



April 2020

Webinar to Discuss Options for Carcass Disposal for Pork Producers

Over the last couple weeks, several pork processing plants have either been shut down or have reduced processing due to the COVID-19 outbreak. While the processing plants are focusing on getting themselves running again, pork producers are faced with near-term critical problems needing attention now.

In the current situation, pork slaughter capacity has become a limiting resource; and pork producers may be faced with an unfortunate situation of having to destroy what they have cared for and raised.

A webinar for the pork industry has been scheduled to understand potential options for emergency disposal of animal tissue for April 29 at 8 a.m. Six topics will be discussed:

- Environmentally sound disposal options.
- How compost works.
- Above-ground burial.
- Carbon feedstocks (types and amounts).
- Windrow construction (space requirements, design and layout).
- Windrow management and troubleshooting.

Presenting during the webinar will be Mark Hutchinson, extension educator with the University of Maine; Gary Flory, agricultural program manager with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; and Craig Williams, dairy team educator with Penn State Extension. There will also be opportunities to ask questions of presenters.

Interested [participants must pre-register](#). Viewing details will be sent to the registered participants prior to the webinar.

The webinar is being sponsored by the Iowa Pork Producers Association.

Manure Applicator Certification Update

Due to the Corona virus/COVID-19 outbreak, the Manure Applicator Certification Training held in your county extension office are unavailable until further notice. Please use the [DNR Manure Applicator Certification E-Learning site](#) to renew your certification or to get your initial certification.

To take the education course online, applicators will need to register for an IowaID. This can be done by clicking on the E-Learning link above and following the prompts. Applicators can pay certification fees online or mail them to the DNR at

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Manure Applicator Certification
502 E 9th St
Des Moines IA 50319-0034

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Events

[Managing Feedlot Rations without Ethanol](#)

[Coproducts Webinar](#)

April 28, 12:00 pm

Pre-registration required

[Carcass Disposal for Pork Producers Webinar](#)

April 29, 8:00 am

Pre-registration required

[Holding or Slowing Cattle for Uncertain Market](#)

[Timing](#)

April 29, 7:00 pm

Pre-registration required

[Human Health: Pathogens and Contaminants in](#)

[Livestock Systems Webinar](#)

May 15, 2020, 1:30 pm