

October Meeting 10-17-19

Speaker Rod Leeman

- Cactus Feeders

- § Who is Cactus

- Beef and Pork

- § Hogs

- 35,000 sows
- Adding sows in 2019
- Iowa, South Caroling, Georgia
- 850,000 Market Hogs Annually
- Number 28 on the Pork powerhouse List
 - Smithfield's number 1

- § Part owners of Heinold

- Markets 1.4 million animals
- 8 locations throughout the US
- Formerly owned by Tyson

- § WholeStone Farms

- Fremont Nebraska Plant
- Purchase Closed 2018
- 220 Independent Producers
- Harvesting 10,000 Head per day
- Renovations 2019

- § Pork Processing make about \$20 a head

- § Pork Producers make about \$5-10 a head

- Last 15 years over supply of hogs in the demands
 - Making producer margins go down packer margins go up
- The hogs they have in their operations in South Carolina have less problems with bio security and disease
 - Feed prices are about \$17 a head cheaper in Iowa than in South Carolina
 - So, they will ship their little piglets up to Iowa for cheaper prices

- § Employee Owned

- Paul Engler - UNL Engler Program

- § Contracting

- They provide people with building hogs feed medicine, anything and everything that goes on or in the hog
- They are supposed to work, move the pig for the company
- Fast Equity build (with in 12-15 years of a barn), with the flexibility of hours, and part time job

- § Why Contracting in Nebraska?

- Strong independent Farmer base
- Land to use manure

- Corn and soybean supply
 - Good Transportation
- Pork Industry Challenges
 - § African Swine Fever-40% reduction in China correlates to 20% loss in the meat production
 - Pork prices have doubled in China
 - A foreign animal disease in the US could be detrimental to our market
 - § Sustainability
 - That organic, range free etc does not do more with less

Old Business

- Steak Fry
 - Sold roughly 330 steaks
- Kimmel Orchard
 - Many compliments from the staff
 - Hoping to do it next year

New Business

- National Convention Theme
 - Send your theme ideas to unlbandb@gmail.com
- Little Aksarben
 - Show date is October 25th at 3:00pm in the R.B. Warren Arena
 - Sponsorship opportunities
 - If you any contacts for fundraising contacts let Erin know
- Good Life Halfsy
 - Nebraska Pork Producers Association is feeding around 4,200 runners
 - They need help handing out pork tenderloin sandwiches
 - They are donating \$10 per hour per volunteer to the club
 - Shifts
 - § 7:30am-10am
 - § 10am-12:30pm
 - § 11:30pm-1:30pm
- Initiates Week
 - November 12th-13th
 - Paddle Decorating – this gives you an opportunity to meet professors when getting your paddle signed
 - Game Night or dodge ball
- Farrowing Opportunity
 - No experience needed
 - Three sows are due November 8th and 9th
 - Duties would include
 - § Farrowing
 - § Processing

§ Chores

- If interested please email Dr. Benny Mote or Lindsay Peters

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- Industry Trip Tour – Kelsey
 - National Swine Registry Fall Classic- Duncan, Oklahoma
 - October 23-26th
 - We have entered two weanling pigs for this show/sale
 - Possible tour stops on the way back to Lincoln
- Looking Forward – Magdalene
 - November
 - Christmas Party
 - Livestock and Meat Judging Contest
 - Big Red Beef Show
 - Porkfest
 - Fundraising Events
 - Industry Tours- K State
 - National Convention at Iowa April 2nd-5th
 - End of the Year Banquet
- Next Meeting **November 21st at 7:00pm**