

2026 Iowa Pork Congress Week Events and Seminars



All events will take place at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa, with activities spread throughout both the EMC Expo Center and the Community Choice Credit Union (CCCU) Convention Center. The Iowa Pork Congress trade show and seminars are in Iowa Events Center.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Iowa Pork Producers Association Annual Meeting (Registration opens at 9 a.m.)** - CCCU Convention Center,
- Noon – 1 p.m. **Iowa Pork Producers Association Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon** - CCCU Convention Center
- 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. **Iowa Pork Congress Kickoff Reception & Iowa Pork Foundation Dollars for Swine Scholars Auction - Open to All** - CCCU Convention Center, 4th Floor Ballrooms

Wednesday, Jan. 21

- 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. **Exhibitors Breakfast – Open to Exhibiting Companies Only** - CCCU Convention Center
Presented by Iowa Pork Promotions Inc. - Iowa Pork Producer magazine
- 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Trade Show** - Iowa Events Center, Halls B & C
- 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Student Research Poster Contest Display** - Iowa Events Center, Halls B & C
Presented by the Iowa Pork Producers Association
- 9:30 a.m. – Noon **Iowa Pork Youth Leadership Team Contest Speeches** - Iowa Events Center
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Seminar - Coffee Chat With Eldon: DNR Rules, Court Cases, and Animal Welfare Laws**, Eldon McAfee, Brick Gentry Law Firm - Iowa Events Center, Lower Level
- 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. **Keynote - Cultivating a Mindset of Growth and Grit in Agriculture**, Mike Oster, Brigadier General, Retired - Iowa Events Center, Lower Level
- Noon **SIP Luncheon – Invitation Only** - Iowa Events Center, Room 108
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. **Seminar - Pork, Policy, Politics, and Populism**, Al Tank, Entrepreneur and Investor - Iowa Events Center, Lower Level
- 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. **Seminar - Economic and Livestock Market Outlook**, Dr. Lee Shulz, Ever Ag - Iowa Events Center, Lower Level
- 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. **Iowa Pork Congress Producer Recognition Reception** - CCCU Convention Center, 4th Floor Foyer
- 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. **Iowa Pork Congress Banquet** - CCCU Convention Center, 4th Floor Ballroom
- 9 p.m. – 10 p.m. **Iowa Pork Congress Dessert Social** - CCCU Convention Center, 4th Floor Foyer

Thursday, Jan. 22

- 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. **Exhibitors Breakfast – Open to Exhibiting Companies Only** - CCCU Convention Center
Presented by Iowa Pork Promotions Inc. - Iowa Pork Producer magazine
- 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Trade Show** - Iowa Events Center, Halls B&C
- 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Student Research Poster Contest Display** - Iowa Events Center, Halls B & C, Booth 140
Presented by the Iowa Pork Producers Association
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Seminar - What's in the Future for an Iowa Pork Producer** - Iowa Events Center, Lower Level
- 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. **Seminar - The Many Moments of a Hog - Let's Get Creative**, Pork Fabrication & Discussion - Iowa Events Center, Lower Level
- Noon **SIP Luncheon – Invitation only** - Iowa Events Center, Room 108
- 2:00 p.m. **Convention Concludes**

Introducing Spanish Sessions! Be on the lookout for technical training sessions in Spanish.