



University of Minnesota
SWINE EXTENSION

Providing educational resources and applied research to assist Minnesota's pork producers and allied industry.

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Program Description

The pork production industry is a major component of the Minnesota economy. Minnesota has the third largest state pork industry in the U.S. The Minnesota pork industry is distinctly different from other Midwestern states. The willingness and progressive nature of Minnesota pork producers to cooperate and network together and consider new technologies has been one of the primary reasons why pig production in Minnesota is increasing while production in other states is declining. The Extension Swine Team works cooperatively across several departments and with the College of Veterinary Medicine to bring University research to a diverse audience.

Audience

- Minnesota pork producers
- Owners and workers in swine units
- Veterinarians
- Ag professionals
- Government officials
- Animal health companies
- Food industry representatives
- Bankers/lenders
- Builders and equipment suppliers
- Consumer groups and activists

Goals

- Improving performance, health and welfare of pigs
- Enhancing economic, environmental and social sustainability of pork production
- Ensuring a dependable supply of safe, nutritious pork for consumers

Programs

- Swine Training Program Workshops
- Pork Bridge Distance Education Courses
- Ventilation Management Workshops
- Odor Management Workshops
- Manure Nutrient Utilization Workshops
- Professional Swine Managers Conference
- Minnesota Nutrition Conference
- Allen D. Leman Conference
- Farmer Roundtable Discussion Meetings
- Distillers Dried Grains with Solubles for Livestock Website (www.ddgs.umn.edu)
- Alternative Marketing Meetings
- Pork Quality, Trucker Quality, and Swine Welfare Assurance Programs Training
- Specialized Training Programs

For More Information

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