

## PQA Plus Program

### Description

Pork Quality Assurance Plus incorporates an animal well-being component, mainly the Pork Checkoff's Swine Welfare Assurance Program®, into the Pork Quality Assurance® (PQA®) certification program. The industry's solution is a continuous improvement system focused on producer education, certification, and premises assessment.

### Why was PQA Plus Developed?

- To put the pork industry in a position to demonstrate to its customers the commitment of the industry to providing the best possible care for its animals.
- To assure consumers they are purchasing the highest quality, safest product possible while caring for animal well-being.

### There are three stages to PQA Plus:

1. Individuals Training. Anyone associated with the operation, from the owner to the bookkeeper, can go through the program. Much like PQA III, it involves a training program, leading to certification.
2. On-Farm Assessment. This involves a certified advisor coming on-site to assess your procedures. The advisor can also help you address challenges that might surface.
3. Operations that have passed site assessment could be selected for a random audit. This is not designed to critique the producer, but to survey the program's effectiveness and identify any needed adjustments.

Stage 1  
Certification will  
be offered on  
Feb. 8th



Washington Pork Producers  
WSU Grant/Adams Extension  
Courthouse, P.O. Box 37  
Ephrata, WA 98823

## WASHINGTON SWINE INFORMATION DAY



February 8, 2008  
8:50 AM to 5:15 PM  
Red Lion Hotel  
Pasco, WA

*A seminar designed for  
Progressive Pork Producers and  
Stakeholders in Washington State  
and other PNW States*

### Information will be valuable to:

- \*Commercial and Small Production Swine Farms in the Pacific Northwest
- \*Agriculture Educators
- \*Agency Representatives
- \*Youth Producers
- \*Fair & Jr. Show Representatives



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8:15 a.m. **Registration**

8:50 **Welcome— WSU Extension**

9:00 **News from WSU—**

**Department of Animal Sciences Update**, Dr. Margaret Benson, Chair  
**WSU Swine Center Update**, Mr. Asa Timm, WSU Swine Center Manager  
**WSU Swine Research Update**, Dr. John McNamara, Nutritionist

9:45 **“Porcine Cirrovirus (PCV): Is it Causing Disease in My Herd? Should I Vaccinate My Pigs”**—Dr. John Wenz, DVM, WSU Veterinary School, Field Investigative Unit, Pullman

10:30 **Break**

10:45 **“Alternatives to Antibiotics—The Baby Calf Experience”**—Dr. Dale Moore, WSU Extension Outreach Veterinarian Director, Pullman

11:30 **“National Pork Board and Pork Checkoff Update”**—National Pork Board Representatives, Des Moines, IA

NOON **WPP Luncheon —Sponsored by Pork Checkoff**

1:15 **“Swine Reproduction and Artificial Insemination Basics”**—Dr. Chris Hostetler, Monogastric Nutritionist, South Dakota State University, Brookings

2:15 **“Livestock Risk Protection Program For Pork Producers”**—Ms. Mary Lou Casey, USDA Risk Management Agency

2:45 **“National and Washington Animal Identification System Update”**—Mr. Dallas McDermott, NPB, Des Moines, IA

3:15 **Break**

3:30 **“PQA Plus Training and Certification”—Adult and Youth Session (concurrent)**—Ms. Jean Smith and Ms. Sarah Smith, WSU Extension Educators

5:15 **Adjourn**

6:00 **WPP Dinner and Annual Meeting**—Scot Cocking, WPP President



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	Fee	Number	Amount
<b>Registration</b>	\$35	x	= \$
<i>Includes: seminar, WPP dues, break, lunch, &amp; PQA + certification</i>			
<b>Youth Registration</b>	\$20	x	= \$
<i>Includes: seminar, handouts, break, lunch &amp; PQA+ certification</i>			
<b>Registration + Lunch</b>	\$50	x	= \$
<i>After 1/25/08 or first 50 participants</i>			
<b>Additional Lunch</b>	\$18	x	= \$
<b>WPP Evening Dinner</b>	\$30	x	= \$
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			\$
<b>Reminder:</b> The first 50 participants to submit a paid registration by January 25 will receive a free lunch. DO NOT WAIT, get your registration in early!			

Send completed form with check payable to **Washington Pork Producers**, WSU Grant/Adams Extension; Courthouse PO Box 37; Ephrata, WA 98823

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special needs?:

(WSU Extension will call to verify your request)

**Special Rates** of \$79.95 Will apply at the Red Lion Hotel if room is reserved by January 18, 2008. Phone 509-547-0701. “Washington Swine”

**Cancellation Policy:** If you cancel your registration by phone, 509-754-2011-Ext 413, or email, smithsm@wsu.edu, before January 25th, you will receive your registration minus \$10 dues payment plus a \$10.00 cancellation fee.

*Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of discrimination may be reported through your local extension office.*



**Complimentary Lunch-** The first 50 participants to submit a paid registration by January 25<sup>th</sup> will receive a free lunch compliments of the National Pork Board (NPB). *Register Early!*