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Dear Pork Industry Leader,

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is inviting all international pork industry leaders to participate in an educational and informational buyers tour of the ILLINOIS Pork Industry scheduled to take place June 3-7, 2007, enroute to the World Pork Expo, June 7-9, in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has designed this special Pre-Expo program, so international buyers can optimize time while attending the World Pork Expo. The department is offering a packaged tour, which includes lodging, most meals and local transportation by motor coach en route to the World Pork Expo. The Illinois Department of Agriculture and Illinois agribusinesses have also partially sponsored the cost of this tour.

During the Illinois Pork Industry Tour, visitors will have an excellent opportunity to visit outstanding pig seedstock companies. They will also meet nationally known Illinois pork industry leaders, meet with professors from the University of Illinois, visit the Chicago Board of Trade and Chicago Mercantile Exchange and visit family pork farms. Tour participants will also visit agribusinesses to examine some of the best pork equipment, feed suppliers, genetics and pharmaceuticals available. The visitors will collect information, which will help them better manage their own pork industries.

We encourage everyone interested in the latest pork industry technology to spend four days with us. We promise that the 2007 ILLINOIS PORK INDUSTRY TOUR will be both informational and productive.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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**2007 ILLINOIS PORK TOUR
REGISTRATION**

***PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT BY APRIL 27, 2007.
PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 40 PAID REGISTRANTS!***

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FARM OR COMPANY NAME _____

PARTICIPANT NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, PROVINCE, POSTAL CODE _____

TELEPHONE# _____ FAX# _____

E-MAIL: _____ COUNTRY _____

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The following information is requested for our tour hosts. All tour participants and host companies may receive a copy of this information.

Pig breed or breeds you own? _____

Other livestock or crops grown? _____

Number of gilts/sows you own? _____

How many gilts/sows would you like to purchase **this** year? _____

Number of boars you own? _____

How many boars would you like to purchase **this** year? _____

Are you interested in purchasing any boar semen? _____

Do you wish to purchase any equipment **this** year? yes no

Farm or Company background (years in operation, special bloodlines, other information)?

What information or purchases do you wish to gain from this tour which we can assist you with?

TOUR REGISTRATION

I will be arriving at Lambert International Airport in St. Louis, Missouri, Sunday, June 3, 2007.

Airlines _____

Flight # _____

Arrival Time _____ AM PM

We will try to provide a translator for you.

Yes, a translator would be helpful. No, thanks. I can understand English well.

Registration fee includes lodging, from June 3-7, 2007, and most meals and all local transportation from June 4-7, 2007 from arrival in St. Louis to arrival in Des Moines, Iowa. You may register as a single participant, or paired with another participant. Please choose one of the following:

Single Rooming Participant- U.S.\$550 _____

Double Rooming (per participant)- U.S.\$500 _____ (If you choose this option, please provide the name of the participant who will be your roommate at the hotels, or one will be assigned to you).

Credit Card Information for reserving World Pork Expo rooms -
Card Type & Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Please make bank draft or money order payable to Agricultural Products Promotional Fund or to pay by wire transfer, contact our offices for information. **PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN BY APRIL 27, 2007.** Participation limited to the first 40 paid registrants. The fee is non-refundable and will not be returned for any reason.

Des Moines, Iowa Hotel: The Illinois Department of Agriculture has reserved a block of rooms for tour participants to use at the Heartland Inn, a designated international guest hotel for the World Pork Expo. If you would like to stay in these US\$83.99 plus tax rooms, please make arrangements through our offices. Please provide us with number of rooms, number of occupants per room, and occupants names in each room. Also, to hold these rooms for arrival, a valid credit card is needed. Please contact our office with credit card name, number, and expiration date.

I agree to assume any risk associated in the participation of the 2007 Illinois Pork Tour and further agree to hold harmless and indemnify the State of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, its employees, agents, or assigns from any and all claims, suits, losses, or related causes of action for damages, including, but not limited to, such claims that may result from my injury or death, accidental or otherwise, during, or arising in any way from my participation in said activities.

Signature of Participant

Date

We look forward to seeing you in Illinois.