



PORK HEADLINES

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Mentee Spotlight...



My name is Eli Magee and I live in Shavano. I got my start in the swine industry through showing pigs at the county and state level for many years with my family. For a few years I had my own breeding stock to produce show pigs for me and other local kids. While in high school I was very involved in my school's FFA chapter, which I used to become even more involved with swine and other livestock. I am currently majoring in Animal Science with an emphasis in Meat Animal Management at UW-River Falls, where I just completed my freshman year. In my future I am interested in staying involved with the show pig world and producing pork at a small local level. Through the mentorship program I hope to gain experience in multiple areas of pork production and develop relationships within the industry.

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Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) in cooperation with Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WDATCP) announced the beginning of the "Passion for Pork" program on May 1. Since that time, WPA has worked tirelessly to provide harvest opportunities to producers in need of getting hogs to market. With the help of people like Jeff Swenson, Mark Rhoda-Ries and Kara Kasten-Olson of WDATCP, the program has networked producers with processors and provided pork to food banks and consumers throughout the state.

In June, the Waupun Area Jr./Sr. FFA partnered with WPA to offer "Passion for Pork" bundles. Waupun was the first chapter to offer this experience. The bundle contained 8 pork chops, 4 roasts, 5 packages of ground pork as well as recipes. In total, the Waupun FFA sold almost 3,000 pounds of pork. Our thanks to the Waupun FFA. If your chapter is interested in promoting pork, give us a call at 608-723-7551 or email us at wppa@wppa.org.



Waupun FFA is stepping up to help out.

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Passion for Pork
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\$50 Million Wisconsin Farm Support Program

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is announcing the timeline and eligibility requirements of the Wisconsin Farm Support Program, which will provide \$50 million in direct aid payments to Wisconsin farmers who have experienced losses due to COVID-19. Applications for this funding, administered by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, will be accepted starting June 15. Individual payments will range from \$1,000-\$3,500 and will be issued after the application period closes on June 29. Wisconsin farmers with gross income between \$35,000 and \$5,000,000 in 2019 may be eligible to receive a payment. Farmers are encouraged to apply as soon as possible on or after June 15 to leave time for resolving any potential issues in their application. Eligible farmers should apply online through the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR): <https://revenue.wi.gov>. The application link will be live on June 15. Farmers who cannot apply online may request assistance by calling 608-266-2772. Spanish- and Hmong-speaking farmers should call DOR at 608-266-2772 for assistance.



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Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, or CFAP, provides vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline or who had losses due to market supply chain disruptions due to COVID-19 and face additional significant market costs. Eligible commodities include:

Non-specialty Crops:

- malting barley, canola, corn, upland cotton, millet, oats, soybeans, sorghum, sunflowers, durum wheat, and hard red spring wheat
- Wool
- Livestock: cattle, hogs, and sheep (lambs and yearlings only)
- Dairy

Specialty Crops

- Fruits: apples, avocados, blueberries, cantaloupe, grapefruit, kiwifruit, lemons, oranges, papaya, peaches, pears, raspberries, strawberries, tangerines, tomatoes, watermelons
- Vegetables: artichokes, asparagus, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, dry onions, green onions, peppers, potatoes, rhubarb, spinach, squash, sweet potatoes, taro
- Nuts: almonds, pecans, walnuts
- Other: beans, mushrooms

How to Apply

Producers should apply through their local Farm Service Agency Service Center. While USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, FSA is working with our agricultural producers by phone and using email and online tools to process applications. Please call your FSA county office to schedule an appointment. You can find contact information for your local USDA Service Center at the bottom of the page. Applications can be submitted electronically either by scanning, emailing, or faxing. Please call your office prior to sending applications electronically.

A CFAP Call Center is available for producers who would like additional one-on-one support with the CFAP application process. Please call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance.

Wisconsin Legislative Update



By Jordan Lamb

Former Gov. Tommy Thompson was appointed UW System Interim President

On June 19, Regent President Andrew Petersen, an appointee of former Gov. Scott Walker, made the appointment after consulting with the board at yesterday's meeting. In a statement, Petersen said he asked Thompson to take on the interim role because of his legacy of bringing people together. The appointment is effective July 1.

"Governor Thompson is a statesman who offers the kind of leadership the UW System needs right now," Petersen said. In the announcement, Regent Karen Walsh, an appointee of Gov. Tony Evers, also praised the move, calling Thompson a pragmatic leader who "has my confidence."

University of Alaska System President Jim Johnsen a week ago pulled out of the search to replace Ray Cross. A new search won't start for at least a year, and Thompson will serve until a permanent appointment is named.



Tommy Thompson,
Interim UW System
President

Attorney General Kaul Revokes High Capacity Well Opinion

On Friday, May 1, 2020, Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul issued a letter telling DNR Secretary Cole that he is withdrawing the 2016 Attorney General Opinion related to high-capacity well permitting, which was issued by then Attorney General, Brad Schimel.

The 2016 Schimel opinion relied on the assumption that the Wisconsin Supreme Court in the 2011 Lake Beulah Management District decision failed to consider the application of 2011 Act 21, a law that made

significant changes to Wisconsin's administrative rule process and, in Schimel's opinion, therefore limited the DNR to only the authority that is explicitly stated in state statutes and administrative rules with regard to reviewing and approving high capacity well applications.

In response to the new opinion, the DNR has issued a revised procedure for reviewing NEW high capacity well permits, which is published on their website. The Department will no longer rely on the 2016 Attorney General opinion. According to the website, the Department will act pursuant to its duty to protect and preserve navigable waters under the public trust doctrine and will make a fact-specific determination in each case considering water loss, and environmental impacts to drinking water, springs, municipal wells and navigable waters.

Further, any clarity from the Wisconsin Supreme Court on this issue remains stalled as the pending "Clean Wisconsin Suits," which also raise the question of DNR's authority to review and permit high capacity wells, will not be considered by the Court until September 2020 at the earliest. WCA's advocacy team will continue to monitor this issue closely.

DNR Continues Work on NR 151 Targeted Performance Standard for Nitrates

The Wisconsin DNR NR 151 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that is developing recommendations for a targeted performance standard for the application of nitrates over agricultural land has continued its work during the pandemic by holding virtual meetings. On May 28, 2020, the committee met and heard presentations from farmer members, UW agriculture researchers and a presentation from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture on Minnesota's Groundwater Protection Rule. The next meeting of the TAC is scheduled for June 25, 2020 and will also be held via web conference. The WPA Advocacy Team is monitoring the work of the TAC very closely. It is still anticipated that they will have recommendations for the geographic location and content of a targeted performance standard by the end of the year.

Polk County CAFO Hearing

Polk County Board of Supervisors will have a public hearing in preparation to decide whether or not to adopt their proposed Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for livestock CAFOs. The hearing is set for July 8th. For more information, contact the WPA office.

WPA Pork Classic Golf Outing

Save the date for the annual Pork Classic golf outing to be held on Wednesday, September 2nd. This year's outing will be held at Kestrel Ridge Golf Course in Columbus, WI. In addition to playing 18 holes on a champion course with a view, the event will include a welcome gift, grab & go lunch, contests, snacks, reception appetizers and more!

The Pork Classic allows all pork industry professionals to network and raise funds to support advocacy and legislative activities on behalf on the Wisconsin pork industry. Individuals or four-person teams may register at <https://www.wppa.org/porkclassic/>

Schedule

10:00 AM Registration Begins/Practice Tee Open
10:50 AM Ball Drop
11:00 AM Shotgun Start/Grab-n-Go Lunch
3:30 PM Reception & Awards

To register for the event, please return the WPA Pork Classic mailer that you will be receiving in the mail or visit the WPA website to fill out the electronic form. Hope to see you all there for some networking and great round of golf!

Check out WPA Sponsorship Levels

\$500 Club Sponsor

\$250 Driver Sponsor

\$150 Hole Sponsor

Sponsorship and registration is available at <https://www.wppa.org/porkclassic/>

Thank You Pork Schoppe Volunteers

WPA would like to thank all organizations for the past support as well as the commitment to the 2020 WSF Pork Schoppe. It is disappointing news that the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair has been canceled, but we understand the decision to protect the public during this pandemic.

Lomira FFA; Prairie Pioneers 4-H; Southside Eagles 4-H; UW-Madison Hmong American Student Assoc.; Rock County Pork Producers; South Byron 4-H; Fort Atkinson FFA; Random Lake FFA; Parkview FFA; Dodge County Pork Producers; New Holstein FFA; Pardeeville FFA; Lake Mills FFA; Grant County Pork Producers; Lafayette County Pork Producers; Dane County Pork Producers; Waukesha County 4H Rabbit Project; Tri-County Pork Producers; Bethel 35; Green Lake County Pork Producers; and Bethel 6.

Virtual Pork Schoppe Drive-thru

July 23-26th WPA Pork Schoppe will participate in the WSF Virtual drive thru with 10 other vendors from the State Fair. Pork burgers, pork chop sandwiches, and pork bundles will be available to purchase. Pork bundles will be available for pre-order and pick up during that time. For more information visit: www.wppa.org/PorkSchoppe/Volunteers are needed Thursday 4-8, Friday & Saturday 11-8 or Sunday 11-6.



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Equity Cooperative Updates

- Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association is pleased to announce the promotion of Hut Amend as assistant manager at the cooperative's Sparta location.
- Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association suspended operations at the Marion market in mid-March amid concerns over COVID-19.
- Equity announces 2020 Board of Directors. Les Danielson, Board Chairman Cadott, WI (District VI) David Wilke, Vice Board Chairman Ripon, WI (District II) Steve Schleis, Sec./Treas., Kewaunee, WI (District III) Karl Merow, Assistant Sec./Treas., Sparta, WI (District VII) Other directors include: Adam Quandahl, Waukon, IA (District X) Brad Solchenberger, Richland Center, WI (District IX) Allan Cihlar, Mosinee, WI (District V) Pete Kleiman, Wilson, WI (District IV) Daniel Leischer, Neosho, WI (District I) Dwight Truttmann, Mt. Horeb, WI (District VIII)

Nathan Brickl's Journey

On October 30th, 2019 Nathan was involved in a farming accident. Nathan had to have his right leg amputated. He also injured his left leg but continues to look promising for healing. This will be a long process and has been rollercoaster but he has a positive attitude and outlook. Money is raised for accommodations that Nathan needs to continue farming on his farm. These accommodation include but are not limited to gates with openers, extra steps to help him feed cattle, and appropriate equipment that he can run safely with his hands and only left leg.

Ways to Donate:

1) Checks can be sent direct to: Bank of Prairie, 555 Park Ave, Prairie Du Sac, WI 53578

2) https://www.facebook.com/donate/257048428976576/?fundraiser_source=external_url

Through this on line portion of the fundraiser, keep in mind that there is a third-party payment fee for processing of 2.60% + 0.30 USD for each donation.

3) 1st independent fundraiser.

100% of commission will go to Nathan's accommodations fundraiser.

<https://www.ourlemongrassspa.com/MKVIOLA/shop/eventhome.aspx?eventId=E176264&from=MY>

Pork on Your Fork Facebook Restaurant Promotion

All around the state our communities are working together, helping each other, adapting, and thinking outside the box. To thank and support our local Wisconsin restaurants, Wisconsin Pork Association will be giving away 80, \$25 gift certificates for your favorite pork serving restaurant in Wisconsin. The giveaway runs from May 15th - September 15th and will be giving away 5 certificates per week. Visit the WPA Facebook for details about the weekly giveaway.

Winners: Beth Mezera Ginard, Tom Zieher, Brooke Behling, Joanie Cannestra, Val Ann Koski, Megan Nelson, Erin O'Toole, Paul Pettis, Lyza Jo Jorgensen, Rose Schmutzler, Amanda Grice, Ann Niles, Melissa Klebenow, Sue O'Brien, Traci Sumner, Richard Schott, Kasey Wileman, Amber Bellows, Ryanne Hiner and Teri Walsh.

Julia Nunes Selected as 73rd Alice

Julia Nunes, of Chippewa Falls, has been selected as Wisconsin's 73rd Alice in Dairyland. In this position, Nunes will work as a communications professional for the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Her job will be to educate the public about the importance of agriculture in Wisconsin. We look forward to working with Julia this year!



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Nathan and Brigitta Brickl

4) Greater Sauk Prairie / Spring Green and Fort Atkinson Areas.

Cards for a Cause fundraiser to help raise money for Nate's accommodation account. These cards are beautifully made and come with 30 in a box (except the Holiday box which comes with 50)! If you'd like one, they are \$30 +tax a box! That's \$30 for 30 cards!

Message bbscentbug@gmail.com if interested.

History of Coronaviruses in Pigs



By Mentee Andrew Boschert

With all the news surrounding the novel severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, many of us within the swine industry have heard claims about the coronaviruses that affect pigs, and even that COVID-19 can affect pigs. I will go into detail about the types of coronaviruses that affect pigs and discuss research that has been done about if pigs can be infected or transmit COVID-19.

There are five different types of coronaviruses that are within the family of coronaviruses which can affect pigs. The first coronavirus in pigs that was reported in 1946 in the United States was Transmissible Gastroenteritis or TGE. TGE is a viral disease that causes diarrhea and vomiting because it affects the enteric part of the pig, or the intestines. Transmissible Gastroenteritis affects pigs of all ages, and there is no treatment for this specific coronavirus. On the other hand, there are some things that producers can do to help control TGE.

Increasing farrowing room temperature to help maintain body heat in piglets, and providing a supplemental electrolyte solution helps to fight against dehydration. According to D. L. Hank Harris, Department of Veterinary Diagnostics and Production Animal Medicine at Iowa State University, in the Merck Veterinary Manual, "Planned infection of pregnant sows at least 2–4 wk before farrowing in herds known to be infected with virulent virus usually provides adequate immunity" (Harris, 8). In 1962, porcine hemagglutinating encephalomyelitis virus (PHEV) was found in Canada. PHEV is a viral disease in young pigs that causes vomiting, constipation, and anorexia that leads to rapid death. PHEV affects many different tissues within the pig which spreads to the respiratory system, central, and peripheral nervous system.

Again, there is no treatment for PHEV just like TGE and once the disease is discovered in a pig or herd, the disease runs its course with recoveries being rare. Porcine epidemic diarrhea's first large outbreak was in 1969 in Europe. PED is similar to TGE because the only sign of the virus is diarrhea, yet the incubation period of PED is longer, being 3 to 4 days. There is no treatment available for PED and other than providing fresh water during an outbreak there is not much that can be done to improve PED situations within a herd. Biosecurity plays a vital role in all phases of pork production, yet PED can be spread during an epidemic by both human and other animals.

Porcine respiratory coronavirus (PRCV) was first identified in Belgium in the year of 1984. PRCV is a respiratory coronavirus found in pigs that is transmitted by aerosol and affects many structures within the respiratory system from the nasal cavity all the way to the alveoli in the lungs. PRCV primarily multiplies in the lungs of pigs. I have found that an experimental vaccine has been produced, but not introduced commercially.

Lastly, swine acute diarrhea syndrome coronavirus (SADS-CoV) is a variant coronavirus in pigs that emerged in 2017 in China. SADS-CoV has not had a widespread epidemic yet and not much research has been done on this particular coronavirus within pigs. Most of the five coronaviruses in pigs are diseases that affect either the intestines or the respiratory system in pigs. It is very important to stress that these five coronaviruses are specifically for the porcine species and humans can not be infected by these coronaviruses in pigs.

There have been many claims made about if pigs can contract the novel coronavirus in humans, COVID-19. It is a fact that COVID-19 is genetically different from the coronaviruses found in swine populations. Although COVID-19 and some of the coronaviruses in pigs derived from bats, COVID-19 is spread from human to human contact from what we have seen so far. According to Heather Fowler, National Pork Board director of producer and public health, "From the perspective of how the disease (COVID-19) has spread it has primarily been person to person. There is no evidence of pets, domestic species or even wildlife in the United States playing any role in the disease transmission" (Hess, 2). There is no evidence that COVID-19 can be transmitted through food products or food packaging. Linda Saif, virologist in the Food Animal Health Research Program at The Ohio State University, explains "...but there may be other animal hosts, most likely another wild animal that was in the seafood and wild animal market in Wuhan China where this virus originated" (Hess, 7). When it comes down to it, from what we know, COVID-19 cannot be contracted by pigs. More research is needed to truly find out the answer to this, and more research is being done to find the answer.

Coronaviruses, human and other species, is a popular topic that is constantly being talked about throughout the world at this particular time. It is our job, those within the swine industry, to stay educated on diseases within the swine industry, extend our expertise to those within society, and continue to use our knowledge from biosecurity protocols to make intelligent everyday decisions when it comes to COVID-19.

Works Cited -Merck Veterinary Manual , www.merck-vetmanual.com/. 19, Ann Hess | Mar. "Can Pigs Catch COVID-19?" National Hog Farmer , 19 Mar. 2020 (Harris)

2020 Wisconsin Livestock Expo August 9-14

The show, which is set to serve as a substitute for youth exhibitors that lost the WI State Fair, is on the books for August 9th-14th in Union Grove, Wisconsin.

Exhibitors who were eligible to show at the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show are eligible to show at the Wisconsin Livestock Expo. Open to animals DNA'ed for the WSF.

June 22- July 6: Online entries accepted
July 7-15: Late entries accepted

Schedule:

Monday, Aug. 10- Steer show
Tuesday, Aug. 11- Heifer show
Wednesday, Aug. 12- Market lamb & breeding sheep
Thursday, Aug. 13- Barrow show
Friday, Aug. 14- Gilt show

For more information visit: <https://wilivestockexpo.com/>
WPA is a proud sponsor of the WLE.



WPA Supports Youth Pig Shows

Youth exhibitors around the state have been crushed with the news of the county fair and Wisconsin State Fair being canceled. Others have taken action into their hands to create shows, for the kids. Wisconsin Pork Association has been represented at Northwood Knockout, Off Dah Classic, WLBA, and Wisco Elite shows so far this season. WPA created the skillathon portion for the Wisco Elite show. This is a great way to showcase the youth and their hard work during this difficult time.



Pork Producers of Wisconsin Industry Scholarship

The scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year has been awarded to Heather Jager from Askov, Minnesota majoring in Animal Science - Meat Animal Emphasis.

Jager was raised on a four hundred cow beef farm. Where her family moved off the farm a few years ago and now raise their own purebred hogs, commercial goats, Registered and Commercial flock of Southdown sheep, along with a few Registered Simmental cattle.

YQCA Coupons Available to Youth

WPA has 50 web-based coupons for 4-H, FFA or one of the two Junior Swine Associations to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. These coupons are on a first-come, first-served basis. To receive a coupon, please contact Anna at aboschert@wppa.org.

Marketing Livestock Guide for Livestock Project Youth

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program released a guide to assist youth and families on how to market livestock during this time of canceled county fairs due to COVID-19. This document guides livestock project members through marketing options that works best for them.

Youth should work with their county fair and livestock/auction committees to see what options and alternatives are available. The guide illustrates creative ways to market and price livestock, which are essential skills in building future livestock producers and consumers. The marketing guide is available at this link. <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/resources/>

Contact Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at borourke2@wisc.edu for further questions.



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July

- 10 EQIP Application Batching Date
- 15 WPA Board Meeting
- 23-26 WSF Virtual Pork Schoppe

August

- 9-14 Wisconsin Livestock Expo
- 16-19 National Pork Industry Conference
- 25 WPA Board Meeting

September

- 2 WPA Pork Classic, Kestrel Ridge

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