

Former NPB president putting pork production on display

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BUDA, Ill. — As a former president of the National Pork Board and as the NPB president who rolled out the group's Pork Quality Assurance Plus certification program, Wayne Peugh knows the importance of telling the public about quality pork production.

When Peugh opens up one of his contract finishing operations for a tour in July, owned by Bureau County pork producer Gary Ehnle, he and Ehnle will be sharing what they do with the world — literally, in the form of 300 guests from 25 to 30 nations, including developed and developing countries.

"I realize this is another farm group so we're not really reaching consumers, but hopefully we can shift a few attitudes of some foreign visitors who may not have seen this type of an operation or may not have seen it here in the United States," said Peugh on a visit to the Ehnle farm.

"We think it's a great opportunity to send a positive message about the industry that we're a part of and try to represent it as well as we can."

The Ehnle farm is one of several that do contract finishing for Leading Edge LLC/Peugh Farms. Peugh markets 60,000 hogs annually.

The audience that Peugh and Ehnle will be showing the operation to will be some of the 300 expected participants of the International Farm Management Congress.

The congress, which occurs every two years, moves around the world. For 2009, the event will take place at Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal from July 19 to 24.

The Peugh farm is one of several farms and agribusiness facilities throughout north-central Illinois that will be on display for the congress participants. Peugh

said it was not a hard decision to make to open the barns to international strangers.

"I think anytime we have an opportunity to share, we have open arms, and we're going to go out of our way to make this a success and represent the domestic swine industry here in the United States on the most positive basis we can," he said.

The stops on the tours, that span two days, were suggested by the membership of the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

Peugh is one of several farmers on the tour who works with Soy Capital Ag Services in Peoria, and his farm was suggested for the tour by Soy Capital.

"We asked our members and wanted farms that would be very representative, obviously, of the best of Midwest agriculture, and we wanted farms that are family oriented, examples of the latest technology — they tend to be leading edge kind of producers and our members came back with ideas," said Carroll Merry, ISPFMRA executive director.

Merry added organizers went to each tour stop and looked at the operation and facilities to determine if the facility was ready and able to deal with the large visit.

"Basically, we went out to the farms, looked at them and basically every one of our selections has been right on," he explained.

"We've been very fortunate that they've all just fallen into being the kinds of operations that we want to use to highlight agriculture for the congress."

Peugh grew up on a grain and livestock farm. He started raising pigs in Whiteside County in the late 1960s. He and wife, Edith, also raise corn and soybeans.

"This farm is owned by Gary Ehnle and his family. They are contract producers for us. They furnish the build-



Illinois pork producer Wayne Peugh shows some of the pigs that will be on display for visitors of the International Farm Management Congress in July. Peugh, former president of the National Pork Board, and the farm's owner, Gary Ehnle, will talk to the international guests about pork production in the United States.

ings and the labor, and we furnish the feed and the animals. They are excellent caretakers of the animals," Peugh said.

Ehnle and son, Jared, are the primary caretakers of the Bureau County farm that is the site of the upcoming tour. Jared owns his own finishing facility near his father's farm.

In addition to the finishing facility and the fields of corn and soybeans that surround it, guests also will have the opportunity to get an up-close view of the Crescent Ridge 1 wind farm, which is in the farm's backyard.

"We're going to specifically make sure the motorcoaches on a couple of the routes go through the wind farm areas because not everyone will be able to go out and see the Horizon wind farm near Bloomington," Merry said.

Peugh noted guests will hear about an industry in transition.

"Like everyone else, we've seen a lot of transitions and

probably most of them in the swine industry have been in the last 10 years," he said. "That's where the real fast transitions have been happening."

Peugh Farms is in its own transition phase. The family members are moving their farm out of the farrow-to-finish side of the business to concentrate solely on finishing pigs.

The barns that guests will see will contain market-weight hogs, and guests will see all the high-tech features of the modern finishing facilities in action.

The barns contain feeders and watering equipment that supply feed and water appropriate for the needs of pigs of any weight and age.

Fans and curtains that circulate air are controlled electronically, supplying more warmth when young weaned pigs are moved into the barns and keeping things cool when

pigs get larger and all the time keeping the environment safe for hogs and humans alike.

"A reason we picked this site is that these hogs will be market size when the tour comes through so when the group comes, we'll have healthy, market-weight animals to show them," said Peugh, who looked over the seven-old crop of pigs as he spoke. The two buildings hold a total of 4,800 animals.

In addition to his stint as president of the National Pork Board, Peugh was honored in February by the Illinois Pork Producers Association with the IPPA's Distinguished Service Award.

Merry said that in addition to the latest technology, the farm tours will show guests the family side of food, feed and fuel production.

"We've learned from experience at the other congresses that these people really want

to know about family enterprises, and if you look at the various properties we're going to, it's father and son, it's maybe three generations or more so the farm operations tend to be very much family operations," said Merry, who added tour organizers wanted a typical slice of Illinois farming.

"We said we want properties that would be typical Illinois farms. They're not all huge. They're not necessarily small, but they're very much using the latest technology."

In addition, Merry said the farmers and agribusiness professionals themselves are excellent examples of their craft.

"They're very much current, state-of-the-art operations. They tend to be very successful in their operations. They're good business people. They're all very well educated," he said. "We want our guests to see Midwest farm families — that's what it comes down to."

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