



# New York Pork Producers

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR TODAY'S PORK PRODUCERS

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## EMPIRE FARM DAYS

### THANK YOU!!!

To all the volunteers that helped at the New York Pork Producers tent.  
It's volunteers like you that made this event a HUGE success.



Just some highlights from the NY Pork Producers tent.

*Mark your calendar, August 9-11, 2016 is next year's Empire Farm Days.*

## Letter from the NY Pork Producer President

New York Pork Producers,

Summer, my favorite time of year! Long hours outside with my family, harvesting the bounty from the garden my family plants and tends to all season, constant pork on the grill, and the opportunity to exhibit show pigs with my daughters at shows and fairs across the country, there is nothing better!

The hours my girls and I spend preparing our livestock for shows has become more than just an opportunity to exhibit our hard work. It has become my favorite time of year, a time where I get to share my families' production story and our passion for the pork industry. Pork Quality Assurance, Transport Quality Assurance, and We Care programs are always at the forefront of the information we share with fair goers and consumers we cross paths with. Sharing these principles is a reminder for us to always do what is right to best represent the industry that we love. As you participate in events this summer with your families I would encourage you to hone your production story and be willing to share your journey, include the industry principles we stand behind and your passion for contributing to our worlds food supply!

When discussing production and sharing our states producers stories, I cannot help but highlight Empire Farm Days. The three day event was held August 11<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup> and is always a success for The New York Pork Producers. Thanks to some dedicated directors this year was no different. We served pulled pork dinners to the masses at Empire Farm Days and shared our passion for pork production and the world's favorite protein. Youth producers joined us to assist in the booths success and earn extra points for the New York State Fair Empire Market Hog Contest. I wish all youth participating in the contest all the best!

If you are looking for events to get involved in as producers, one of my favorites is the National Junior Swine Associations Eastern Regional held in Hamburg, New York. This year the event will be held October 8th – 10th. Youth of all ages bring impressive swine exhibits to the Erie County Fairgrounds to be judged, outside of judging connections are made by the young and old some turning into friendships and partnerships that last a lifetime. Come check out how bright our industries future is and establish some new connections of your own!

With the end of summer upon us, a successful Empire Farm Days under our belt, the excitement of The New York State Fair and The NJSA Eastern Regional before us we have a lot to be thankful for. I wish all the best to the youth and adult producers who exhibit their latest genetics the best of luck and for those who don't, please attend summer events and share your passion for pork production!

Thank You for your membership!

Ed Keller Jr.  
NY Pork Producers, President





Here are some fun highlights that have been happening at the Erie County Fair this year. At the New York Pork Producers booth we handed out several recipes and talked about the 145 degree temperature followed by a 3 minute rest when cooking pork. The New York Pork Producers also helped sponsor the 4H NY Bred, Born & Raised Hog Show. The Johnsonville Brats grill made its way for the first weekend of the fair and the Pork Producers Trailer will be making its way here the last weekend of the fair.



See the Pork Be Inspired stickers on the grills.



## 2015 Swine Reproduction Clinic - Part 2

**What:** The New York Pork Producers Cooperative Inc. and Pork Check off, will be hosting Dr. Tim Safranski of the University of Missouri for the second half of the swine reproduction clinic on **Saturday September 19, 2015**. Start time will approximately be 10:00 am. This event is **free** for members or \$25 for non-members. Limited seats available.

**Where:** Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department – 13415 Genesee Street – Crittenden, NY and  
Foss Livestock – Alden, NY 14004

**How to Register:** New York Pork Producers office: 716-697-3031 or email: [info@newyorkpork.org](mailto:info@newyorkpork.org)

**If you have questions about this clinic please call:** Ed Keller at 585-813-4583

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 27-Sept 7, 2015	NY State Fair
September 15, 2015	Board of Directors Meeting Larry's Steak House Batavia, NY 6:00 PM
September 19, 2015	Swine reproduction seminar Part 2
September 18-20, 2015	Oinktober Fest BBQ Clarence, NY
October 8-10, 2015	NJSA Eastern Regionals Hamburg, NY
November 17, 2015	Board of Directors Meeting Abigail's Restaurant Waterloo, NY 6:00 PM
February 26-28, 2016	WNY Farm Show Hamburg, NY
August 9-11, 2016	Empire Farm Days

**If any member would like to attend a Board meeting,  
Please call or email the office.  
Thank you.**

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