

News Release – For Immediate Release

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Whitley County Swine Producer Meeting: Securing Indiana’s Pork Supply

Columbia City, IN, 10/30/20 – Swine producers, veterinarians, and industry partners are encouraged to attend a meeting on Securing Indiana’s Pork Supply on Dec. 14 at Whitley County 4-H Center in Columbia City.

Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) veterinarians Dr. Kelli Werling and Dr. Maria Cooper will describe Indiana’s disease response strategy, and guide producers through specific actions to take now to prepare for a high-consequence disease event.

BOAH encourages all Hoosier swine producers to participate in the voluntary Securing Indiana’s Pork Supply (IN SPS) program so they can save time later (during a disease emergency) by completing some necessary tasks up front. Several locations throughout the state will be hosting IN SPS sessions in the coming weeks and months.

Here are the local meeting details:

Securing Indiana’s Pork Supply Meeting

December 14, 2020

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Whitley County 4-H Center, 680 West Squawbuck Rd, Columbia City, IN

To Register: Call Purdue Extension – Whitley County at 260-244-7615 with name, phone, and Premises ID number (if known)

NOTE: Producers should have the premises identification number (premid) for each of their pork-producing operation sites. PremIDs are needed for BOAH to record completion of this portion of the Securing Indiana’s Pork Supply program. Some packers may require certification of Secure Pork Supply status to receive hogs.

Why the “Securing Indiana’s Pork Supply Program?”

As many farm media headlines focus on the spread of African swine fever (ASF) around the globe, have you stopped to consider how a case found in Indiana—or even within the United States—will impact your operation?

Currently, the US Department of Agriculture plans to stop all hog movements nationwide for at least 72 hours with the first diagnosis. To restart movements, producers will likely need to demonstrate high biosecurity standards, traceability of hogs and adequate surveillance—at a minimum. Is your operation ready for that?

The team at the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) wants to ensure every Hoosier pork producer is as prepared as possible now—because we all know that a disease event can drastically disrupt our lives without warning.

More information about Securing Indiana's Pork Supply is online at: www.in.gov/boah/2857.htm. The local program is sponsored by Indiana BOAH and Purdue Extension in Whitley County.