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Who should subscribe?
If you work in or with breeding and gestation units, gilt development systems, or farrowing barns, this program is for you.

“Presentations were basic enough that barn staff could understand them without losing them in the science.”

Why should I subscribe?
Enrollment in the course gives you access to industry experts and current information.

“This is an easy and useful way to get information out. While I don’t have employees, it would be an excellent opportunity for on-farm education.

You’ll learn from the presenter’s insight and also have the opportunity to ask questions of the expert and other participants, all from the comfort of your home, office or swine unit.

“Overall, the presentations and information are very useful, the time commitment is good. The Q&A opportunity is very nice.”

Enrollment allows you to participate in an educational opportunity without having to worry about time off from work, travel distance, etc.

“Provided refocus, exposure to new ideas, and good to reaffirm strategies confirmed by industry experts.”

Participation involves just 45 minutes of your time once a month and you can spend that time at your home, office, or swine unit.

“To get this type of exposure for 5-6 people in one place, I’m sure I would’ve had to pay around $1500. It’s very valuable to my staff.”

How does the program work?
♦ Prior to each session, participants will receive a packet with session materials on CD and instruction letter. Material include presentation and any spreadsheets, video clips, publications, etc. provided by the speaker.
  (The delivery process is slightly different for non-U.S. mailing addresses.)

♦ Subscribers call a toll-free number to participate.
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♦ At 11:35 a.m. Central Time, the session host begins the session. Participants follow along with the presentation on their computer as the speaker goes through the presentation.

♦ At the end of the formal presentation, (~30 minutes) time is available for speaker questions and producer discussion. Total program length is approximately 45 minutes.

♦ Throughout the program year, participants can continue to ask questions or offer comments via the e-mail discussion group sowbridge@lists.umn.edu

How many people can take part at one site?
The number of participants at your site is limited only by your available space and access by all to the presentation on computer and audio by phone.

“It is quality training I can do with all my employees at the same time.”

Is there a limit to the number of subscribers?
The number of toll-free telephone lines should not be an issue. However, early registration is encouraged.

To participate in the first session, registration must be received by October 15, 2012

Do I need Internet access?
Sessions do not use Internet access. However, e-mail and Internet access are necessary (and required for non U.S. and Canada subscribers) to receive communications, including audio recording links, throughout the year.

“The system is set up for very easy participation.”

“Sessions and audios were readily available which allowed me to participate in the program during my free time.”

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