



Iowa Disposal Assistance Program will Stop Taking Applications on June 22

The [Iowa Disposal Assistance Program](#) that provides financial assistance to pig farmers forced to euthanize their animals will take applications through Monday, June 22. [Two application periods](#) are covered by that date: Round 0, announce June 9, covers hogs weighing at least 225 pounds, that were euthanized May 1-25; Round 3 applies for hogs euthanized June 9-26.

Applicants for both rounds will be notified of approval by June 24. Disposal claims must then be made by June 29, and proof of proper disposal for the funding must be submitted by July 6.

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

Iowa Pork Proud - an Online Campaign to Support Pig Farmers

The Iowa Pork Producers Association has kicked off an online campaign to support our state's pig farmers who are dealing with issues related to Covid-19. Iowa is the top pork-producing state because of the work by these farmers facing challenging times. We're asking farmers and those in the pork industry to record a short video and post it on their social channels to remind everyone why they should be #IowaPorkProud.

[Learn how](#) to get involved, and find graphics to download, and how to search on Facebook for [an Iowa Pork Proud frame](#) for your profile picture. Also [meet Marshall County pig farmer](#) Lisa Peterson to see why she is #IowaPorkProud.

Register Now for Iowa Swine Day Webinars

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-week webinar series. The change to online delivery of sessions was 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.

Nominations Due Soon for Master Pork Producer Awards

Nominations for the [2020 Master Pork Producer, Master Pork Partner](#) (including veterinarian and truck driver categories) are due Aug. 1, 2020. The program is a joint effort between the Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA) and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Recipients of the award will be announced at the 2021 Iowa Pork Congress. More than 1500 Iowa pork producers have been honored with these awards since the program began in 1942. [Read more](#).

Nominations for the [Environmental Steward Award](#) are also due Aug. 1. That award is provided by IPPA's environmental committee. The winner of this award received \$2500, and the person nominating the winner receives \$500. Thirteen farmers have received the award to date.

Review Farm Security, Especially if Using Euthanasia

IPPA continues to encourage farmers to ensure the security on your farm and to your buildings as activist activity continues in Iowa. Most recently, a farm reported an attempted break-in in north central Iowa. An organization called Direct Action Everywhere (DXE) continues to be active in the state, but other groups can also be involved in trespassing and other criminal activity on farms. The Coalition to Support Iowa Farmers has a [tip sheet](#) about how to take precautions on your farm.

IPPA Committee Day is July 31

IPPA's Committee Day will be July 31 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. The original June date was changed because of COVID-19. has been postponed. IPPA will notify committees and checkoff payers when the detailed information is available.

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