

News for Members

Industry news, programs, updates and opportunities for IPPA Members



\$100 Million in CARES Act Funding for Iowa Targets Agriculture

Governor Kim Reynolds announced on Tuesday that [she has directed \\$100 million of federal money](#) provided to Iowa be made available for a range of ag programs ranging from \$500,000 for specialty ag producers to \$60 million for an Iowa Livestock Producer Relief Fund. Seven different programs being supported by the funding will be administered by either the [Iowa Economic Development Authority](#) (IEDA) or the [Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship](#) (IDALS).

Applications for IEDA programs begin Aug. 31 . Applications can only be made for one program under IEDA. Pig farmers may find value in:

- [Iowa Livestock Producer Relief Fund](#) has \$60 million that will be awarded as \$10,000 grants for use as working capital to continue farm operations. Grants are available to contract growers as well as eligible livestock owners with an Adjusted Gross Income of \$750,000 or less; OR
- [Iowa Beginning Farmer Debt Relief Fund](#) has \$6 million for eligible beginning farmers with a net worth below \$682,000. The fund will provide up to \$10,000 in funds for debt service payment.

The IDALS programs are primarily grant programs that interested **Iowans can apply for immediately**. For pig farmers, they include:

- [Meat Processing and Development and Expansion Program](#) that has \$2 million allocated for three areas - business improvement grants for processors; direct marketing grants for producers; and a tuition grant for workers completing a HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Program) training.
- [Local Produce and Protein Program](#) that has \$500,000 mostly targeted to schools, but has a segment for producers or food hubs who need equipment like cold storage units or refrigerated trucks in order to serve schools. Grant amounts are \$5000 to \$10,000.
- Up to \$9 million for the [Iowa Disposal Assistance Program](#) came from the CARES Act dollars. The last application date for that program was July 20.

All programs have different end dates so be sure you understand all requirements for the individual programs that interest you.

USDA Offers Disaster Assistance if You've Experienced Derecho-Caused Losses

The USDA has technical and financial assistance programs to [help Iowa farmers with significant losses caused by the derecho](#). Farmers should identify their [local USDA Service Center](#) and report the losses and learn about their options for livestock, infrastructure, land or crop losses and damages. They can also [use an online tool](#) that outlines the programs available to you. Available programs include [Livestock Indemnity Program](#), [Emergency Assistance for Livestock](#), low-interest [emergency loans](#), and several other options.

Register for the Aug. 26 Economic Recovery Webinar for Pork Producers

[Register](#) for tomorrow's (Wednesday, Aug. 26) 1-hour Economic Recovery Webinar for Pork Producers that starts at 7 p.m. Today's webinar will feature Joe Kerns, the managing director of [Kerns and Associates](#). His topic, What Do I Do Now? will address the lost opportunity for greater exports to China added to less shackles space in plants.

The Iowa Pork Industry Center and the Iowa Pork Producers Association organized the [Economic Recovery Webinars for Pork Producers](#), to provide a variety of information resources to plan for your farm. If you miss a presentation, they will be posted on the webinar site for later review.

Carthage Holds Virtual Swine Conference

The 30th annual [Carthage Veterinary Services Swine Conference](#) will be held Sept. 1. Like many other activities this year, you can attend virtually to learn about production, economics and other

current market conditions. The kickoff speaker is Rodger Main, DVM, who will talk about experiences in COVID-19 Diagnostics and their Direct Application on the U.S. Pork Industry. He will be followed by Brett Stuart of Global AgriTrends talking about pork global supply and demand.

The conference will also hold breakout sessions for employees in production barns. Those sessions will be in both English and Spanish. [Register online](#) to receive conference information.

Restaurant and Foodservice Committee Support Des Moines-area Pork Promotion

For several years, IPPA's restaurant and foodservice committee has partnered with [Winefest Des Moines](#) to highlight how Iowa pork is a great combination to serve with Iowa wine and beer. [This year's Iowa Pork Lawn Party](#) was postponed from the early summer until Aug. 30. Those buying tickets to the event will get two pork chops on a stick and two bacon balls for their takeout enjoyment.

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