



### Correction on Iowa's Nominations for 2021 Pork Forum Delegates

Last week we reported that 28 Iowa delegates were nominated as 2021 Pork Act delegates. That number was wrong. Thirty Iowans were nominated as delegates, along with the nominations for 8 alternate delegates. All 38 names will be submitted to USDA for final approval, which is expected by January 2021. The [2021 Pork Act Delegate Body](#) will meet at the [National Pork Industry Forum](#) in Louisville, Kentucky, March 3-5, 2021.

### Register by Aug. 17 For Webinars on Swine Building Maintenance Webinars

A [series of five webinars](#) hosted by the ag engineering department at Iowa State University will discuss key issues impacting pig barns. Topics include concrete pit construction and maintenance, truss management, roof and moisture management, and other repair and maintenance issues. The series begins Aug. 19 and finishes with the last webinar on Aug. 28.



[Register for the courses](#) through Aug. 17. A one-time registration fee is \$20. Those who have registered will receive link connections before each webinar.

### Pigs Donated to Phase II of Pass the Pork Will be Processed at ISU

[Iowa State University's Meat Lab](#) will process the pigs donated to the [Pass the Pork ongoing](#) program. The project started in late April to facilitate [pork deliveries to Iowa food banks and pantries](#) working to keep up with protein demands of Iowans who are out of work and in need of assistance. The program can also help pig farmers who have some [animals they need to move](#) out of the barn, or those who showed pigs at fairs and events that changed their status to non-terminal shows. [Emma Lasco](#) at IPPA can help farmers determine if the Pass the Pork program will fit with their needs.



### Volunteers Needed at Iowa State Fair's Special Edition Events

The Iowa State Fair is hosting the 2020 Fair Special Edition on three weekends where Iowa 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors will compete. To operate the events smoothly, the fair is [looking for volunteers to staff admissions gates and work on grounds clean-up](#).

The [4-H and FFA swine shows](#) are being held Aug. 13-15 and Aug. 20-22. Volunteers would be able to attend livestock shows during the times they are not working. During these two special edition times, the Iowa Pork Tent will be operating with a limited menu in a trailer near the barns.

### IPPA Sponsoring Iowa PBS's Annual Fair Highlights

If you are missing the midway and fun contests that are part of every Iowa State Fair, Iowa PBS has put together [a special series of five programs](#) that look back at the 49 years that Iowa public television has covered the Iowa State Fair. The Iowa Pork Producers Association is sponsoring the one-hour presentations that begin at 9 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 10 and continue through Friday, Aug. 14. These episodes will also air at 10 p.m. each night. and on Sunday, Aug. 16, the five programs will air back-to-back beginning at 2 p.m.



Meanwhile, if you want to look back at some swine and pork moments at the 2019 Iowa State Fair, here are some fun memories: a look at the [FFA swine show](#); a demonstration for youth on [how to prepare and show a pig](#); getting ready for Iowa's [first Bacon Buddies show](#); and if you need a reminder, the number of politicians who come to the fair to court votes (and cook at the Iowa Pork Tent) - [it's Tip No. 5](#).

### JBS Worthington Pork Plant Breaks Ground on Expansion

This week, [JBS USA broke ground on expansion](#) to its plant in Worthington, Minn. The expansion, will add more than 186,000 sq. ft. of freezer warehouse capacity, and is expected to open next year on June 1. Currently, product from the plant is mostly shipped to other facilities around the country for freezing. When finished, the Worthington location will be able to store 25 million lbs. of frozen product and 2.5 million lbs. of fresh product. The plant slaughters 20,000 hogs per day when operating at full capacity.

### Pressure on U.S. Senate Needed Now to Provide Livestock Provisions

The Iowa Pork Producers Association is calling on Iowa Senators Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley to re-double their efforts to make sure the [RELIEF for Producers Act](#) is part of the COVID package negotiated between the Senate, the House and the Administration. "Congress has an opportunity to limit the devastation in Iowa and the nation by including a recently introduced Senate bill in the next COVID economic recovery package," they said. [Both Ernst and Grassley were co-sponsors of the RELIEF](#) act introduced by Oklahoma Senator Jim Inhofe.

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