



SME Training Workshop on November 17th, 2009 in Bonn

Pig health management - importance of general and selected specific measures

General information:

The training workshop will take place on Tuesday the 17th of November, from 15:00 to 17:00. It will be held at the Gustav-Stresemann European Institute for Conferences and Professional Training (GSI) in Bonn, Langer Grabenweg 68, D-53175 Bonn, Germany.

Target group:

This training event is addressed to stakeholders from the industry, preferably small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), of different stages of the pork production chain (mainly primary production) and to veterinarians.

Contents:

Animal health and food safety issues are becoming increasingly important to all sectors of livestock production. The improvement in the health and welfare of pigs are important factors that will determine the sustainability of the European pig production in the next years. Therefore results of general and selected measures are important indicators for the pig health status. The main benefits are:

- Pig welfare can be enhanced.
- "Prevention is better than cure": Risks can be quantified easier and disease surveillance information available to pig producers can be enhanced. Farmers and pig industry will be enabled to identify and breed healthier and more productive pigs.
- The communication between the actors in the production chain can be improved.
- Pig producers and processors can save costs associated with sick animals and less impact of acute infections. The competitiveness of pig producers and processors will be improved.
- Within the scope of quality management the improvement in pig health and resulting welfare status can be measured.
- The health of pigs will benefit consumers through better quality meat and meat products. Food safety is increased.

The aim is to achieve a demonstrable and sustainable improvement in pig health and resulting welfare that will contribute to the recovery of the pig industry and a sustainable rural economy.

Speakers:

- Rudolf Festag, Erzeugergemeinschaft Osnabrück (EGO, Germany); Q-PorkChains Partner: EGO coordinates the pilot chain about the use of health management tools based on quality management principles. These tools focus on specific animal health measures. <http://q-porkchains-industry.org/index.php?id=pilot1>
- Dr. Carlos Pineiro and Dr. Matilde Pineiro (PigChAMP Pro, Spain); Q-PorkChains Industrial Partner: PigCHAMP coordinates a pilot chain to validate the routine use of rapid methods for animal health, welfare and food safety with a focus on non-specific measures. <http://q-porkchains-industry.org/index.php?id=pilot3>

Both pilot chains get scientific support from the University of Bonn ([FoodNetCenterBonn](#)).

Costs:

The training is free of charge.



Registration:

Please register for the SME Training Workshop at www.q-porkchains.org. Registration deadline is September 15th, 2009.

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