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Nebraska Pork Producers Association to Conduct Common Swine Industry Audit Workshops

The Nebraska Pork Producers Association in cooperation with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will be conducting four Common Swine Industry Audit Preparation Workshops in October. The overarching goal of the common audit process is to provide consumers greater assurance of the care taken by farmers and pork processors to improve animal well-being and food safety

In 2013 the National Pork Board formed an Industry Audit Task Force with the goal to develop a consensus on consistent on-farm auditing standards using Pork Quality Assurance Plus® and Transport Quality Assurance® programs as a foundation. The Task Force included producers, veterinarians, animal scientists, retail food service personnel and packer representatives. The result was the Common Swine Industry Audit, which was announced at the 2014 World Pork Expo.

The Preparation Workshops includes (a) an overview of the Audit Tool (the 89 questions which have different point values); (b) discussion of the audit process and focus points of the audit's five critical 5 questions - Euthanasia: articulate insensibility and confirmation of death; (c) each attendee will be provided a 3-ring binder to help manage records, documents and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's); (d) each attendee will be provided a flash-drive with SOP templates which each farm may customize; (e) assistance with SOP development/customizing.

The training will be under the direction of Matt Swantek, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Swine Field Specialist and will be held on: October 6, Life Long Learning Center, 801 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk; October 7, Cuming County Courthouse, 200 S Lincoln St, West Point; October 15, Holiday Inn Express, 4005 N 6th Street, Beatrice; and October 16, Holiday Inn Express, 524 East 23rd Street, Columbus, Nebraska. Morning or afternoon sessions are being offered at all locations. The morning session will be begin at 9:00 a.m. and run till noon. Afternoon classes will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m.

There is no charge for these workshops and you can register at www.nepork.org/producer-resources or by calling toll free 888 627-7675. Pre-registration for the certification session is preferred, however walk-ins are also welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Dee Petersen at dee@nepork.org or call 888 627 7675.

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.