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2023 Wisconsin State Fair Pork Schoppe

The Wisconsin State Fair will be held August 3rd- 13th, 2023. Be sure to stop by our brand-new Pork Schoppe trailers between 10 am-10 pm to enjoy a delicious pork sandwich or chop on a stick! As one of our largest events of the year, the Pork Schoppe offers a great opportunity for us to engage with consumers, promote pork, and showcase our producers and industry. We hope to see you there!



Wisconsin Farm Technology Days - July 18-20th

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days will be held July 18th- 20th, 2023, in Baraboo, WI. Serving hours will be from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club grounds.

This is a three-day outdoor event showcasing the latest developments in production agriculture, including practical applications and recent research and technological developments. This is the only farm show of its size in the United States that is organized and run entirely by volunteers. As the largest outdoor agricultural event in the state, it welcomes more than 45,000 attendees, with more than 500 commercial and educational vendors.

We are excited to have the opportunity to promote pork at this event for the first time!

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Producer Spotlight: Al Ries

Director Al Ries has been a Wisconsin Pork Association member for 25 years. Previously, Al served on the WPA Board from 2006-2013, and is currently a member of the Promotion/Events committee.



Al started his production journey with purebreds and show pigs, mainly boars and gilts, before transitioning into meat production (crossbreds) in the early 2000s. Today, Al markets his hogs for meat offering on-farm custom harvest, working directly with small, local meat processors. His farm produces 3,500-4,000 head per year in all sizes and conditions. He also runs a few hundred acres of corn, soybeans, and wheat.

When asked “What is your favorite thing about the Wisconsin pork industry?”, Al said, “In Wisconsin specifically, the smaller concentration of hogs aids in maintaining herd health, as well as the ability for producers, meat packers, and meat processors to work together to market their animals.” Al is a proud Wisconsin pork producer, and we are very fortunate to have him as a part of the WPA family!

Acuity and Fast Genetics Join Forces to Create New Leader in Swine Genetics



Acuity and Fast Genetics, two swine genetics companies wholly owned by STgenetics, are excited to announce their joint brand, AcuFast. Since the purchase of Acuity in February of 2022, the companies have worked diligently to fully understand how best to combine their teams, infrastructure, products, and resources.

They have introduced a new structure that allows for a greater product offering, a superior technology platform, and a combined technical solutions team that will better enable AcuFast’s partners to succeed.

2023 PORK EXPORTS

Volume: **960,480** metric tons
Increase of 14% a year ago



TOP 10 MARKETS:

- Mexico
- China
- Japan
- Canada
- South Korea
- Dominican Republic
- Colombia
- Philippines
- Honduras
- Australia

WPA Welcomes Summer Intern

Courtney Mullooly

Originally from Janesville, WI, Courtney Mullooly is currently a junior at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls where she is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Education. She grew up on her family’s farm raising beef cattle and later became involved in show pigs.

Courtney has worked as a hired hand and most recently held an internship with 33 Feeds as a nutrition consultant. Additionally, she enjoys mentoring youth and helping achieve success with their livestock projects.

Through her experiences, Courtney has developed a passion for educating both young people and adults about all the opportunities agriculture has to offer. Additionally, they have sparked a specific interest in learning more about the swine industry and the programs that drive it, which makes her a perfect fit for our organization.

Courtney will serve as the official youth ambassador of the Wisconsin Pork Association. Although she’s only been here a couple weeks, Courtney has proved herself an asset to WPA.



Jefferson County’s 4th Grade Day on the Farm a Big Success



On May 3rd, WPA traveled to Kutz Dairy in Jefferson, WI, to participate in 4th grade day on the farm.

Nearly 1,000 students and 50 teachers/chaperones attended the event that has been held annually for 28 years.

WPA staff had a great time engaging with students and

adults, teaching them about how pigs are raised, what byproducts come from pigs, and the nutrients that pork provides for the body.

Legislative Update- Biennial Budget Nears Completion



By Jordan Lamb, The Welch Group

Joint Committee on Finance Votes on DATCP Budget. On May 18, 2023, the Joint Committee on Finance voted on provisions in the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) budget. WI FCS, along with our colleagues in the Wisconsin Ag Coalition, urged the Committee to support continued funding for the following items in the DATCP budget. Below is a summary of what was requested and what the committee voted to include.

- **Wisconsin Committee Food Bank Purchasing Program.** We asked that the Committee support the motion submitted to provide \$10 million in each year of the biennium to DATCP to administer in grants to nonprofit food organizations. *The Committee did provide \$1,500,000 annually from tribal gaming revenues for a tribal elders' food support program.*
- **Meat Processor Grants.** We asked for an additional \$800,000 each year in grants to facilities that harvest animals for human consumption, or that process meat or meat products. Total funding for meat processing grants would be \$1,000,000 per year. *The Committee provided \$1,800,000 for grants to meat processing facilities.*
- **Wisconsin Agricultural Exports Promotion.** We asked that they eliminate the \$1,000,000-per-year statutory spending cap currently set for the Wisconsin Initiative for Agricultural Exports and provide additional funding for WIAE. *The Committee provided \$1,000,000 annually for the WIAE program.*
- **Meat Talent Development Grant Program.** We asked for support to create an annual appropriation and provide \$1,237,500 GPR in 2024-25 for tuition grants to students pursuing education in meat processing and to educational institutions for curriculum development. *The Committee did not fund this initiative.*
- **Farmer Mental Health Assistance.** We asked for \$100,000 each year to support farmer mental health assistance programming at DATCP. *The Committee provided \$100,000 in addition to base-level funding.*
- **County Conservation Staff and Program Expansion.** We asked for an additional \$4,390,400 in 2023-24 and \$4,697,600 in 2024-25 for county staffing grants, equivalent to the funding to fulfill statutory goals for cost-share for first and second positions each year. *The Committee included \$1,998,200 in 2023-24 and \$2,250,300 in 2024-25.*
- **Nitrogen Management, Cover Cropping, and Producer-Led Watershed Promotion Grants.** We asked for \$1,500,000 annually for that grant program. *JFC Action: Committee provided a total of \$2,800,000 annually for the three programs.*
- **Livestock Premises Registration Support.** We asked the Committee to provide an additional \$70,000 annually for livestock premises registration. *The Committee provided an additional \$70,000 annually to WLIC.*

Finance Committee Approves \$3 million for Food+Farm Exploration Center in Capital Budget. In a separate budget, the Committee approved \$3 million to help fund the completion of the Food+Farm exploration center in Plover, WI

USDA Extends Application Deadline for Revenue Loss Programs to July 14

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the deadline for the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase Two and Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP) to July 14, 2023, to give producers more time to apply for assistance. The original deadline was June 2. Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is partnering with nine organizations to provide educational and technical assistance to agricultural producers and aid in completing an ERP Phase Two application. The extended deadline will give producers more time to work with these partner organizations and apply for assistance. Producers should contact their local FSA office to make an appointment to apply for ERP Phase Two and PARP assistance.

EATS Act Introduced to Counter Prop 12

A group of senators and representatives are doing everything they can to make sure pork can be sold everywhere in the nation, including California. In response to California's Proposition 12, Sen. Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) are reintroducing the Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression (EATS) Act in the Senate while Rep. Ashley Hinson (R-Iowa) leads the effort in the House of Representatives.

The legislation prohibits state and local governments from interfering with agricultural production nationwide, while preserving their ability to regulate farming and ranching within their jurisdictions. The EATS seeks to preserve states' rights by limiting their ability to impose agricultural regulations on other states.

DATCP Announces Appointments to Leadership

MADISON, Wis. – Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Randy Romanski has announced Mike Strigel as Assistant Deputy Secretary, Robby Personette as Administrator of the Division of Agricultural Resource Management, and Michelle Reinen as Administrator of the Division of Trade and Consumer Protection.

As Assistant Deputy Secretary, Strigel will build on DATCP's strong history of stakeholder engagement. Strigel will begin serving as Assistant Deputy Secretary on July 19, 2023. Personette will begin serving as Administrator of the Division of Agricultural Resource Management on June 19, 2023. Reinen will begin serving as Administrator of the Division of Trade and Consumer Protection June 19, 2023.

Ag Coalition Support

Wisconsin farmers and agribusiness are a critical economic driver in the State of Wisconsin contributing \$104.8 billion annually to our state's economy. They not only drive our local and state economies, but they are also feeding Wisconsin citizens and people around the world. Support for this industry is critical to the economic health of our state and countless rural and urban communities.

Many farm and agribusiness groups, including the Wisconsin Pork Association, are members of the Ag Coalition who are working together to inform and shape Wisconsin policy to support farming and agriculture in Wisconsin. Below are a couple of the programs they are supporting:

Well Compensation Grant Program- Support Alternative H2B to provide \$500,000 in 2024-25 for well compensation and well abandonment grants from the Environmental Management SEG Account.

Agricultural Road Improvement Program- \$150 million in one-time funding for the Agricultural Road Improvement Program (ARIP) as a part of the Department of Transportation's budget. This program would provide grants for local governments to repair and rebuild crumbling roads and bridges that create problems for farmers.

Rural Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Abatement- Support Alternative A1 to provide \$10,000,000 in SEG-supported general obligation bonding for rural nonpoint source water pollution abatement grants. Bond proceeds support the targeted runoff management (TRM) program and provide the required 70% state cost-share for the installation of structures in rural settings to improve water quality by preventing soil erosion and animal waste runoff.

Congratulations to the Wall Family!

Luke Wall, NPPC Regional Director of Producer Services (IL, MO, WI), and his wife Lauren welcomed their second child, Vivia Lynn Wall, on Tuesday, May 9th.

All are happy and healthy, and her big sister is a big help. Congratulations Luke and Lauren!



Kalton J. Bauman Obituary

Kalton J. Bauman, 69, of Markesan, passed away Friday, April 28, 2023, at home surrounded by his family. He was united in marriage to Sheryl Ann Appenzeller July 14, 1979, on her family farm near Ripon. The two just celebrated their 43rd anniversary last July and their marriage was blessed with two children.



Kalton farmed the home farm near Marquette for his entire life and for the past 30 years ran Bauman's Natural Meats and Catering. He served on the Green Lake County Pork Producers, Farm Bureau Young Farmers, and served pork for over two decades at the Pork Schoppe. Survivors include wife Sheryl of 43 years; son Kalton Michael (Jennifer) Bauman; daughter BobbiJo, Anna (David) DeGolyer; six grandchildren, Mathias Kalton, Zander Allen, and Sterling Lincoln Weber, Kloie Allier and Kimberlyn Ann Bauman, and Vida Josephine DeGolyer; sister Bonnie Marousek; brother Barry (Ann) Bauman, and many nieces and nephews. Kalton is greatly missed by all who knew him.

Producer Program Enrollment is a Main Priority

It's no secret that there are many forces that threaten the swine industry: foreign animal disease, extremist groups, cost of production, market volatility...the list goes on. So, how do we combat these pressures? PRODUCER PROGRAMS.

National Pork Producers Council, National Pork Board, Wisconsin Pork Association, producers, and industry stakeholders have worked tirelessly to develop effective programs that safeguard our industry to help ensure its longevity.

Below is a listing of a few of the programs that help us to prepare for foreign animal disease, regulatory issues, environmental issues, market issues, etc. WPA staff will be reaching out to producers in the coming months to encourage enrollment in these programs.

If you have any questions or interest, please contact WPA at 608-723-7551 or email wppa@wppa.org.

1. U.S. Swine Health Improvement Program (SHIP)

- The US SHIP certification aims to mitigate risks of disease introduction and provide a practical means for demonstrating evidence of freedom of disease (outside of foreign animal disease control areas) in support of ongoing interstate commerce and a pathway towards the resumption of international trade over the course of a trade impacting disease response and recovery period.
- The program will help support interstate commerce and resumption of access to export markets from unaffected regions during times of FAD outbreaks in the swine industry.
- It will create an officially recognized and proven platform for addressing animal health related issues of high consequence that extend beyond the immediate influence of an individual state, producer, or packer's farm gate.
- Regardless of the number of animals, we encourage **producers of all sizes to enroll** each of their farms in the SHIP program.



2. Secure Pork Supply Plan (SPS)

- If the U.S. breaks with a foreign animal disease (FAD) such as foot and mouth disease (FMD), classical swine fever (CSF), or African swine fever (ASF), regulatory officials will limit the movement of animals and animal products to control the spread of the disease.
- This program better positions you so that you can operate if your animals are quarantined but show no sign of the disease by:
 - o Limiting exposure of your animals through enhanced biosecurity
 - o Increase your chances to get a movement permit issued by Regulatory Officials because of your level of preparedness
 - o Maintain business continuity for the swine industry, including producers, haulers, and packers during an outbreak
- If you are not taking steps to prepare, then you will be behind the ball, and it will take longer to meet the movement permit requirements in the event of an outbreak.

Visit www.securepork.org to access valuable resources such as a biosecurity checklist, farm signage, training videos, and more!

3. Pork Cares Farm Impact Sustainability Report Program

- The program helps producers collect data from their operations and create a sustainability report specifically for them.
- Upon completion, producers will get a simple, easy to understand, two-page report that they can share with anybody.
- The reports show the conservation practices on the operation, manure application and savings, soil conditioning index, environmental outcomes, management practice impacts and erosion average. The reports also include a Sustainable Continuous Improvement Plan, that recommends ways for the producer to improve their operation's sustainability.
- Can be used when discussing environmental impact of hog farms with neighbors, regulatory officials, consumers, etc.

For more information or to get started, contact WPA at wppa@wppa.org or call the office at 608-723-7551.

PRRS Rebate Program

Currently, the Wisconsin Swine Health Rule is a law that requires producers to test their pigs for PRRS and PEDv when moving intrastate or interstate. The WPA has discussed this rule extensively and developed a plan to determine the effectiveness of the rule in respect to the state's health status relative to the producers' testing costs.

The Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) plan provides an opportunity to capture additional information from tests conducted throughout the state. The goal is to analyze test results and compile an aggregate report, WPA is working with Dr. Corzo, University of Minnesota. To maintain confidentiality of all participants, no individual results will be released. If you are interested in participating, please contact WPA for more information by calling 608-723-7551.

In addition, WPA is offering a program that consists of two tiers of rebates to help offset the costs associated with the testing:

Tier 1: \$25 rebate to producers to offset ELISA testing costs.

Tier 2: \$100 rebate to producers to offset PCR testing. (Effective April 1st, 2023- December 1st, 2023.)

To be eligible for the rebates, producers must submit the rebate form, test results, and invoice/receipt to WPA prior to December 1st, 2023.

Producers are eligible to receive one rebate per premises per quarter through December 1st, 2023. For more information and to obtain rebate forms, visit our website at wppa.org or email wppa@wppa.org.



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Calendar of Events

July

- 3-4- Fourth of July Holiday- WPA Office Closed
- 18-20- Wisconsin Farm Technology Days- 9 a.m.-4 p.m.-Baraboo

August

- 3-13- Wisconsin State Fair- West Allis, WI
- 15- Swine Reproduction Seminar- Time & Location TBA
- 16- Southeast Regional Meeting- 6:30-8:30 p.m.- Wilsons' Deli,
100 Clark St. Elkhorn, WI 53121
- 17- Northeast Regional Meeting- 6:30-8:30 p.m.- Mineshaft,
2041 S. Koeller St. Oshkosh, WI 54902
- 22- Southwest Regional Meeting- 6:30-8:30 p.m.- UW-Platteville
Ag Technology Center, 29200 College Farm Road, Platteville,
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- 23- Northwest Regional Meeting- 6:30-8:30 p.m.- Northwoods
Brew Pub, 50819 West St., Osseo, WI 54758

September

- 4 – Labor Day Holiday- WPA Office Closed
- 5-7 – SHIP House of Delegates Meeting
- 13-14 – Legislative Action Conference, D.C.
- 22 – WPA Golf Outing- House on the Rock Resort, Spring Green

October

Pork Month

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