IDALS Expands IDAP to Include Animals Euthanized in May

The Iowa Disposal Assistance Program, that was implemented in late May to provide financial assistance to pig farmers forced to euthanize their animals has been expanded. The program is managed by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS). Farmers can now apply for retroactive funding that will include hogs euthanized between May 1-25, this year.

The retroactive funding will be called Round 0, and producers must submit their applications by June 22 for animals euthanized May 1-25. Applicants will be notified of approval by June 24. Disposal claims must then be made by June 29, and proof of proper disposal for the retroactive funding must be submitted by July 6.

IDALS is also taking Round 3 applications now, too. (You must apply for each round, even if you have been approved in a previous round.) To qualify for Round 3, producers must euthanize animals between June 9 and 26.

Documentation needed for all rounds of funding are an electronic W9 and an affidavit from the herd veterinarian. IDALS is offering $40 per approved animal to help cover disposal costs for market-ready pigs that are 225 lbs. or heavier.

Additional resource guidance for pig farmers is available through the Iowa Resource Coordination Center, or by calling 515-725-1005.

Governor Signs Provisions Supported by IPPA into Law

Governor Kim Reynolds signed Senate File 2413 into law on Wednesday. The bill, passed by both the House and Senate last Friday, includes powers and duties assigned to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS). These items allow IDALS:

- authority to destroy and conduct disease testing on feral swine;
- authority to take control of abandoned animals during a foreign animal disease outbreak; and
- increase penalties for people who trespass onto food operation businesses, including livestock farms.

Iowa Swine Day Information Will be Delivered over a 5-Week Period

Many of the speakers that were scheduled to speak at the 2020 Iowa Swine Day in late June at Iowa State University will now be part of a five-part webinar series. The changes were implemented because of COVID-19 effects on large gatherings. There will be no charges for the webinars, but you must register to receive connection instructions.

During each webinar, which will be held on Thursdays from noon to 2:30 p.m., participants have the opportunity to learn from and interact with two presenters featured for the week. Presenters for the first session on June 25 include Christine McCracken, who follows animal protein markets for Rabobank, and Dr. Joseph Yaros, an associate veterinarian for Pipestone Veterinary Services. McCracken will speak about global influences affecting the outlook for U.S. pork, and Yaros will discuss battling the African swine fever virus in China.

USDA Clarifies CFAP Livestock Payment Calculations

Today (June 12), USDA issued a Federal Register notice which provides clarified payment calculations for livestock, including the calculations based on unpriced livestock sales from January through April, and those based on livestock inventory owned April 16 - May 14, 2020.

Under the change, the swine provisions now read as: “Payments for hogs and pigs will be equal to the sum of the results of the following two calculations: (1) Unpriced hogs and pigs sold between Jan. 15 - April 15, 2020, multiplied by the CARES Act payment rate in paragraph (h) of this section; and (2) Hog and pig inventory owned between April 16 - May 14, 2020, multiplied by the CCC payment rate in paragraph (h) of this section.”

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) provides direct payments of $1.6 billion to pig farmers.

Review Farm Security, Especially if Using Euthanasia

IPPA continues to encourage farmers to ensure your security on your farm and to your buildings as activist activity is on the rise in Iowa. An organization called Direct Action Everywhere (DXE) continue to be active in the state. The Coalition to Support Iowa Farmers has a tip sheet on the topic.

IPPA Committee Day Postponed

IPPA's Committee Day, which is usually held in mid-June, has been postponed. A late July date is being considered. IPPA will notify committees and checkoff payers once the new date and location is finalized.

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