

2007 ILLINOIS PORK INDUSTRY TOUR

June 3-7, 2007

TENTATIVE ITINERARY as of 1/22/07 **cell phone: 217/836-8210**

Sunday, June 3

Flights arrive at Lambert International Airport, St. Louis, Missouri

**NOTE: Illinois Department of Agriculture staff will try to meet everyone at the baggage claim area at the airport. Look for green Illinois Department of Agriculture logo's on shirts of 2 Department staff people. In the event we miss you, the St. Louis Airport Hilton is just across the street and has free hotel shuttle vans. Collect all your luggage and follow the airport shuttle signs down the hallway to exit "MT 18." It is just outside the building on the circle drive. For those who arrive early enough, we can take groups down to the famous St. Louis Arch, the Mississippi Riverfront scenic park, and shopping.

**Lodging: St. Louis Airport Hilton
10330 Natural Bridge Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63134
Tel: 314/426-5500
Fax: 314/426-2924**

Monday, June 4

6:30 a.m. Check-out and have breakfast in a catered room in the hotel, not the restaurant.
Please bring all luggage to the catered breakfast room with you.

7:45 a.m. Load motorcoach with luggage and depart for Cedar Ridge Farms – Red Bud, IL

9:00 a.m. Arrive and tour Cedar Ridge Farms – Red Bud, IL

Cedar Ridge is the nation's top seller of Landrace breeding stock. They sell gilts, boars and market semen through their own boar stud unit. Currently they have over 1,000 Purebred Landrace, Yorkshire, Hampshire & Duroc sows and 2500 sows producing Landrace/York based crossbred commercial gilts. They maintain an excellent herd health program and have exported breeding stock worldwide. This stop will include viewing of purebred and crossbred gilts and boars and the semen processing facility.

11:00 a.m. Depart for Farmweld, Inc. – Teutopolis, IL

1:30 p.m. Arrive at Farmweld, Inc. – Teutopolis, IL

Food/drinks sponsored Farmweld, Inc.

www.farmweld.com

As a designer, producer and distributor of quality pork production equipment, Farmweld, Inc. has been a leading force in the pork industry for 26 years. The company's product designs are a result of testing, advice and suggestions of researchers, veterinarians, and pork producers throughout the world. Farmweld, Inc.'s product line includes a complete line of pork production equipment: Farmweld flooring systems, Challenger nursery & finishing feeders, farrowing

platforms, farrowing products, gestation equipment, and Farmweld Drik-O-Mat Cup and Fast Scale feeders.

- 4:00 p.m. Depart for hotel in Urbana, IL
- 6:00 p.m. Arrive at Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites – Urbana, IL
- 7:00 p.m. **Dinner and reception, sponsored by Illinois Livestock Exporters, will be held across the parking lot at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center.**

2 Illinois Sponsoring Companies

Bruce Cluver of Ag-World, Inc., Bloomington, IL www.agworldinc.com

Eff Embree of AM-CAN, Inc., Bloomington, IL www.cowboyexports.com

**Lodging: Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center
 1003 W. Killarney
 Urbana, IL 61801
 Tel: 217/328-0328
 Fax: 217/328-2219**

Tuesday, June 5

- 6:30 a.m. Check-out and have breakfast in a breakfast area next to hotel lobby.
Please bring all luggage to the breakfast room with you.
- 7:45 a.m. Load motorcoach with luggage and depart for Prairie State Semen Inc.,
Champaign, IL.
- 8:30 a.m. Arrive and tour Prairie State Semen, Inc. – Champaign, IL

www.showpigs.com
Prairie State Semen, Inc., Owner/Marketing Director Col. Jon Fisher, is a full service commercial boar stud. The company opened their doors in 1995 and has supplied semen to customers in the domestic and international markets. They operate state-of-the-art facilities, which are located next to Willard Airport in Champaign. They offer a diverse set of purebred boars that are pedigreed to help guarantee the predictability of offspring. They offer Hampshire, Large White, Duroc, Landrace, Chester Whites, Spot's, Poland's, Berkshires and Exotics with Pietrain bloodlines.
- 10:00 a.m. Depart for University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 10:30 a.m. Arrive for presentations on swine reproduction/genetics or swine nutrition by top University Swine Professors at the University of Illinois Department of Animal Sciences

The mission of the Department of Animal Sciences is to enhance the quality of life through excellence in teaching, research and outreach programs. Programs are designed to enhance the profitability, efficiency and well-being of animals as related to their environment, to food and fiber production and consumption and to animal and human activity.
- 12:30 p.m. Break for lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Depart for Chicago hotel

4:30 p.m. Arrive at Union League Club of Chicago - Chicago IL

Lodging: Union League Club of Chicago
65 West Jackson Blvd
Chicago, IL 60604-3598
Tel: 312/427-7800
Fax: 312/427-8117

Free time in downtown Chicago for shopping and/or sightseeing

9:00 p.m. Meet for group dinner downtown at Big Bowl Restaurant.

Wednesday, June 6

6:30 a.m. **Buffet breakfast Sponsored by Chris and Cari Manns of The Traders Group, Inc. in the Wigwam Restaurant on the 3rd floor of hotel.**

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7:30 a.m. Bring luggage to lobby for hotel checkout. Check luggage into front desk storage, or load motorcaoch, then walk across the street as a group to the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) (**Note: you will need your passports, no jeans allowed**)

8:00 a.m. Instructions and a movie in English on the trading floor activities.

9:30a.m. Experience the opening of the CBOT from the 4th floor viewing area then go down and walk the trading floor as a group

The Chicago Board of Trade is the world's oldest and largest futures and options exchange. The primary role of the CBOT is to provide the economic functions of price discovery and risk management for a wide array of commodities.

10:00 a.m. Walk 5 blocks to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) - Chicago, IL

10:15 a.m. Arrive at the CME for information and walk the trading floor as a group

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) is an international marketplace enabling institutions and businesses to manage their financial risks and allocate their assets. The CME is a not-for-profit corporation owned by its 2,725 members. The CME consists of futures and options on futures within four general categories: agricultural commodities, foreign currencies, interest rates and stock indexes.

11:15 a.m. Walk to the Ceres Café at the CBOT for Lunch

- 11:30 a.m. Arrive at the Ceres Café for at the CBOT for lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Walk back to hotel, load motorcoach with luggage and depart for Oil Dri Corporation, Vernon Hills, IL
- 2:30 p.m. Arrive and tour Oil Dri Corporation, Vernon Hills, IL

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Oil Dri's Agricultural Products Group has been delivering innovative solutions to the agriculture for decades. Their ConditionAde 200 HPC binds a broad spectrum of mycotoxins to improve animal growth performance. ConditionAde can be fed to all species of animals and works with all rations having no effect on vitamin and mineral content of feed. ConditionAde is available in over 70 countries as a cost competitive method of controlling mycotoxins.

- 4:00 p.m. Depart for hotel
- 7:00 p.m. Arrive at Four Points Sheraton – Moline, IL

**Lodging: Holiday Inn-Rock Island
226 17th Street, Suite 1
Rock Island, IL 61201-8723
Tel: 309/794-1212
Fax: 309/786-0533**

- 7:30 p.m. Meet as a group in the hotel lobby and depart for dinner. Dinner is at the Jumers Riverboat Casino and is walking distance from the hotel. (**Note: you will need your passports or valid photo Identification**)
- 8:00 Dinner and free time/gambling.

Thursday, June 7

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Bennigan's Restaurant in hotel
- 8:00 a.m. Checkout of hotel, load motorcoach with luggage and depart for Des Moines, Iowa, site of the World Pork Expo
- 10:30 a.m. Arrive at Heartland Inn to offload luggage from motorcoach – Des Moines, Iowa

* Note: Heartland Inn lodging is at participant's expense (\$83.99 plus tax / room) and is the end of the Illinois Tour.

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Des Moines, IA 50315-4482
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