

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, Rooms 306-310
Breaks sponsored by the Furst McNess

Noon – 1 p.m. **Iowa Pork Producers Association Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon** - CCCU Convention Center, Rooms 302-305
Presented by the Pork Checkoff

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 Ballroom
Presented by Alltech

Wednesday, Jan. 21

7 a.m. – 9 a.m. **Exhibitors Breakfast – Open to Exhibiting Companies Only** - CCCU Convention Center, Rooms 315-319
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, Booth 140
Presented by the Iowa Pork Producers Association

9:30 a.m. – Noon **Iowa Pork Youth Leadership Team Contest Speeches** - Iowa Events Center

9:00 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, Rooms 103-104

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Spanish Seminar - Sudden Death in Sows: Necropsy Findings and Their Productive Impact**, Laura Solis, Iowa State University - Iowa Events Center, Lower Level, Room 106

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, 101-102

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Spanish Seminar - Day One Care**, Odelys Milla Perdomo, Zoetis: Pork Production Specialist, Iowa State University - Iowa Events Center, Lower Level, Room 106

Noon **SIP Luncheon – Invitation Only** - Iowa Events Center, Room 108

1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Spanish Seminar - Individual Care of Sows**, Jorge Cajamarca, PIC: Technical Services Senior Specialist, Iowa Events Center, Lower Level, Room 106

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Seminar - Pork, Policy, Politics, and Populism**, Al Tank, Entrepreneur and Investor - Iowa Events Center, Lower Level, Rooms 103-104

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Spanish Seminar - Leader Development for Effective On-Farm Execution**, Fernando Hernandez, Eichelberger Farms, Iowa Events Center, Lower Level, Room 106

3 p.m. – 4 p.m. **Seminar - Economic and Livestock Market Outlook**, Dr. Lee Schulz, Ever Ag - Iowa Events Center, Lower Level, Rooms 101-102

4 p.m. – 6 p.m. **Iowa Pork Congress Producer Recognition Reception** - CCCU Convention Center, 4th Floor Foyer
Presented by Zoetis

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
Presented by the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

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, Rooms 103-104

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Seminar - The Many Moments of a Hog - Let's Get Creative**, Pork Fabrication & Discussion - Iowa Events Center, Lower Level, Rooms 101-102

Noon **SIP Luncheon – Invitation only** - Iowa Events Center, Room 108

2:00 p.m. **Convention Concludes**