

IOWA PQA PLUS™ Training Sessions

April 2009

April 9. Fayette County Extension Office. 201 East Clark, Suite 101, Fayette. 3 to 5 p.m. *Preregistration is required.* To preregister, contact Mark Storlie by e-mail at mstorlie@iastate.edu or by phone at 563-425-3331.

April 14. Polk County Extension Office. 1625 Adventureland Drive, Suite A, Altoona. 1 to 3 p.m. To preregister, contact the Keokuk County Extension Office at 800-515-2680. For more information contact Terry Steinhart by e-mail at tsteinha@iastate.edu.

April 16. Tama County Extension Office. 203 W. High Street, Toledo. 1 to 3 p.m. To preregister, contact the Keokuk County Extension Office at 800-515-2680. For more information contact Terry Steinhart by e-mail at tsteinha@iastate.edu.

April 21. Washington County Extension Office. 2223 250th Street, Washington. 7 to 9 p.m. To preregister, contact Tom Miller by e-mail at tmiller@iastate.edu or by phone at 319-653-4811.

April 23. Keokuk County Extension Office. 102 East Washington, Sigourney. 1 to 3 p.m. To preregister, contact the Keokuk County Extension Office at 800-515-2680. For more information contact Terry Steinhart by e-mail at tsteinha@iastate.edu.

May 2009

May 19. Jones County Extension Office. 605 East Main Street, Anamosa. 7 to 9 p.m. To preregister, contact Larry McMullen by e-mail at lkcmcmull@iastate.edu or by phone at 319-462-2791.

June 2009

June 9. Northwest Iowa Community College. Building A, Room 118, Sheldon. 1 p.m. To preregister, contact Jerry Weiss at weissj@iastate.edu or by phone at 712-335-3103 or Dave Stender at dstender@iastate.edu or by phone at 712-225-6196.

June 9. Osage Municipal Utility. Osage. 3 to 5 p.m. *Preregistration is required.* To preregister, contact Mark Storlie by e-mail at mstorlie@iastate.edu or by phone at 641-732-5574. (Note: Cost for this *and* TQA meeting in the afternoon is \$30.)

June 10. Farm Bureau Office meeting room. 421 1st Ave N, Estherville. 9:30 a.m. To preregister, contact Jerry Weiss at weissj@iastate.edu or by phone at 712-335-3103.

June 11. Fayette County Extension Office. 201 East Clark, Suite 101, Fayette. 3 to 5 p.m. *Preregistration is required.* To preregister, contact Mark Storlie by e-mail at mstorlie@iastate.edu or by phone at 563-425-3331.

June 16. Washington County Extension Office. 2223 250th Street, Washington. 7 to 9 p.m. To preregister, contact Tom Miller by e-mail at tmiller@iastate.edu or by phone at 319-653-4811.

June 17. Hancock County Extension Office. 327 West 8th St., Garner. 10 a.m. to noon. To preregister, contact Russ Euken by e-mail at ruken@iastate.edu or by phone at 641-923-2856.

June 18. ISU Western Research and Demonstration Farm. 36515 Hwy E34, Castana. 1 p.m. To preregister, contact Dave Stender at dstender@iastate.edu or by phone at 712-225-6196.

July 2009

July 21. Jones County Extension Office. 605 East Main Street, Anamosa. 7 to 9 p.m. To preregister, contact Larry McMullen by e-mail at lkcmcmull@iastate.edu or by phone at 319-462-2791.

TQA® Training Sessions

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April 6. Buena Vista County Extension Office. 824 Flindt Drive, Storm Lake. 7 to 9 p.m. To preregister, contact Jerry Weiss at weissj@iastate.edu or by phone at 712-335-3103.

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June 10. Farm Bureau Office meeting room. 421 1st Ave N, Estherville. 12:30 p.m. To preregister, contact Jerry Weiss at weissj@iastate.edu or by phone at 712-335-3103.

June 17. Hancock County Extension Office. 327 West 8th St., Garner. 1 to 3 p.m. To preregister, contact Russ Euken by e-mail at reuken@iastate.edu or by phone at 641-923-2856.

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PORK QUALITY ASSURANCE PLUS™ and TRANSPORT QUALITY ASSURANCE®

PQA Plus™ was developed by the Pork Industry Animal Care Coalition to be a continuous improvement program. The coalition, made up of pork producers, packers/processors, restaurants and food retailers, dedicated itself to finding a food-industry solution that would give confidence to consumers that U.S. pork is produced in a way that respects animal well-being. PQA Plus™ merges the food safety and animal well-being concepts of the original PQA program into three steps: individual certification through education, farm site assessment, and the opportunity for audit that gives customer credibility. For more information on PQA Plus™ contact the National Pork Board at 800-456-PORK, or go to <http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/PQAPlus.html>

TQA was introduced in 2002 by the Pork Checkoff as a quality assurance program designed specifically for transporters, producers and handlers of pigs. It encourages dedication to transporting and delivering the highest quality, safest pork product possible to remain competitive in the global market. The program's mission is to make a positive impact on pork industry animal

movement practices through the education and continued training of animal handlers by demonstrating industry-leading techniques which lead to enhanced animal well-being; and quality pork products.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES, ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

The Iowa Pork Industry Center and Iowa State University Extension are teaming up to provide necessary training for producers for both programs.

PQA PLUS™ and TQA® TRAINING SESSIONS

Each session is two hours long with a registration fee of \$25 per person, payable at the training session. Preregistration is strongly encouraged to ensure that adequate materials are available for all in attendance. See the individual meeting entries below for appropriate contact information.

INFORMATION

A special rate is available for group training sessions. Please contact the ISU Extension field specialist in your area for more information. Check the [ISU Extension swine field specialist page](#) for links to your respective field specialist's contact and other information.