

NEBRASKA PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

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PQA Plus® & TQA™ Certification Training Offered in Columbus & Beatrice *Followed by NPPA Regional Producer Meetings*

The Nebraska Pork Producers Association will be conducting PQA Plus® and TQA™ certification classes on March 31, 2015 at the River's Edge Convention Center (Ramada Inn), 265 33rd Avenue, Columbus. PQA Plus® and TQA Certification classes will also be held on April 2, 2015 in Beatrice at the Holiday Inn Express, 4005 N 6th Street. TQA certification will begin at 12:30 p.m. followed by PQA Plus® at 3:00 p.m.

Initial certification or renewal of a current, unexpired PQA Plus® or TQA™ certification can be obtained at these face-to-face trainings. Certifications are good for three years. There is no charge for these certification classes and you can register at www.nepork.org. Pre-registration for the certification sessions is preferred, however walk-ins are also welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Dee Petersen at dee@nepork.org or call 1 888 627 7675.

Immediately following the conclusion of the PQA Plus® certification classes, NPPA will be hosting the Regional Producer Meetings. Dr. Larry Coleman will be the guest speaker and his topics will be: ***Increasing Employee Engagement*** - A discussion of how managers/owners could increase employee engagement to facilitate better animal care on their farms. ***Group Housing and High Sow Productivity***. ***Friends or Foes?*** - A discussion of a new farm employing large pens to house sows instead of traditional stalls. The farm set-up and production results of this new system will be discussed.

The Regional Producer workshops will run approximately three hours and will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social and dinner included at each location. The Regional Producer Meetings are being hosted by NPPA's Gold and Silver Allied Members and there is **no cost**. Registration is required for the Regional Producer workshops and is available on-line at www.nepork.org or by calling (402) 472-2563.

Nebraska Pork Producers Association is a grassroots, incorporated, non-profit organization established in 1961. NPPA was developed to promote the pork industry through the enhancement of consumer demand, producer education and research. For more information, visit NPPA's website at www.NEpork.org.

