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### **University of Illinois and Illinois Pork Producers Offer New Swine Webinar Series**

URBANA – Registration is now open for the first-ever Swine Webinar Series sponsored by the University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, U of I Extension, the Illinois Pork Producers Association (IPPA) and The Pork Checkoff.

This series is designed to provide a forum for relaying information on a broad array of topics relevant to swine producers and industry affiliates, said Rob Knox, U of I Extension swine specialist and professor in the U of I Department of Animal Sciences.

“The program features experts within specific topic areas involved in swine production,” Knox said. “From reproduction to facilities, the webinar series will highlight a wide range of topics that we believe will be useful to producers and industry leaders.”

The series will kick off on Monday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. CST with “Reproduction: Gilt induction of puberty,” presented by Knox. Other topics include: Semen collection for fertility, antibiotic policies, foreign disease watch, ventilation management, optimizing management and marketing of finishing pigs, managing weaning pigs, managing photoperiod in the environment of pigs, composting mortalities, animal housing issues, industry issues involving 30 pigs/sow/year and methods to optimize estrus detection.

“This webinar series will offer pork producers an excellent opportunity to hear from several different swine industry experts without leaving the comfort of their home or farm office,” said Tim Maiers, IPPA Director of Industry and Public Relations.

All programs will take place on the fourth Monday of each month starting at 2 p.m. CST. The sessions will take 30 minutes with a 15-minute question-and-answer period.

To register, go to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/swinewebinar>. The cost is \$30 per registrant to access the entire webinar series and recorded programs. Participants will need a computer with Internet access and a telephone system to take part in the live program.

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