

June 22, 2009

PQA Plus® Advisor Training - A PQA Plus advisor training will be held July 1, 2009 at the Minnesota Pork office in Mankato, Minn., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. An optional Youth PQA Plus® advisor training will conclude this workshop. Participants must pre-register by June 29. The registration form can be found at http://www.mnpork.com/documents/advisor_training_070109.pdf.

For more information, contact Trudy Wastweet, trudy@mnpork.com, 507-345-8814.

International Media Calls - The National Pork Board has had reporters from numerous international media outlets seeking information and tours. We have been working them but recently found out that they are also contacting states individually as well. In an effort to better coordinate the industry response, please contact any member of the producer communications department.

For more information, contact Cindy Cunningham, CCunningham@pork.org, 515-223-2643 or Mike Wegner, MWegner@pork.org, 515-223-2638 or Teresa Roof, TRoof@pork.org, 515-223-2616.

Conference and Seminar Proceedings - The proceedings from PORK Academy and the Swine Transport and Handling Forum are posted on pork.org under the "New" section.

For more information, contact Charlotte Peterson, SPeterson@pork.org, 515-223-2614.

Summer Request for Proposals - The National Pork Board is soliciting research proposals dealing with swine health and pork quality. The deadline is Tuesday, July 7 at 5:00 p.m. CST. More information can be found on pork.org under "New".

For information on the swine health proposals contact Lisa Becton, LBecton@pork.org, 515-223-2791. For information on the pork quality proposals contact Mark Boggess, MBoggess@pork.org, 515-223-2606.

Emergency Action Plan - Helping pork producers prepare for many different types of emergencies is the goal of the Pork Checkoff's new emergency action plan tool. Officially introduced at the 2009 World Pork Expo, the emergency action plan tool guides producers through the planning and documenting of an emergency response plan. The tool is Web-based and can be found at <https://eap.pork.org>. Users are instructed to log in, describe their operations and consider various situations that can put a farm's employees, animals or facilities at risk. Additionally, users are required to think about and describe the resources, including people, equipment and locations, that can be of use in case disaster strikes.

For more information, contact Stacy Revels, SRevels@pork.org, 515-223-2795.

Calendar -

Sun., Jun 21-24	Reciprocal Meat Conf., for more information: Dr. Thomas Powell, tpowell@meatscience.org , (217) 356-5370	Roger, AR
Mon., Jun 22-23	Nominating Committee/New Board Orientation	Des Moines, IA
Thu., Jun 25-26	Swine Health Committee Meeting	TBD
Sat., Jun 25-26	National Taste of Elegance	Baltimore, MD
Wed., Jul 8-9	Pork Safety Committee Meeting	Des Moines, IA
Thu., Jul 9-10	Operation Main Street Training	Lincoln, NE
Sat., Jul 11-15	American Veterinary Medicine Association (AVMA) Annual Meeting - www.avma.org	Seattle, WA
Sun., Jul 12-16	American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting - www.asas.org	Montreal, Canada
Mon., Jul 13-14	Producer & State Relations Committee	TBD
Tue., Jul 14	TQA Advisor Training Workshop	Des Moines, IA
Sun., Jul 19-22	National Pork Industry Conference - www.porkconference.com or 314-276-4880	TBA
Sun., Jul 19-22	National Pork Board Meeting	Osage Beach, MO

Find more information on the Pork Checkoff activities on the Internet at pork.org.

Please share your ideas for making this newsletter more useful with any member of the Communications Department - Mike Wegner, Cindy Cunningham, Teresa Roof, Jan Jorgensen, or Mary Wonders.

Thanks,

Your Communications Department