

An Integrated Approach to Improve Whole Herd Pig Livability Through Research and Industry Collaboration

Introduction and Project Objectives

The Improving Pig Survivability project is an on-going project encompassing research, education, and extension efforts with the goal of reducing overall mortality in the U.S. commercial swine industry. The project is funded by the National Pork Board and the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR). Team members have been represented by multiple institutions including Iowa State University, Kansas State University, and Purdue University. The project is guided by an advisory board consisting of representation across a wide spectrum of the US swine industry and multiple research projects have been direct collaborations with producers and allied industry partners in a field setting. Research efforts in this project seek to identify factors contributing to swine mortality in commercial production, and to develop strategies and information that can be utilized to reduce mortality and maximize pig survivability.

The initial project (2019-2024) had 4 objectives encompassing economics, the sow, preweaning livability, wean to finish livability, and a robust extension effort. The current project (2024-2026) has 4 primary pillar objectives:

- **Pillar 1:** Reduce mortality causes on U.S. sow farms by developing and implementing targeted strategies to maximize livability.
- **Pillar 2:** Improve pre-weaning livability of piglets through pre-farrow and post-farrowing strategies.
- **Pillar 3:** Enhance wean-to-finish livability via targeted management, nutrition, and labor efficiency strategies.
- **Pillar 4:** Expand the nationally recognized extension and outreach program to disseminate research findings and engage stakeholders.

Project Outcomes

Through the collaborations of the Pig Survivability project, a large number of resources have been generated and made available to different audiences including peer-reviewed publications, factsheets, short informational videos, and podcasts. Dissemination of information learned through this project through extension and training efforts are critical to maximize the impact of the research efforts.

Through the Pig Survivability project, there have been a total of:

- 18 undergraduate internships
- 27 graduate students trained
- 50+ undergraduates trained
- 37 peer-reviewed publications
- 37 abstracts/presentations at meetings
- 12 poster presentations
- 5 published proceedings
- 138 invited presentations
- 36 popular press and animal industry reports
- 36 factsheets covering wide array of topics (29 available in Spanish)
- 36 short informational videos (13 available in Spanish)

- 70 podcasts (PigX podcast)
- 2 economic decision tools (economic modeling of breed-to-wean and wean-finish mortality)
- 2 International conferences

The International Conference on Pig Survivability was held October 27 and 28, 2021 in Omaha, Nebraska, at the Hilton Omaha. The conference's objective was to facilitate the discussion and dissemination of the most current information relative to sow, litter, weaned pig and grow-finish mortality. A total of 451 participants from 29 states, 5 countries representing 175 different swine operations and allied industry business attended.

The International Conference on Pig Livability was held November 5 and 6, 2025 in Omaha, Nebraska, at the Hilton Omaha. The conference's objective was to facilitate the discussion and dissemination of the most current information relative to sow, litter, weaned pig and grow-finish mortality. A total of 565 registrants from 31 states, 6 countries representing 180+ different swine operations and allied industry business attended.

As a key outcome of the project, nearly all resources are available at the Improving Pig Survivability website (www.piglivability.org).

Training Activities:

The project supported the training activities of many students and staff:

- Graduate Students
 - Objective 1
 - Blaire Todd-Master's student working with Dr. Nick Gabler
 - Kayla Miller-PhD student working with Dr. Nick Gabler
 - Erin Dolecheck -PhD student working with Dr. Lee Schulz
 - Objective 2 (sow)
 - Grace Moeller – Master's student working with Dr. Ken Stalder
 - Zoe Kiefer – Master's student working with Dr. Jason Ross
 - Jamie Studer – PhD student working with Dr. Jason Ross
 - Dr. Justin Brown – Post-doctoral veterinarian working with Dr. Chris Rademacher and Locke Karriker
 - Dr. Meredith Petersen – Post-doctoral veterinarian working with Dr. Chris Rademacher and Locke Karriker
 - Dr. Gabi Doughan – Post-doctoral veterinarian working with Dr. Chris Rademacher and Locke Karriker
 - Vishesh Bhatia – PhD student working with Dr. Jack Dekkers
 - Usamah Kabuye – PhD student working with Dr. Jack Dekkers
 - Tricia Veldhuizen – Master's student working with Dr. Jack Dekkers
 - Laura Solis-Avila – Master's student working with Dr. Marcelo Almeida
 - Objective 2 (pre-weaning)
 - Larissa Shirley-Master's student working with Dr. Kara Stewart
 - Marcie Christianson-Master's student with Dr. Ken Stalder
 - Kiah Gourley-PhD student with Dr. Jason Woodworth

- Julia Holen-PhD student working with Dr. Jason Woodworth
 - Emiline Sundman-Master's student working with Dr. Anna Johnson
 - Spenser Becker-PhD student working with Dr. Laura Greiner
 - Abigail Jenkins- PhD student working with Dr. Jason Woodworth and Dr. Mike Tokach
 - Mikayla Spinler- PhD student working with Dr. Jason Woodworth and Dr. Bob Goodband
 - Samantha Swanson- Master's student working with Dr. Bob Goodband
 - Sierra Collier- Master's student working with Dr. Bob Goodband
- Objective 3
 - Jordan Gebhardt-PhD student with Dr. Mike Tokach
 - Madie Wensley-PhD student with Dr. Mike Tokach
 - Edison Magalhaes-Master's student with Dr. Daniel Linhares
 - Dr. Megan Nickel – Post-doctoral veterinarian working with Dr. Chris Rademacher and Dr. Locke Karriker
- Summer Interns
 - Erika Johnson - The first undergraduate intern supported on this project worked throughout summer 2019. She focused on POP projects, but she was also able to help with the Sow Transition project, Sow Induction project, and Extension activities.
 - Caitlyn Eickleberry – In summer of 2020, Caitlyn Eickleberry worked with Dr. Jason Woodworth at Kansas State University where she helped with various research and extension activities.
 - Mikayla Spinler - In summer of 2020, Mikayla Spinler worked with Dr. Nick Gabler at Iowa State University where she helped with various research and extension activities.
 - Alicia Denton – Alicia Denton worked with Dr. Kara Stewart at Purdue summer of 2021 and conducted a third trial looking at the impacts of heat lamp placement and piglet management at the time of birth on piglet growth and survival to weaning. They supervised undergraduate workers, collected data, conducted assays, entered data and interpreted data. They also contributed significantly to additional trials being conducted in the research laboratory.
 - Alton Holstine – Alton Holstine worked with Dr. Kara Stewart at Purdue summer of 2021 and conducted a third trial looking at the impacts of heat lamp placement and piglet management at the time of birth on piglet growth and survival to weaning. They supervised undergraduate workers, collected data, conducted assays, entered data and interpreted data. They also contributed significantly to additional trials being conducted in the research laboratory.
 - Ty Kim – Ty Kim worked with Dr. Mike Tokach at Kansas State University summer of 2021 where he helped with several field research projects managed by Madie Wensley.
 - Andrew Boschert – Andrew Boschert worked with Dr. Mike Tokach at Kansas State University summer of 2021 where he helped with several field research projects managed by Madie Wensley.
 - Grace deNeui – Grace deNeui worked with Dr. Nick Gabler at Iowa State University and Dr. Kara Stewart at Purdue University where she helped

- with multiple research projects and extension activities.
- Abigail Statler – Abigail Statler worked with Dr. Nick Gabler at Iowa State University and Dr. Kara Stewart at Purdue University where she helped with multiple research projects and extension activities.
- Maeghan Petznick- Maeghan Petznick worked with Dr. Laura Greiner at Iowa State University where she helped with multiple research projects and extension activities managed by Stacie Matchan.
- Ayva Bohr- Ayva Bohr worked with Dr. Laura Greiner at Iowa State University where she helped with multiple research projects and extension activities managed by Stacie Matchan.
- Emma Coursey- Emma Coursey worked with Dr. David Rosero at Iowa State University where she helped with multiple research projects and extension activities managed by Stacie Matchan.
- Alexa Huber- Alexa Huber worked with Dr. David Rosero at Iowa State University where she helped with multiple research projects and extension activities managed by Stacie Matchan.
- Sierra Collier- Sierra Collier worked with JBS Live Pork on pigs placed on available teats.
- Samantha Swanson- Samantha Swanson worked with Pillen Family Farms on split suckling.
- Abigail Dies- Abigail Dies worked with multiple Iowa State University researchers, assisting with several research projects and extension activities managed by Stacie Matchan.
- Peyton Hereth- Peyton Hereth worked with multiple Iowa State University researchers, assisting with several research projects and extension activities managed by Stacie Matchan.
- Wyatt Dooley- Wyatt Dooley worked with Dr. Katelyn Gaffield at Kansas State University summer of 2025 where he helped with multiple research projects and extension activities.
- Many additional graduate or undergraduate students are assisting at research and commercial farms with data collection. The commercial trials give students a unique exposure to a commercial sow farm that many students do not otherwise get.
- Train the Trainer
 - SOP review and training of all Standard Nutrition sow farm managers by Kara Stewart. February 23, 2022.

Scholarly Outputs in Research and Extension

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 - c. Stewart, K.R. Best Practices of Colostrum Management
 - d. Christianson, M. Effects of Breed, Parity, and Teat Location on Swine Colostrum Composition and Production Traits
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2. “Use of biologically relevant enrichment to improve nursery-aged pig weaning transition” by Alexandria Geary. Honors project. December 8, 2021.
3. “Sow performance association with body condition measured prior to and after farrowing” by William Taylor. Iowa Pork Congress. January 26-27, 2022.
4. “Use of biologically relevant enrichment to improve the weaning transition of nursery-aged swine” by Emiline Sundman. Senior Honors Project, Iowa State University Honors Poster Presentation. February 2, 2022.
5. “Effects of novel nutritional enrichment on pig feeder aggression during early weaning” by Emiline Sundman. Senior Honors Project, Iowa State University Honors Poster Presentation. February 2, 2022.
6. “Effect of gruel feeding and oral dextrose on the survivability of pigs after weaning” by Andrew Boschert. American Society of Animal Science Midwest Meeting. March 14, 2022.
7. “Effect of body weight, body temperature, and blood glucose on the survivability of cull pigs after removal” by Madie Wensley. American Society of Animal Science Midwest Meeting. March 14, 2022.
8. “Effect of sensory attractants before and after weaning on nursery pig performance” by Madie Wensley. American Society of Animal Science Midwest Meeting. March 14, 2022.
9. “Confirmation of the Genetic Basis of Sow Pelvic Organ Prolapse (POP) Using Genomic Data” by Vishesh Bhatia. Allen D. Leman Swine Conference. September 17-20, 2022.
10. “Genomic Regions Associated with susceptibility to Sow Pelvic Organ Prolapse” by Vishesh Bhatia. Plant and Animal Genome 30. January 13-18, 2023.
11. “Identification of the Genetic Basis of Sow Pelvic Organ Prolapse” by Vishesh Bhatia. Iowa Pork Congress. January 25-26, 2023.
12. “How to reduce sow mortality in gestating sows” by Chris Rademacher. American Association of Swine Veterinarians 56th Annual Meeting. March 1-4, 2025.

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1. Kiefer, Z.E., Chipman, A.L., Studer, J., Johnson, C., Rademacher, C.J., Linhares, D.C.L., Ross, J.W. 2019. Update on Prolapses and Pig Survivability Initiative. James D. McKean Swine Disease Conference. Ames, Iowa. November 7-8.
2. Schulz, L.L. Sensitivity Analysis of Net Returns to Mortality. Pre-Conference Seminar: Raising Pigs for Dummies (Keep them Alive). Proceedings of the 52nd Annual Meeting of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians.

3. Schulz, L.L. Economics of Mortality- With a Look at Decision Tools to Help Improve it. 2023 Banff Pork Seminar Proceedings. January 11, 2023.
4. Gebhardt, J., S. Matchan, J. Ross, J. Dekkers, S. Canavate, C. Rademacher, C. Johnson, M. Tokach, E. Magalhaes, J. Woodworth, and J. DeRouchey. 2023. Improving pig survivability through research and collaboration. Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians.
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Invited Presentations

1. “An integrated approach to improve whole herd pig survivability. National Pork Board Webex Webinar, August 27th, 2019.
2. “Current efforts towards improving pig livability.” Allen D. Leman Swine Conference. Minneapolis, MN. September 16th, 2019.
3. “An industry-wide approach to better understand the putative causes of pelvic organ prolapse in sows”. Zoetis Technical Service Team Webinar, September 20th, 2019.
4. Magalhaes ES. “Investigating wean-to-finish causes of mortality.” Leman Conference. Brazilian Symposium (session in Portuguese). Saint Paul, MN. September 2019.
5. “An industry-wide approach to better understand the putative causes of pelvic organ prolapse in sows” Medicated Feed Additive Expert Council. Des Moines, IA. October 22nd, 2019.
6. “An industry-wide approach to better understand the putative causes of pelvic organ prolapse in sows” North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association Swine Veterinary Conference. Raleigh, NC, November 1st, 2019.
7. Magalhaes ES. “Drivers of wean-to-finish mortality and the impact of disease status.” 2019 North American PRRS Symposium. Chicago, Illinois. November 2019.
8. “An update on prolapses and the pig survivability initiative”. Iowa State University James D. McKean Swine Disease Conference. Ames, IA, November 8th, 2019.
9. Magalhaes ES. “Health Status, Seasonality, and Site Information as Predictors of Mortality in a U.S Swine Production System.” James D. McKean Swine Disease Conference. Ames, Iowa. November 2019.
10. “Update on Prolapses and Pig Survivability Initiative” Online Webinar for the Nutriquest Technical Team. December 4th, 2019.
11. “The importance of colostrum.” National Swine Improvement Federation Annual Meeting. Indianapolis, IN. December 5-6th, 2019.
12. “Distribution of subjectively evaluated conformation traits in commercial growing replacement gilts” Midwest ASAS, Omaha, NE. March 3, 2020.
13. “Steroid hormones are differentially abundant in sows with elevated risk for pelvic organ prolapse during late gestation” Midwest ASAS Meeting, Omaha, NE. March 3, 2020.
14. “An industry-wide approach to better understand pelvic organ prolapse in sows”. American Association of Swine Veterinarians Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. March 8th, 2020.
15. “Towards improving pig livability: Strategies to understand and mitigate sow mortality”. American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting. Virtual Presentation, July 22, 2020.
16. “Opportunities to enhance wean-to-finish pig survival”. American Society of Animal Science Annual meeting. July 22, 2020.

17. Gebhardt, J. "Review of Post-Weaning Mortality in Commercial Production". Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Survivability Pre-Conference Seminar. September 19, 2020.
18. Magalhaes ES. "Quantifying the effect of whole-herd health parameters in wean-to-finish survivability." 2020 Leman Conference. Survival Workshop: Updates and Resources from the Improving Pig Survivability Project. September 19-22, 2020.
19. : Vaginal Microbiome". Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Survivability Pre-Conference Seminar. September 19, 2020.
20. Stewart, K. "Best Practices of Colostrum Management". Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Survivability Pre-Conference Seminar. September 19, 2020.
21. Christianson, M. "Effects of Breed, Parity, and Teat Location on Swine Colostrum Composition and Production Traits". Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Survivability Pre-Conference Seminar. September 19, 2020.
22. Magalhaes, E. "Quantifying the Effect of Whole-Herd Health Parameters in Wean-to-Finish Survivability". Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Survivability Pre-Conference Seminar. September 19, 2020.
23. DeRouchey, J. "Fact Sheets, Videos, and Other Resources Available Through the Project". Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Survivability Pre-Conference Seminar. September 19, 2020.
24. "Survivability project updates." Kansas State University Swine Industry Day. November 18, 2022.
25. Tokach, M. "Maintaining continuity of nutrient intake after weaning: Pre- and post-weaning strategies". KSU Swine Day. November 19, 2020.
26. Feeding sows immediately before farrowing-What have we learned? Kansas State University Swine Day. November 19, 2020.
27. "Factors associated with pig livability in the post-weaning period" American Association of Swine Veterinarians 2021 Annual meeting. February 28, 2021.
28. Sensitivity Analysis of Net Returns to Mortality. Pre-Conference Seminar: Raising Pigs for Dummies (Keep them Alive). Invited presentation at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians. February 28, 2021.
29. "Factors associated with pig livability in the post-weaning period". 2021 AASV Annual Meeting, virtual. February 28, 2021.
30. Tokach, M. "Preparing for a low zinc world" American Association of Swine Veterinarians National Meeting. March 1, 2021.
31. "An investigation into the role of dietary essential fatty acids ratios and linoleic acid level on growth performance and inflammation of grow-finish pigs". Midwest ASAS, Virtual Conference. March 2021.
32. Linhares, DCL. Revealing causal associations and forecasting productivity from consolidated datasets. September 20, 2021. Allen D. Leman Swine Conference. St. Paul, MN.
33. "Economics of Mortality." International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 27th, 2021.
34. "Success, failures and actions on post-weaning survivability." International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 27th, 2021.
35. "Sow survivability: Pelvic organ prolapse." International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 28th, 2021.
36. "Early identification and treatment of at-risk sows." International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 28th, 2021.
37. "Nutritional enrichment to improve the weaning transition in nursery aged pigs." International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 28th, 2021.

38. “Attempts to maintain feed intake and reduce weight loss after weaning.” International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 28th, 2021.
39. “The use of attractants to stimulate neonatal piglet interest in rope enrichment.” International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 28th, 2021.
40. “Impact of essential fatty acids in lactation diets on sow and litter performance.” International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 28th, 2021.
41. “The effects of heat lamp placement on piglet mortality.” International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 28th, 2021.
42. “Farrowing induction impacts on piglet viability and survival.” International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 28th, 2021.
43. “Opportunities for measurable impact” International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 28th, 2021.
44. “Creating good lactating sows: how many meals pre-farrow is best.” International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 28th, 2021.
45. “Assembling whole-herd data to reveal causal patterns and forecasting grow-finish survivability.” International Conference on Pig Survivability. October 28th, 2021.
46. “Nutritional enrichment to improve the welfare of nursery-aged swine at weaning”. Merck’s Advancing Animal Welfare Together (AAWT) Symposium, Orlando, FL. November 16, 2021.
47. “Survivability project updates.” Kansas State University Swine Industry Day. November 18, 2022.
48. “Pre-weaning mortality – opportunity for impact”. National Swine Improvement Federation Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO. November 30, 2021.
49. “Interventions to reduce mortalities: pre-weaning.” SowBridge. December 1, 2021.
50. “Colostrum and managing the young pig.” Iowa Pork Industry Center Sow Summit. December 8, 2021.
51. “Pelvic organ prolapse: research updates and future directions.” Iowa Pork Industry Center Sow Summit. December 8, 2021.
52. “Monitoring sow health and implementation of interventions.” Iowa Pork Industry Center Sow Summit. December 8, 2021.
53. “On farm strategy to impact sow mortality.” Iowa Pork Industry Center Sow Summit. December 8, 2021.
54. “Sow survivability.” Ohio Pork Congress. February 9, 2022.
55. “Piglet survivability.” Standard Nutrition sow farm managers meeting. February 23, 2022
56. “Technologies for farrowing efficiency and piglet survival.” ASAS Midwest Animal Science Annual Meeting. March 14, 2022.
57. “Effect of floor feeding creep feed on the growth performance and morbidity and mortality of pigs after weaning.” ASAS Midwest Animal Science Annual Meeting. March 14, 2022.
58. “Effect of mat feeding on the growth performance and morbidity and mortality of pigs after weaning.” ASAS Midwest Animal Science Annual Meeting. March 14, 2022.
59. “Effects of providing a liquid sensory attractant to suckling pigs in lactation and after weaning on post-weaning pig performance.” ASAS Midwest Animal Science Annual Meeting. March 14, 2022.
60. “Effect of gruel feeding and oral dextrose on the survivability of pigs after weaning.” ASAS Midwest Animal Science Annual Meeting. March 14, 2022.
61. “Evaluation of essential fatty acids in lactating sow diets on sow reproductive performance, colostrum and milk composition, and pre-weaning litter growth and survivability.” ASAS Midwest Animal Science Annual Meeting. March 14, 2022.

62. "Evaluating the Impact of Essential Fatty Acids in Lactation Diets on Sow and Litter Performance." ASAS Midwest Animal Science Annual Meeting. March 14, 2022.
63. "Water and feed-based arginine impacts on gut integrity in weanling pigs." ASAS Midwest Animal Science Annual Meeting. March 14, 2022.
64. "Evaluation of the fecal microbiota in commercial sows with variable risk for pelvic organ prolapse during late gestation." ASAS Midwest Animal Science Annual Meeting. March 14, 2022.
65. "Body condition association with production records and feed management decisions." ASAS Midwest Animal Science Annual Meeting. March 14, 2022.
66. "Farrowing induction and impacts on piglet survival." Penn State Producer Meeting. March 29, 2022.
67. "Update on impact of structural conformation scores on survivability in stalled and group house gestation facilities." Meeting with Iowa producer and genetics company. March 31, 2022.
68. "Neonatal piglet interaction with environmental enrichment ropes and impacts on mortality and litter weight gain." North American International Society of Applied Ethology. April 2022.
69. "How can you improve livability in pig production." Webinar. May 26, 2022.
70. "Economics of Nursery Mortality." Zinpro Pre-World Pork Expo Meeting. June 7, 2022.
71. "Early identification of treatment of sows." PIC. June 17, 2022.
72. "Early identification of treatment of sows." International Pig Veterinary Society Congress. June 21, 2022.
73. "Young scholar award talk: Strategies to maintain nutrient intake, reduce weight loss, and improve livability in newly weaned pigs." National ASAS meeting. June 29, 2022.
74. "Decision maker tools for improving mortality." Iowa Swine Day. June 30, 2022.
75. "A practical approach to early intervention to reduce sow mortality." Iowa Swine Day. June 30, 2022.
76. "Causes of and strategies to minimize post-weaning mortality in commercial swine production." AMVEC pre-congress seminar. July 14, 2022.
77. "POP microbiota data comparing the vaginal and fecal communities." Society for the Study of Reproduction Annual Meeting. July 26, 2022.
78. "POP risk factors." Carthage Veterinary Service Swine Conference. August 23, 2022.
79. "Sow treatment." Carthage Veterinary Service Swine Conference. August 23, 2022.
80. "Validation of scan sampling techniques for nursery pig feeder and enrichment use." Congress of International Society of Applied Ethology. September 4-8, 2022.
81. "Importance of colostrum to the developing gilt." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Pre-Conference Sessions. September 17, 2022.
82. "Identifying at risk sows, a case control study." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Pre-Conference Sessions. September 17, 2022.
83. "Introduction and sow livability resources." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Sow Livability Seminar. September 19, 2022.
84. "Prolapses in sows- what we know, what has been done, where we go." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Sow Livability Seminar. September 19, 2022.
85. "Improved sow livability through refocused individual attention." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Sow Livability Seminar. September 19, 2022.
86. "What our system has done to improve sow livability." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Sow Livability Seminar. September 19, 2022.
87. "Economics of sow mortality - newly developed calculator." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Sow Livability Seminar. September 19, 2022.

88. "Discussion and take-home practices." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Sow Livability Seminar. September 19, 2022.
89. "Introduction and pre-wean, nursery and finishing livability resources." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Birth to Market Livability Seminar. September 20, 2022.
90. "Colostrum- how much can we move the needle." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Birth to Market Livability Seminar. September 20, 2022.
91. "What our system has done to improve wean-to-finish livability." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Birth to Market Livability Seminar. September 20, 2022.
92. "Improving livability through grow-finish biosecurity." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Birth to Market Livability Seminar. September 20, 2022.
93. "Economics of wean-to-finish mortality – a newly developed calculator." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Birth to Market Livability Seminar. September 20, 2022.
94. "Discussion and take-home practices." Allen D. Leman Swine Conference Birth to Market Livability Seminar. September 20, 2022.
95. "Identification and Intervention for Reducing Sow Mortality." Saskatchewan Pork Industry Symposium 2022. November 15, 2022.
96. "Effect of a small dose of colostrum provided at birth on newborn piglets' behavior, growth and survival." International Scientific Meeting on Colostrum. November 2022.
97. "Economics of Mortality – With a Look at Decision Tools to Help Improve it." Piflet Management Breakout Session at 2023 Banff Pork Seminar. Banff, Alberta Canada. January 11, 2023.
98. "Introduction and overview of the Pig Survivability project." American Association of Swine Veterinarians Annual Meeting. March 4, 2023.
99. "Overview of sow pelvic organ prolapse research." American Association of Swine Veterinarians Annual Meeting. March 4, 2023.
100. "Is there a genetic basis for pelvic organ prolapse?" American Association of Swine Veterinarians Annual Meeting. March 4, 2023.
101. "Sow robustness: Key areas to maximize sow retention." American Association of Swine Veterinarians Annual Meeting. March 4, 2023.
102. "Early identification of at-risk sows reduces sow mortality." American Association of Swine Veterinarians Annual Meeting. March 4, 2023.
103. "Managing noninfectious causes of sow mortality." American Association of Swine Veterinarians Annual Meeting. March 4, 2023.
104. "Overview of nutritional, genetic, and management strategies to influence mortality after weaning." American Association of Swine Veterinarians Annual Meeting. March 4, 2023.
105. "Postweaning mortality: Key findings through data analysis." American Association of Swine Veterinarians Annual Meeting. March 4, 2023.
106. "Overview of available resources and producer tools." American Association of Swine Veterinarians Annual Meeting. March 4, 2023.
107. "Key Sow Mortality and Sow Herd Health Correlation Findings." National Hog Farmers Global Hog Industry Virtual Conference: Improving Pig Survivability Project. May 2023.
108. "Key Postweaning Nutrition & Management Findings and Educational Resources." National Hog Farmers Global Hog Industry Virtual Conference: Improving Pig Survivability Project. May 2023.
109. "Advancing Profits and Sustainability by Improving Pig Survivability." World Pork Expo. June 8, 2023.
110. "Identification and Intervention for Reducing Sow Mortality." National Pork Industry

- Conference. July 10, 2023
111. “Swine Education and Outreach Professionals- Q2 2023 Webinar: Improving Pig Survivability.” National Pork Board. August 23, 2023.
 112. Rademacher, C. “A Practical approach to early intervention to reduce sow mortality” Sow Bridge Educational Series. October 4, 2023.
 113. Tokach, M. “Early life gut development, feeding, management practices to maximize livability” American Association of Swine Veterinarians National Meeting. February 24, 2024.
 114. Doughan, G. “Water line biology and considerations for pig livability” American Association of Swine Veterinarians National Meeting. February 24, 2024.
 115. Magalhaes, E. “Identification of drivers of mortality, identifying action items, and economic outcomes” American Association of Swine Veterinarians National Meeting. February 24, 2024.
 116. Gebhardt, J. “Pig Livability: What works, what doesn’t” American Association of Swine Veterinarians National Meeting. February 24, 2024.
 117. American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV) Annual Meeting Pre-Conference Seminar (2023), Denver, CO.
 - a. Matchan, S. Introduction and brief overview of the Pig Survivability project.
 - b. Ross, J. Overview of sow pelvic organ prolapse research.
 - c. Dekkers, J. Is there a genetic basis for pelvic organ prolapse?
 - d. Canavate, S. Sow Robustness: Key areas to maximize sow retention
 - e. Rademacher, C. Early identification of at risk sows reduces sow mortality
 - f. Johnson, C. Managing non-infectious causes of sow mortality
 - g. Tokach, M. Overview of nutritional, genetic, and management strategies to influence mortality after weaning.
 - h. Magalhaes, E. Post-weaning mortality – key findings through data analysis
 - i. DeRouchey, J. Overview of available resources and producer tools.
 118. American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV) Annual Meeting Pre-Conference Seminar (2024), Nashville TN.
 - a. Tokach, M. Early life gut development, feeding, management practices to maximize livability
 - b. Doughan, G Water line biology and considerations for pig livability.
 - c. Mendoza, O. Recent research findings focused on wean-finish survivability.
 - d. Magalhaes, E. Identification of drivers of mortality, identifying action items, and economic outcomes.
 - e. Benge, N. Improving sow livability with individual sow care and husbandry.
 - f. Burton, B. A focus on sow care to maximize systemic livability.
 - g. Haden, C. First-hand experiences and lessons learned with preweaning mortality.
 - h. Rosa, G. Addressing pig mortality through understanding of transportation losses.
 - i. Gebhardt, J. Key findings of the Improving Pig Survivability project.
 119. Rademacher, C. “The Importance of Early Identification of At Risk Sows and Learnings From the Improving Pig Survivability Project” DSM-Firmenich Pork Nexus. October 24-25, 2024.
 120. Rosero, D. “Improving Sow Livability – A Collaborative Approach” Banff Pork Seminar. January 7-9, 2025.
 121. DeRouchey, J. “Key Findings in Post-Weaning Mortality Research & Pig Livability Project Producer Resources” Banff Pork Seminar. January 7-9, 2025.
 122. “Effect of litter size relative to functional teat count on lactating sows and litter performance.” ASAS Midwest Animal Science Annual Meeting. March 10, 2025.

123. "Evaluation of split suckling strategies on pre-wean piglet growth and mortality for high-producing sows." ASAS Midwest Animal Science Annual Meeting. March 11, 2025.
124. "Starting Weaned Pigs to Improve Livability." Carthage Veterinary Service Conference. August 26, 2025
125. "Making Sense of Field Data for Decision-Making." Carthage Veterinary Service Conference. August 26, 2025.
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 - Featuring Dr. Chris Hostetler, Valerie Duttlinger, Dr. Jason Ross, Tim Kurt, & Dr. Joel DeRouchey
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- Featuring Dr. Kara Stewart
- 3. Season 1. Ep. 3: Getting Pigs Started in the Nursery
 - Featuring Dr. Tim Loula & Dr. Marlin Hoogland
- 4. Season 1. Ep. 4: What Does the PRRS Virus and Biosecurity Have in Common?
 - Featuring Cesar Moura & Dr. Jeff Blythe
- 5. Season 1. Ep. 5: Body Condition Scores
 - Featuring Dr. Laura Greiner
- 6. Season 1. Ep. 6: The impact of weaning age
 - Featuring Dr. Mike Tokach & Dr. Adam Moeser
- 7. Season 1. Ep. 7: The People Factor
 - Featuring Dr. Ken Stalder & Valerie Duttlinger
- 8. Season 1. Ep. 8: 10 Steps to Reduce Wean-to-Finish Mortality
 - Featuring Dr. Chris Sievers & Dr. Ryan Strobel
- 9. Season 1. Ep. 9: 10 Steps to Reduce Wean-to-Finish Mortality Pt. 2
 - Featuring Dr. Chris Sievers & Dr. Ryan Strobel
- 10. Season 1. Ep. 10: The Economics Behind the Swine Industry
 - Featuring Dr. Derald Holtkamp & Dr. Lee Schulz
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 - Featuring Dr. Mark Wilson
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 - Featuring Kendall Weger
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 - Featuring Dr. Caleb Shull
- 14. Season 2. Ep. 2: The Importance of Ventilation
 - Featuring Dr. Brett Ramirez & Fernando Gomez
- 15. Season 2. Ep. 3: Transport Losses
 - Featuring Dr. Matt Ritter & Dr. Anna Johnson
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 - Featuring Dr. Daniel Linhares & Dr. Paul Yeske
- 17. Season 2. Ep. 5: Stocking Density & General Mortality
 - Featuring Dr. Chris Rademacher & Dr. Steve Pollmann
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 - Featuring Dr. Joel DeRouchey & Dr. Jason Ross
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 - Featuring Dr. Noel Williams
- 21. Season 2. Ep. 9: Survivability and the Sow
 - Featuring Dr. Ron Ketchum
- 22. Season 2. Ep. 10: All About the People
 - Featuring Dr. Sarah Probst-Miller & Valerie Duttlinger
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 - Featuring Dr. Jim Pillen & Dr. Deb Murray
- 24. Season 2. Ep. 12: Sustainability in Pork Production
 - Featuring Dr. Brett Kaysen & Dr. Justin Ransom
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 - Featuring Chris Blevins & Lance Dunbar
- 26. Season 3. Ep. 2: The Definition and Purpose of Staged Loading
 - Featuring Dr. Derald Holtkamp & Dr. Chris Rademacher

27. Season 3. Ep. 3: Genetic Resilience in Swine
 - Featuring Dr. Jack Dekkers
28. Season 3. Ep. 4: Individual Sow Care
 - Featuring Dr. Chris Rademacher, Dr. Justin Brown, & Dr. Pete Thomas
29. Season 3. Ep. 5: Actinobacillus Pleuropneumoniae (APP) Outbreaks and Prevention
 - Featuring Dr. Derald Holtkamp & Dr. Marcelo Almeida
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 - Featuring Kent Mogler
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 - Featuring Jennifer Patterson & Matt Romoser
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 - Featuring Matt Romoser & Dr. Spenser Becker
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 - Featuring Dr. Jordan Graham & Dr. Dusty Oedekoven
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 - Featuring Dr. Daniel Linhares & Dr. Chris Rademacher
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 - Featuring Dr. Gabi Doughan & Becca Walthart
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 - Featuring Dr. Jordan Gebhardt
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 - Featuring Dr. Jack Dekkers and Dr. Jenelle Dunkelberger
- 56. Season 5 Ep. 8: Technology Insights and Considerations for Producers
 - Featuring Dr. Isabella Condotta
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 - Featuring Casey Zangaro
- 60. Niche Production Mini Series, Episode 2: Energy vs Fiber, Does Form Matter?
 - Featuring Dr. Lee Johnston
- 61. Niche Production Mini Series, Episode 3: Understanding the Importance of Protein in Pigs
 - Featuring Dr. Laura Greiner
- 62. Niche Production Mini Series, Episode 4: Direct Marketing in Swine
 - Featuring Dr. Colt Knight
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- 68. Season 6 Ep. 5: Filtration Strategies for Barn Biosecurity
 - Featuring Dr. Brett Ramirez
- 69. Season 6 Ep. 6: The Science Behind Sudden Sow Deaths
 - Featuring Dr. Chris Rademacher, Dr. Marcelo Almeida, and Laura Solis
- 70. Season 6 Ep. 7: Takeaways from the Second International Conference on Pig Livability
 - Featuring Dr. Joel DeRouchey and Dr. Edison Magalhaes

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- b. SwineIt podcast: Wean-to-finish mortality: non-infectious causes – Dr. Jordan Gebhardt (Mar 9, 2020).
- c. SwineIt podcast: Starting pigs off right and other methods of decreasing pig herd mortality – Dr. Chris Rademacher (June 14, 2022).
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Decision Tools

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