

Regional Swine Conference Euthanasia Certification

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**INVITATION TO ATTEND
EUTHANASIA WORKSHOP**

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NEED LOGOS

Introduction

- **The goal in animal agriculture is always to maintain good health (physical and behavioral) and productivity**
- **Sometimes illness and injury cannot be prevented or successfully treated**
- **Euthanasia must be performed in a timely and acceptable manner**

The Facts

- Euthanasia is not easy to discuss
- Euthanasia decisions are not easy to make
- Euthanasia is not always easy to perform

The Objectives

- Provide updated technical data
- Provide alternatives methodologies
- Development of Action Plans and Procedures
- Certification to attend Advance Level at the Iowa Swine Welfare School – ISU Vet Med - Ames

Why attend

- **The swine industry continues to evolve to improve itself**
- **Responsible and more Transparency seems to be the needs for tomorrow**
- **This includes Euthanasia**
 - **What may be acceptable today**
 - **May not be tomorrow**
 - **What are the alternatives to your current practices**
- **How will you address those who question those practices**

Employees Concerns

- **Lack of trained personnel can cause delays in the process**
- **ALL employees should be capable of deciding about and performing euthanasia**
- **Timely and effective euthanasia is a moral obligation**

Perception and Trust

- **Public perception influences agricultural policies and industry standards**
- **Consumers still relatively disconnected from the agricultural industries**
- **Place a great deal of trust in producers**
- **Recent negative press damages that trust**

Workshop Outline

- **Introduction**
- **Methodologies**
- **Defining the endpoint**
- **Pig evaluation process**
- **What's Practical**
- **Preparing for real world – group discussion**
- **Practical Solutions**
- **Testing for understanding**

Other workshops

Iowa Swine Welfare School Second Level

- more intense education and Hands-on practicum with equipment**
- Only offered on campus at Iowa State University**
- Must pass Primary level in order to attend**
- Test following the session for understanding and evaluation**

Train the Trainer – for larger production systems

Watch for upcoming workshop's dates and times

Would these be the best routes???

IPIC webpage for news and trainings

Newsletters

Snouts and Tails

Feed and Feedlot

Iowa Pork Producers Assoc magazine