



You can become a Certified Swine Sample Collector

Join other producers and veterinarians in Minnesota's response to a potential disease outbreak

What is a Certified Swine Sample Collector (CSSC)?

- Veterinary services will be stretched thin during a disease outbreak; a squad of CSSCs across Minnesota will enable continuity of the pig industry
- Minnesota has the second largest pig population in the US & currently has only 35 Certified Swine Sample Collectors
- Statewide sample collection will enable disease surveillance & permitted movement to occur efficiently during an outbreak
- A CSSC is a person trained by a veterinarian to collect fluid or tissue samples for testing in the event of a catastrophic disease outbreak
- CSSC training ensures that samplers are prepared to collect samples correctly & submit them properly

Schedule a CSSC Workshop Near You

The University of Minnesota Extension has received a National Pork Board grant to conduct CSSC workshops across Minnesota during summer & fall 2024.

All workshop costs including sampling equipment & supplies, meals and materials are covered; UM Extension will handle the logistics of the workshops, including recruitment of veterinarian trainers.



What Can I Do?

Contact Sarah Schieck Boelke at schi0466@umn.edu or 320.235.0726 Ext 2004 to discuss a location, schedule a date, and strategize who could be workshop participants from your farm, production system, or segment of the pig industry.

David Weinand, MN Department of Agriculture Secure Food Supply Coordinator, can answer additional questions about the CSSC program at David.Weinand@state.mn.us or 651.201.6646



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