcoming training and certification classes include the following dates:

- Dec. 16 - Rochester, MN University of Rochester Heintz Center, 1926 College View Rd. SE

PQA Plus certification is scheduled from 9am - noon and TQA from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at all locations.

For more information or to register for a course, go to www.mnpork.com and click on Farmer Resources to view PQA Plus and TQA certification schedule, or contact Colleen at MN Pork Board at colleen@mnpork.com or call 1-800-537-7675.

Recertify for PQA Plus and TQA Online

You can now recertify for PQA Plus and TQA online. In order to do this, you must have been certified previously in the program you need recertification in AND your certification in the program must still be current.

To recertify online, contact, Sarah Schieck, UMN Swine Extension Educator - schi0466@umn.edu or (320)235-0726 x2004 or another PQA Plus Advisor or TQA Advisor to get access to the online recertification course. For TQA recertification, online recertification can only be done every other time that you recertify.

Contact Us
It is our goal to bring University research to the Minnesota Pork Industry, ensuring the continued sustainability and competitiveness of producers and allied industry. You will find a list of UMN Swine Extension team members and their contact information on our website (www.extension.umn.edu/swine). Sarah Schieck, UMN Swine Extension Educator - Please email or call if I can be of assistance. schi0466@umn.edu or (320)235-0726 x2004.

Upcoming Events Calendar

September 2015
Sept. 2 - SowBridge program - "Art of Fostering Litters"
Sept. 16-17 - Minnesota Nutrition Conference, Prior Lake, MN, Mystic Lake Casino Hotel
Sept. 18 - Common Swine Industry Audit workshop, Mankato, MN
Sept. 19-22 - Allen D. Leman Conference, Saint Paul RiverCentre, St. Paul, MN
Sept. 25 - Common Swine Industry Audit workshop, Worthington, MN

October 2015
Oct. 1 - PorkBridge program - "Pit Foaming and Avoiding Manure Pumping Hazards"
Oct. 7 - SowBridge program - "Physiology of Stress: How to Visually Assess & Manage in the Sow Herd"
Oct. 21 - PQA Plus Advisor training, Marshall, MN

November 2015
Nov. 4 - SowBridge program - "Is There an Optimal Time to Process Piglets?"
Nov. 11 - PQA Plus/TQA certification, Mankato, MN
Nov. 19 - Common Swine Industry Audit workshop, Morris, MN

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