

News for Members

Industry news, programs, updates and opportunities for IPPA Members



Disposal Assistance Program Now Also Included Pigs up to 25 Pounds

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship announced today that it is [continuing the Iowa Disposal Assistance Program](#) (IDAP) for both pork and egg producers. Pig farmers who were forced to euthanize and dispose market-ready and pigs up to 25 lbs. because of backups in the supply chain are eligible for the 4th round.

- Market weight hogs (weighing at least 225 lbs.) euthanized and properly disposed of between June 23 and July 20 will be covered at \$40 per head. Approved applicants may receive funding for up to 30,000 animals.
- Pigs weighing up to 25 lbs. which were euthanized and properly disposed of between May 1 and July 20 will be covered at \$4 per head. Approved applicants may receive funding for up to 200,000 animals

Eligible producers must enroll before midnight on Aug. 6 to be part of the program. Even if you have participated in previous rounds, you must apply for Round 4 funding. All documentation including proof of proper disposal and an [affidavit from the herd veterinarian](#) confirming impending animal welfare issues are required to receive funding. Program documentation is due by midnight Aug. 14.

Congress Returns to Deliberate More COVID-19 Support

The U.S. Senate returned from a two-week vacation today, and Senate Majority Leader [Mitch McConnell](#) said the Senate will pass a Covid-19 relief package before it takes [another month-long break](#) on Aug. 10. The [National Pork Producers Council](#) is holding a news conference at 1 p.m. today to outline the current state of the crisis for the nation's pig farmers and how important it is that the Senate take action on the [RELIEF for Producers Act](#) that was co-sponsored by both Iowa Senators [Chuck Grassley](#) and [Joni Ernst](#).

Economist [Steve Meyer with Kerns & Associates](#) will be part of the news conference.

Final Week of Iowa Swine Day Webinars is Thursday, July 23

The [2020 Iowa Swine Day](#) program continues July 23 from noon to 2:30 p.m. with presentations by [IPPA's Jamee Eggers](#) and [ISU's Dr. Rodger Main](#). Eggers is the producer education director and will discuss how Iowa is preparing for a foreign animal disease; Main will discuss experiences of Covid-19 diagnostics and the direct application that has for the U.S. pork industry.

There are no charges for the webinars, but you must [register for each weekly session to receive connection instructions](#).

Are YOU Iowa Pork Proud?



The online campaign continues to tell Iowans why they should be Iowa Pork Proud. Click the [video to the right](#) to find out why the Nieland Family of Breda is Iowa Pork Proud!

We want to hear from YOU. Iowa Pork Proud highlights how Iowa's pig farmers are resilient in dealing with issues related to COVID-19. Go to the [bottom of this page](#) to download graphics to post on your social channels, and learn what other actions you can take to remind everyone why they should be #IowaPorkProud, too.



RSVP by July 24 for IPPA Committee Day on July 31

Online registration is available for IPPA's Committee Day set for July 31 at the [FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny](#). [Pre-register by July 24](#). The original June date was changed because of

COVID-19. IPPA will notify committees and checkoff payers when the detailed information is available.

Nominations Due August 1 for Master Pork Producer Awards

Nominations for the [2020 Master Pork Producer, Master Pork Partner](#) (including veterinarian and truck driver categories), and the [Environmental Steward Award](#) 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 1,500 Iowa pork producers have been honored with these awards since the program began in 1942. [Read more.](#)

Pass the Pork Moves to Phase II

After a successful Phase I, the [Pass the Pork Program is beginning Phase II](#), with the processing partnership now moving to the [Iowa State University Meat Laboratory](#). Through the generosity of Iowans and pig farmers, the first phase raised \$115,000 to process 50,000 pounds of pork that were distributed to all six regional food banks in Iowa.

In Phase II, pigs will be delivered to the ISU Meat Lab beginning in mid-August and continuing through at least early February. IPPA is coordinating delivery of the pigs. [Contact Emma Lasco](#) for details.

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