

NEBRASKA PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION NEWS RELEASE

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Columbus and West Point Sites for February TQA[®], PQA Plus[®] Veterinarian Feed Directive and Common Swine Industry Audit Workshops

The Nebraska Pork Producers Association will be holding TQA[®] and PQA Plus[®] training in conjunction with a Veterinarian Feed Directive (VFD) and Common Swine Industry Audit (CSIA) workshops on February 23 in Columbus at the Holiday Inn Express and again on February 25 at the Cuming County Courthouse in West Point, Nebraska.

The same program will be repeated on February 23rd and February 25th. TQA Training 8:00 – 10:30 a.m., PQA Plus Training 10:30 – 1:00 p.m., Lunch 1:00 to 1:30 p.m., VFD Training 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., and CSIA 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Producers are welcome to attend all or any part of the day long trainings.**

The February 23rd program will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Columbus and the February 25th program will be held at the Cuming County Courthouse in West Point. The Transport Quality Assurance (TQA) will be done by Chris Delva with Hormel Foods. Dr. Ron Brodersen, Whole Hog Genetics and Ron Ketchem with Swine Management Services will conduct the Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA Plus) training. Lunch will be served at both locations from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. for all attendees.

The afternoon workshops will follow lunch. Outlining the VFD process for authorizing the use in animal feed that require the supervision of a licensed veterinarian will be discussed first followed by Dr. Benny Mote, UNL Extension Swine Specialist conducting the Common Swine Industry Audit training.

All of the training, lunch and related materials are FREE of charge. Registration is available on-line at www.nepork.org or by calling (402) 472-0493.

The 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.