The Time for Input on Swine Diet Requirements Is Now

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Since 1944, the National Research Council (NRC), and now the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), has published 11 editions of the Nutrient Requirements of Swine. As the primary reference for developing swine diets, now is our time to weigh in on elements the feed industry would like considered in the upcoming edition.

Seated in July, the expert panel tasked with developing the upcoming edition will hold its first meeting on Oct. 27. As a sponsor of the update, the Institute for Feed Education and Research has an opportunity to provide input and supporting resources to the expert panel during that meeting.

IFEEDER’s Swine NRC Advisory Committee, composed of industry members contributing funds in support of the effort, is developing input and organizing resources to offer the expert panel for consideration. With an initial meeting in July and an upcoming meeting on Oct. 3, the committee is finalizing plans for engaging the expert panel.
The time for input is now. If your organization would like to contribute and serve on the advisory committee, contact Lara Moody. We have $33,000 remaining to raise toward our $75,000 commitment to support the revision. Support for the revision is in collaboration with the National Pork Board, National Corn Growers Association and United Soybean Board.

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IFEEDER Receives Grant from United Soybean Board

The United Soybean Board awarded a $128,000 grant to IFEEDER aimed at conducting a project that will advance the commodity crop life cycle assessment (LCA) data for feed. Feed is a significant component of animal agriculture’s environmental footprint, and LCA data for feed is of growing interest to our stakeholders.

Working in collaboration with Iowa State University, the project goals are to:

- assess and advance a method for developing a robust and consistently current dataset for LCA quantification for U.S. soybeans and corn relative to those produced in other geographies.
- perform a sensitivity analysis on the impact geographic scale has on LCA data inputs and outcomes.

We’ll provide more details on this project as it gets underway this fall.
**Fundraising for Kenny Berg Research Fund Underway at LFS**

IFEEDEER proudly supports academic institutions and students pursuing careers in the animal food industry. Partnering with the American Feed Industry Association’s Liquid Feed Committee, IFEDEER maintains the Kenny Berg Research and Education Fund, which promotes the use of liquid feed ingredients in animal nutrition. The annual AFIA Liquid Feed Symposium (LFS) raises money for the fund. Since 2014, the fund has raised $112,000 and awarded 21 grants to universities to support liquid feed research.

Thank you to New Generation Supplements, Quality Liquid Feeds, Westway Feed Products and XF Enterprises, which have already contributed funds this year. LFS will host an auction this week to support the fund.

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**Fundraising Needs: Can You Help Us Help the Industry?**

Several projects are underway to support the animal food industry. Some are funded with grants and others through corporate and personal donations.

Can you help us wrap up fundraising for two projects?

- Updating the Nutrient Requirements for Swine report is **56% funded** with **$33,000 left to raise.**
Advancing Phase 2 Sustainability efforts is 84% funded with $45,000 left to raise. Contact Lara Moody if you’re interested.

Where You’ll Find IFEEDER Next

Looking for someone to speak to your team about IFEEDER’s work around industry sustainability, research or education? Contact Lara Moody.

Find IFEEDER at these upcoming events:
• Sept. 20-21: Minnesota Nutrition Conference - Mankato, Minn.
• Oct. 18: Iowa State University Colloquium Course on Sustainable Agricultural – Ames, Iowa
• Oct. 31 - Nov. 2: Pet Food Association Canada Conference - Banff, Alberta, Canada
• Nov. 7-9: Distillers Grains and Product Diversification Summit at the World Ethanol and Biofuels Conference - Brussels, Belgium
• Dec. 6-7: Sustainable Agriculture Summit – Charlotte, N.C.

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For every $1 IFEEDER invests in research and education projects, $5 is leveraged from other sources. All donations go directly toward projects, as IFEEDER's administrative costs are borne by American Feed Industry Association, so your donations go even further. Help us maximize our reach by donating today! Click the link below to make a gift. For questions, contact Lara Moody.

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