**Grow-Finish Educational Series 2010-11**

A world of knowledge brought directly to you.

Cost is $125 for series of six sessions, which includes supporting materials and one phone line per session. Please make check payable to: **Iowa Pork Industry Center** and send check and registration form to:

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Registration deadline to participate in the first session is May 25, 2010

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**Comments from Past Participants**

“Interesting topics and an efficient way of getting new and up-to-date information.”

“I have been with the program since it started and find the sessions very informative.”

“A way to get valuable information without leaving the farm.”

“The sessions help me keep up to date with what’s going on in the industry.”

**Questions?**

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June 10, 2010
“Mycotoxins – What We’ve Learned and What You Need to Know”
Dr. Bob Thaler
South Dakota State University

August 5, 2010
“Current Understanding on Pit Foaming, Barn Explosions, and Safety Precautions”
Dr. Larry Jacobson and David Schmidt
University of Minnesota

October 7, 2010
“Preparing Your Ventilation and Heating Systems for Winter’s Challenges”
Dr. Mike Brumm
Brumm Swine Consultancy, Inc.

December 9, 2010
“Going Hot-Shot Free: Tips to Improve Hog Handling”
Alan Evers, Cooper Farms
Dr. Matt Ritter, Elianco Animal Health

February 3, 2011
“Euthanasia Techniques, Tools and Protocols”
Dr. Michelle Sprague
AMVC Management Services

April 7, 2011
“National Update on the Livestock Antibiotic Use Issue”
Dr. Jennifer Greiner
National Pork Producers Council
**Who Should Participate?**

Those involved in the daily care of growing-finishing pigs should consider enrolling. This includes independent and contract growers, employees, owners, and technical service providers. Program content deals with daily decisions related to the grow-finish process, including ventilation, handling, health regimens and feed management.

**Why Should You Subscribe?**

You’ll have access to university and industry professionals with a variety of expertise. You can share in their insights, and ask questions of them and other producers throughout the year-long series. You’ll be able to take part in this educational opportunity without having to worry about time off from work, travel distance, or inclement weather. The sessions take just one hour, plus question and discussion time, every two months. You can spend the session time wherever it best suits your schedule: at your home, office, or swine unit.

**Is There a Limit on Number of Subscribers?**

No. The number of telephone lines is not an issue. However, early registration is encouraged to ensure delivery of your packet of materials in time for the first session.

**How Does the Program Work?**

♦ All sessions begin at noon Central Time and last for approximately 1 1/2 hours.
♦ About a week before each session, you’ll receive a packet in the mail that contains a CD with session materials, including that session’s presentation and any spreadsheets, video clips, publications, or activity lists provided by the speaker. (The delivery process of materials is slightly different for those with non-U.S. mailing addresses and requires an e-mail address.)
♦ At noon Central Time on the day of each session, you’ll call a specified phone number to take part in that day’s session.
♦ At about 12:05 p.m., the session host introduces the speaker for the day and the session will begin. Participants follow along on their computer as the speaker goes through the presentation.
♦ After the formal presentation, 20-25 minutes are available for speaker questions and producer discussion.
♦ Throughout the series, you can continue to ask or respond to questions via the e-mail list porkbridge@lists.umn.edu

**Does Participation Require Internet Access During the Session?**

No. Each session’s presentation and supporting materials are provided on a stand-alone CD or via e-mail. Internet access is not used during the sessions. However, you’ll need e-mail access if you wish to participate in on-going discussions at <porkbridge@lists.umn.edu>.

**Technology Requirements**

♦ Telephone access
♦ Computer with CD drive
♦ E-mail address and access (required for non-U.S. participants)

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