

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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Minnesota Pork Producer Quality Assurance Training Calendar for 2009

To register or for more information on the following trainings, please email colleen@minpork.com or call 1-800-537-7675

January 21	PQA Plus	11:00 am to 1 pm @ Minnesota Pork Congress Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis
January 27	PQA Plus TQA	10 am to Noon 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm LeSueur County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building, LeCenter
February 9	PQA Plus TQA	10 am to Noon 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm MN Pork Office, 151 St. Andrews Ct., Ste. 810, Mankato
March 9	PQA Plus TQA	10 am to Noon 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Heintz Center, Rm HA102, Com. and Tech College, Rochester
April 13	PQA Plus TQA	10 am to Noon 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Marshall, MN
May 11	PQA Plus TQA	10 am to Noon 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Nobles County Government Ctr, Farmers Rm, Worthington
June 8	PQA Plus TQA	10 am to Noon 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm MN Pork Office, 151 St. Andrews Ct., Ste. 810, Mankato
July 13	PQA Plus TQA	10 am to Noon 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm North Central Soils Laboratory, Morris
August 10	PQA Plus TQA	10 am to Noon 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Midtown Square, Room 108, St. Cloud

September 14	PQA Plus TQA	10 am to Noon 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Heintz Center, Rm HA102, Com. and Tech College, Rochester
October 12	PQA Plus TQA	10 am to Noon 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Fergus Falls Regional Extension Center, Fergus Falls
November 9	PQA Plus TQA	10 am to Noon 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm MN Pork Office, 151 St. Andrews Ct., Ste. 810, Mankato
December 14	PQA Plus TQA	10 am to Noon 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm Nobles County Government Ctr, Farmers Rm, Worthington

About the programs:



Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA Plus)—Individual Certification

These training sessions will certify adult individuals (age 18 and older) in the PQA Plus program. Ten Good Production Practices are discussed. The certification applies to owners, managers, employees—anyone working in the daily care of pigs.

These workshops will also describe the Site Assessment process. Site Assessment (Status) cannot be achieved until a PQA Plus advisor completes an on-farm educational assessment.

More information on the PQA Plus program is available at <http://www.pork.org/Producers/PQAP.aspx?c=PQAP>.



Transport Quality Assurance (TQA)—Individual Certification

These training sessions will educate and test individuals for the TQA certification. TQA is required by most hog packers for delivery and also for many animal handlers.

More information on the TQA program is available at <http://www.pork.org/Producers/TQA/TQA.aspx>.

To Locate a PQA Plus Advisor:

1. Go to www.pork.org and select the “For Producers” tab.
2. Scroll down the left hand menu and choose “Pork Quality Assurance Plus.”
3. Choose the link for “Find a PQA Plus Advisor near you.”
4. Enter your zip code and mile radius to locate an advisor.

The direct address for this locator feature is:

<http://www.pork.org/Producers/PQA/PQAPlusLocateAdvisor.aspx>

Mock PQA Plus Site Assessments

The University of Minnesota and Minnesota Pork Board will host Mock PQA Plus Site Assessments. These demonstrations will explain the assessment process and illustrate the roles of advisor and producers. Attendees will walk through University of Minnesota swine research facilities with a trained PQA Plus Advisor. Twenty-four hour downtime is requested for biosecurity.

Feb. 6, 2009 **Southern Research and Outreach
Center, Waseca, MN**

Feb. 27, 2009 **West Central Research and
Outreach Center, Morris, MN**

Each demonstration will begin at 9 am and conclude with a complimentary lunch at noon.

Pre-registration is requested to the Minnesota Pork Board at 1-800-537-7675.