### FALL/WINTER 2023

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Celebrating



As we reflect on 2023, we are both proud and humbled by the 30th anniversary of AMVC's dedicated expertise in managing pigs. Over the past three decades, AMVC has evolved from its roots as a traditional mixed animal practice in rural, westcentral lowa to emerge as a prominent and diversified livestock production company with a global footprint.

Our AMVC journey is a testament to the commitment, innovation, and passion that define our organization and especially, our people.

# of ManagingPigs

As AMVC has evolved throughout the years, we have added many services and business units that work cohesively, each playing a crucial role in upholding the values of supporting livestock producers, ensuring animal wellbeing, and advancing the field of animal agriculture, especially in swine production. This diversification has not only strengthened our organization but has also propelled it onto the global stage, contributing to the advancement of animal agriculture worldwide.

The common thread that unites every role within the organization is the shared goal of excellence in pig management, underscoring AMVC's commitment to professionalism and expertise. As we continue to navigate the challenges affecting the swine industry, we extend an invitation to join us in humbly recognizing 30 years of AMVC's steadfast commitment to professionally raising pigs. In this newsletter, we reflect on the notable milestones that have influenced our company's path. Together, we acknowledge the accomplishments, innovation, and contributions that define AMVC's journey in expertly raising pigs and influencing the course of the livestock industry. AMVC remains resilient and dedicated to leading livestock producers through these challenging times.





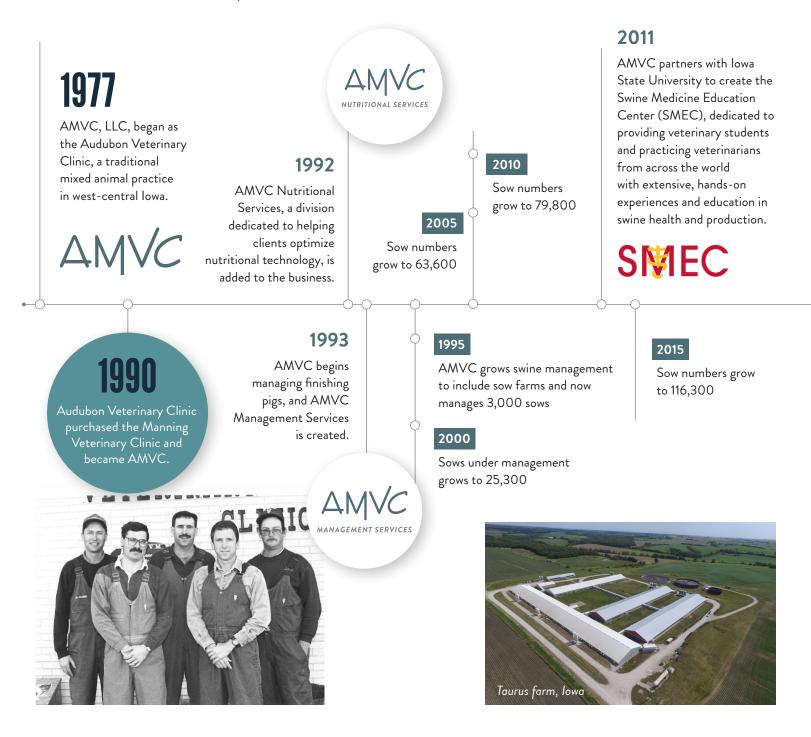




## MANAGING PIGS

## 30 YEARS IN THE MAKING

As we reflect on the past and look to the future of the swine industry, AMVC remains steadfast in its commitment to adapt and thrive alongside the evolving needs of our clients. Recognizing the ever-changing nature of agriculture, AMVC is poised to make strategic decisions that align with the industry's advancements. Whether it's embracing innovative technologies, implementing sustainable practices, or fostering collaborative partnerships, AMVC is dedicated to staying at the forefront of the livestock industry's evolution.





## 2016

AMVC purchases Swine Health Services, a swine-specific veterinary clinic based in Frankfort, Indiana. AMVC Swine Health Services provides care and consultation services to all sizes and types of production

flows, from family

farms and show pigs to contract growers,

cooperatives, and

production systems.

AMVC SWINE HEALTH SERVICES AMVC's sow numbers grow to 152,000

## 2020

AMVC celebrates the 30th anniversary of Audubon and Manning veterinary clinics joining together.

**Nutritional Services** 

celebrates 30 years

## 2022

Prairie Hills Animal Hospital, a full-service small animal veterinary hospital and boarding facility located in Cheyenne, WY is built and opened. The Prairie Hills team focuses on providing in-depth, compassionate care to dogs and cats of Cheyenne and its surrounding areas.



### 2023

AMVC is currently managing 163,000 sows at 45 sow farms in 11 states

## 2023

AMVC is the 8th largest pork producer in the United States.



## 2022

AMVC partners

with Bretanha, a leading swine reproductive company in Brazil, to form Bretanha – AMVC Management Services. This partnership brings AMVC's swine management experience and systems approach to pork producers in Brazil.



### 2023

AMVC Hamlin Feed Mill finalizes construction and prepares to make and deliver its first batch of feed

## 2017

AMVC purchases VRI, a custom biological and pharmaceutical research company. VRI objectively executes research projects on behalf of pharmaceutical companies.



## MIDWEST LIVESTOCK

## 2019

AMVC acquires Midwest Livestock, an agricultural construction company with over 50 years of serving livestock producers. Midwest Livestock brings new construction and remodel expertise and quality equipment, parts, and supplies to swine, dairy, and poultry producers across the United States.

# Q3 & Q4 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Thank you for your commitment to AMVC! Congratulations to the following for your years of service!



**CRAIG RIESGAARD** Management Services



**PAUL COX** PFYF Maintenance

BRAD TATE PFYF



ROGELIO CAMPOS DIAZ PFYF Juniper



FRANCIS KOEKENBERG Crawfordsville Maintenance

**GEORGE ALBERT NAVARRO JR.** CAPFYF Maintenance



MELVIN COLON Taurus

**JENNIFER LOZANO** Taurus

**ALFREDO C CARAVEO** PFYF Finisher

NICK KUTZ AMVC Trucking



MATTHEW HARRIS Mowak

**JESUS LUNA** PFYF Juniper **JOSE A HERNANDEZ CORRAL** PFYF Nursery

EDWAR BUSTAMANTE GUERRA Wyoming 20

HENRY VELASQUEZ Mowak

**DOUGLAS GRUVER** Management Services

**MANDA ADAMS** Swine Health Services

JOCELYN CLARK Management Services

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**FRANCIS CHANEY** Broadview Sires

NICOLAS BENITEZ GOMEZ Green Flash II

**ECSAR JIMENEZ ACEVEDO** Green Flash II

**DOUGLAS STEVENS** Taurus

**DOUGLAS BARTEN** Handlos South

NANCY JOY WILSON AMVC Trucking

**RUBICEL FELIX GRANDE** Hatteras

JOHN KIRCHOFF AGT Trucking JOHN ROCK Round Barn

ALEJANDRO VILLALOBOS SOLIS Coon Creek

SALVADOR LOYOLA RODRIGUEZ Dakota

OCTAVIO MANUEL TARDY AUFFANT Southwest Pork

TANYA SANCHEZ Wyoming 22

JOSHUA WHITT Appo

SADOC VELAZQUEZ HERNANDEZ Handlos Jacksonville

**DANIELLE HANSEN** Veterinary Services

**LUPE SALDANA** Management Services

**DARRAN MILLER** Management Services

2023 AMVC AWARD WINNERS >>>

### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR** Marco Santuario Facio, Cornerstone

The Rookie of the Year award is given to a swine specialist who has been with AMVC for six months to one year and is actively contributing to a positive team environment. Marco Santuario Facio is the 2023 Rookie of the Year. Marco's nominators shared that he shows his commitment to animal care by paying attention to the details. He takes the time to make sure heat lamps work correctly so piglets are comfortable and feed bins are full for each room, so all sows have the correct amount of feed delivered to them. Marco is always willing to help with any task, learn new skills, and ask questions to improve his animal husbandry skills. Congratulations, Marco!

## SWINE SPECIALIST AWARD Edith Santiago Chavez, Sterling

The Swine Specialist of the Year is awarded to a swine specialist who exhibits a passion for swine production, is making positive contributions to their farm, and has worked for AMVC for over a year. Edith Santiago Chavez is the 2023 Swine Specialist of the Year. Edith was described by those who nominated her as a core and consistent team member at the Sterling farm. She has been instrumental in implementing a new crossfostering practice, leading to better performance overall at the farm. Edith has also gone above and beyond in her role by helping train new employees and teaching them the farm processes to help maintain consistent performance through transition periods. Congratulations, Edith!

## **RISING STAR AWARD Claire Gregory, Newell**

The Rising Star Award is presented to an assistant manager or department lead who is committed to both the pigs and the people on the farm. The 2023 Rising Star Award winner is Claire Gregory. Claire's nominators shared that she shows her commitment every day by always being available to assess sow health, answer questions, listen to employees, and share her knowledge with them. Claire helped lead her team through the aftermath of a tornado damaging the barn, depopulations and repopulations of the farm, and traveled to another state to help lead a breeding project at a different farm. Claire lives out AMVC's motto of doing the right thing every day by showing discipline and commitment in everything she does. Congratulations, Claire!

## MANAGER OF THE YEAR Emma De La Torre, Wheeler

AMVC's Manager of the Year is awarded to a farm manager who has demonstrated excellence in production and continuously strives for improvement. The 2023 Manager of the Year is Emma De La Torre. Emma has been an integral part of the Wheeler farm's start-up and success. Her direction and leadership on the farm have led the Wheeler farm to consistently rank in the top ten of all farms in the AMVC system, holding the number one spot for all but two weeks in

quarter three. Over the last year, the farm has made great strides in their farrowing rate, total born, pigs weaned per sow, and pigs weaned numbers.

Emma's nominators credit her leadership skills, clear objectives, and ability to motivate her team to bring out the best in each other as a few key reasons for their success. In addition to outstanding production performance, Emma's mentorship of employees has led to outstanding personnel performance. Under Emma's guidance, an emerging farm leader has now transitioned to a different farm and is thriving as its new manager. Emma's nominators shared that her "steadfast dedication, adaptability, and sincere compassion embody the essence of a true leader, inspiring her team to reach unprecedented heights while upholding the highest standards of care and excellence." Congratulations, Emma!

### LEGACY AWARD Dave Wagner, Management Services

The Legacy Award is given to an employee who has dedicated over ten years to the organization, shown outstanding leadership, adapted to change, and embraced innovation. The 2023 Legacy Award winner is Dave Wagner. Dave started with AMVC over 25 years ago as a sow farm manager and today is a production manager overseeing several sow farms. Dave's nominators shared that he strives to bring out the best in the people around him and the farms he works with through his honesty, integrity, and straightforward nature. Dave has embraced changes and challenges with a "get-it-done" approach and a willingness to lend a hand wherever a team needs help. Congratulations, Dave!

### GOLDEN PIG AWARD Hunter Moseley, Midwest Livestock

The Golden Pig Award is nominated by farm employees and awarded to an internal employee who provides outstanding service to farms, looks for solutions, and goes the extra mile to help solve problems. The 2023 Golden Pig Award recipient is Hunter Moseley. In Hunter's role as a maintenance tech with Midwest Livestock, he works very closely with specific farms in the AMVC system to address maintenance issues and help maintain the barns. Hunter is a natural problem solver and implements creative solutions to farm challenges. He goes above and beyond by pitching in wherever and whenever the farms need help and sharing his knowledge with others. His nominator shared that because of Hunter's willingness to train and share information, they are now more comfortable troubleshooting maintenance issues and finding solutions to mechanical issues. Congratulations, Hunter!

## IMPACT AWARD Yury Espinosa, Management Services

The Impact Award is presented to an internal employee with a positive attitude who produces quality work and is willing to help where needed. The 2023 Impact Award recipient is Yury Espinosa. On the Human Resources team, Yury tends to dabble in a little bit of everything. She has become well-versed in

many different areas, from recruitment and application questions to insurance and benefits, so she is able to field all kinds of questions and help translate conversations when needed. This year, Yury took on additional responsibilities while a co-worker was on maternity leave, which challenged her "black and white" thinking and forced her to work in more "gray" areas. Her nominator shared that she brings new strengths to her team and can be counted on to "get things done." Congratulations, Yury!

## ALL NOMINEES MINIMUM

#### **ROOKIE OF** THE YEAR

Abidan Morales Alvarez, Nordak Alexis Vasquez Salinas, Berg Diego Rodriguez Silva, Wheeler Israel Banda, Crawfordsville

#### SWINE SPECIALIST AWARD

Alejandra Valencia Marcial, Wheeler Berenice Gonzalez Leon, Cholla Ivan Lozano Martinez, Ponderosa Jeff Coby, Round Barn Jonathan Smith, Berg Jose Hernandez, Wyoming 62 Juan Gomez Hernandez, Wheeler Mariela Alarcon Solis, Wyoming 62 Miguel Cruz Benigno, Crawfordsville Noe Poblano Segundo, Cornerstone Salvador Cortez Lopez, Wheeler

### **RISING STAR** AWARD

Alejandra Valencia Marcial, Wheeler Anastasia Garcia Santos, Round Barn Angel Sordo Pico, Berg Benito Castrejon Vargas, Wheeler Juan Hernandez Lopez, Southwest Pork Pedro Hernandez Ramirez, Nordak Daniel Alcantara Chicmana, Wyoming 62

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Gabriela Suarez Mandujano, Wyoming 62 Garrett Smith, Cornerstone Irvin Bandala Aguilar, Wyoming 40 Leonard Marlowe, Broadview Lisa Hunsaker, **PFYF** Ponderosa Maria Marquez, Handlos South Mario Gallegos Acevedo, PFYF Cedar Millette Shores, Southwest Pork Shelbi Dugan, Round Barn Terry Wilson, Truckwash Zach Johnson, Berg/Aires/Taurus

### LEGACY AWARD

David Jensen, Grow/Finish DKArthur Pulliam, **PFYF** Maintenance Tim Armentrout, Management Services

#### **GOLDEN PIG** AWARD

Dr. Joel Sparks, Management Services Dr. Joshua Barker, **Management Services** 

### **IMPACT AWARD**

Lindsey Cose, Management Services Margarita Zuniga, Management Services Mike Mullady, Management Services Sandra Pena-Torres, Management Services Tammy Sauers, Management Services

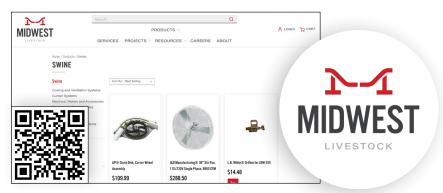
# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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## **MLS LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE STORE**

Midwest Livestock launched its online store at www.midwestlivestock.com. This new level of convenience and quality provides an easy way for customers to access the resources they need for dairy, swine, and poultry systems. Users can create an account to order products online, access order history, track new orders, and save items to a wish list. Scan the QR code to visit the store and check out. Also check out their swine and dairy catalogs.

### WWW.MIDWESTLIVESTOCK.COM









## **PRAIRIE HILLS CELEBRATES ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Prairie Hills Animal Hospital celebrated one year of their clinic being open! Prairie Hills is a full-service, small animal veterinary hospital and boarding facility in Cheyenne, WY focused on providing in-depth, compassionate care to dogs and cats. In addition to two veterinarians and seven veterinary technicians and support staff, the clinic has two feline "office managers", Winnie and O'Malley. Follow them on Facebook (@PrairieHillsVet) and Instagram (@Prairie\_Hills\_Vet) to stay up to date on all the happenings at the clinic.



## HAMLIN FEED MILL UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that the construction of Hamlin Feed Mill is nearing completion. Processing has started and the first few batches of feed have been made. The warehouse structure has been completed, and equipment and feed delivery trucks are making their first deliveries. We are also excited to introduce Corey Saffell as the newly-appointed mill manager. Corey and his team are looking for a few more responsible and reliable individuals to join their trucking team. If you know of someone who would be interested in these career



opportunities, please visit www. amvcms.com/employee-services or scan the QR code for more information.



## EVENTS AND VISITS TO AMVC

From senators to students, AMVC has had the opportunity to host a variety of groups this year. Check out a few of our most recent visits!





## Senators Visit AMVC

In April, Iowa Senators Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley, and Arkansas Senator John Boozman toured an AMVC sow farm in Guthrie County, Iowa. In addition to touring the farm and learning about modern day pork production, the senators discussed the farm bill initiative with Dr. Josh Ellingson.



## Celebrating Ag Days!

In celebration of National Farm Safety & Health Month, AMVC took part in multiple 3rd and 4th grade ag days in Audubon, Cass, and Greene counties. Students loved seeing pigs up close, learning how fast pigs grow, and hearing from a local pig farmer, Bruce Andersen. It was a great opportunity to teach students how their pork is raised!



Local High School Students and Iowa State FFA Officers Tour AMVC in Audubon.







## << Launch</li>Kids Programs

On August 9th, the Audubon Launch Kids Club learned all about pork production and how great pigs are from our public relations team members. After listening to a story that outlined the process of raising pigs, the kids got to test their knowledge by determining what items belong in a hog barn and identifying cuts of pork!

## **Evolution of the Heartland**

AMVC hosted a tour in Audubon on August 3rd to highlight the swine industry and share how AMVC is supporting growers across the nation to provide a safe and nutritious food supply through their leadership and management practices.



### National Junior Swine Association Visits

AMVC grow finish production manager, Doug Gruver, had the honor of hosting the National Junior Swine Registry's board of directors on July 19th. During their time together, Doug shared his knowledge through an immersive, on-farm experience. Thank you for visiting, NJSA!

## Attorney General Brenna Bird 🖗

Attorney General Brenna Bird visited the Audubon Vet Clinic. She discussed current legislation affecting swine producers, including Prop 12 and Massachusetts Question 3, with AMVC veterinarian and managing partner Dr. Jason Hocker.



## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

# STUDENTS THRIVING *IN THE* SWINE INDUSTRY



Youth organizations like 4-H and FFA have played an important part in connecting students to agriculture. They've not only brought agriculture to the classroom but have also created opportunities for students to apply their learning through practical experiences. That's exactly what two AMVC student employees, Blythe Bolender and Peyton Schultes, were able to do with their time in FFA and their roles as swine specialists for AMVC.

### **BLYTHE, AMVC STUDENT EMPLOYEE**

Blythe Bolender took an interest in livestock from a very early age.

"My life with livestock started at birth. I grew up on a small, family dairy farm and spent the first five years of my life around cattle," she shared.

Although her family decided to sell their cattle, her interest in livestock never left. Her mom later began working at a local sow farm managed by AMVC Management Services. Blythe spent time shadowing her mom in the farrowing room and decided to apply for a job at the farm, too.

"After job shadowing and falling in love with pig farming, my mom and the farm's production manager, Mike Mullady, helped me get an interview and start my first job at the age of 15."

Blythe started at Broadview farm near Greenfield, Ohio, four years ago. As a student employee, she helps monitor and assist sows as they give birth, cares for newborn piglets, feeds and waters pigs, and artificially inseminates sows. "It's a perfect job for people in school because it's flexible around school and sports, and there are so many learning opportunities," she shared. "Overall, it is a good experience to have under your belt and helps in the long run."

In addition to her part-time job, Blythe was also involved in her high school's FFA chapter. She used her hours working at the sow farm for her supervised agricultural experience (SAE) project. FFA's SAE projects are student-led, work-based learning experiences. Each year, students submit records of their projects to be judged on a local, state, and national level.

Blythe was one of four state finalists in Ohio for the FFA proficiency award in swine production placement and won first place. She went on to compete against 26 other students at nationals in November of 2022 and became one of four national finalists for her project. She credits her experience in FFA and her work at the sow farm for furthering her love of agriculture and livestock.

"Agriculture has always been my passion, and my job through AMVC has propelled my passion into what it is now," said Blythe. "My job combined with my experience in FFA really developed my passion for agriculture and led me to my college major choice."

Today, Blythe attends Wilmington College, majoring in animal science with a business minor and continues to work part-time at the sow farm.

### PEYTON, AMVC STUDENT EMPLOYEE

Peyton Schultes, another AMVC student employee, works as a swine specialist at Roanoke farm near Audubon, Iowa. Peyton was actively involved in her school's FFA chapter and used her part-time job as her swine-production SAE project. "While working with pigs, I've learned the different treatment and dosage options for treating pigs and that they are very smart and gentle animals," Peyton said. She helps in all areas of the barn but has discovered her favorite place is the farrowing room, where she assists pregnant sows in giving birth and cares for newborn piglets.

Peyton's time working at the barn allowed her to implement what she had learned in the classroom. "It is a great opportunity to extend your learning," she shared.

"Many high schoolers don't get the chance to work with animals, so it is a great opportunity for people who love pigs to get the chance to work for AMVC."

Between her time in FFA and hands-on learning at the farm, Peyton's experiences have allowed her to expand upon her knowledge when it comes to pigs and agriculture in general. She emphasized that "ag serves many purposes to everybody around the world."

Peyton graduated from Coon Rapids-Bayard High School in May of 2023 and is currently attending Des Moines Area Community College where she majors in agricultural business.

AMVC offers a variety of internship opportunities in swine production, veterinary services, nutritional services, and more. Internships are offered depending on the need and availability of the department. For more information or to apply, please email a resume and cover letter to info@amvcms.com.

## 2023 Scholarship Recipients

### ARMANDO ALARCON CERVANTES JR

Audubon High School (Iowa)

### **COLE ALIFF**

Ohio

## EVAN DEATLEY

JNIO

JASON DENNY Audubon High School (Iowa)

### **CALEB HUNSBERGER**

North Montgomery High School (Indiana)

MARSHAL LILE Audubon High School (Iowa)

DYLAN OLERICH Glidden-Ralston High School (Iowa)

AUSTIN PETERS Crawfordsville High School (Indiana)

### **PEYTON SCHULTES**

Coon Rapids-Bayard High School (Iowa)

### **COLBY SMITH**

Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton High School (Iowa)

### **COLTON WOLFORD**

Jasper High School (Missouri)

Each year, AMVC awards scholarships to graduating student employees who have worked for at least six months and are employed at the time of their graduation. Students may receive up to \$1,000 to be used for tuition, books, or living expenses. Congratulations to all our scholarship winners!

# AROUND THE CLINICS

2023

AMVC

**VOTED BEST** 

**OF CARROLL** 

AMVC's Manning

the best vet clinic

in Carroll County,

Miller was voted the

and Dr. Amanda

best veterinarian

Thank you to all who voted and to all our clients! We're proud to work with the best clients and to be a part of such great communities.

in Carroll County.

clinic was voted

COUNTY!





### **CLIENT APPRECIATION DAYS**

Thank you to all those who stopped by the clinics for lunch during our client appreciation events! AMVC served 300+ burgers for clients at all three locations over three days. A special thank you to the Audubon and Carroll County Cattlemen's organizations for serving as our grill masters!

### **AMVC EMBRYO SERVICES**

This fall, AMVC added a donor housing facility in Audubon County. This new facility is now home to donor cows participating in reproductive work. We offer cattle producers embryo transfer, in vitro fertilization, Al strategies, ultrasounds, and herd health consultations. Email cattlerepro@amvcms.com or call the clinic (712-563-4201) to learn more about our cattle reproduction services!



### **TEMPLETON CLINIC EXPANDED HOURS**

We have expanded our hours at the Templeton Clinic! We now have a veterinarian serving clients in Templeton on Monday & Wednesday from 8 to 5 and Friday mornings.





### **WELCOME ALYSSA!**

Join us in welcoming Allyssa Wilkening to AMVC! Allyssa is from Harlan originally and joined the team this fall. She primarily works with the embryo services team.

### **4TH GRADE AG DAY**

Dr. Seth was a hit at Audubon's 4th grade ag day. He shared stories of interesting cases and information on ultrasound technology with Audubon and Exira-EHK 4th graders.





### SANTA PET PICTURES

Thanks to all who attended our annual Santa pet pictures event. We are glad your furry friends enjoyed seeing Santa as much as we did! Check your email inbox for your photos.



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# SWINE HEALTH SERVICES

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### **BOAH TRAINING**

This fall, Drs. Jeff Harker and Amy Woods helped host the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's Certified Swine Sampler training. This program is a national effort to increase sampling capacity in the event of a foreign animal disease (FAD) incident in swine. It allows producers or animal caretakers on-site to collect and submit diagnostic samples for FAD testing.



### CHRISTMAS PORK DONATION

AMVC team members donated pre-cooked sausage patties and pork tenderloins to Healthy Communities of Clinton County Coalition, who provided meals to families in need with school-aged children while they were home on Christmas break. Over 60 families and 165 kids received support with this program over the holidays. AMVC is proud to partner with Indiana Packers and Indiana Pork Farmers to make this donation possible.





### **CLIENT APPRECIATION DAYS**

In June, Swine Health Services hosted a client appreciation day and open house at our new location in Frankfort. The team served pork burgers and raffled off several prizes donated by many generous sponsors. Thank you to all those who joined us for a day filled with laughter, gratitude, and appreciation for all our clients, vendors, and AMVC team members.





### PURDUE FALL VETERINARY CONFERENCE

Each of our veterinarians participated in the Purdue Veterinary Conference, an annual event offering veterinarians continuing education credits through educational lectures. Dr. Jeff Harker shared lessons learned from a boar stud PRRS outbreak, Dr. Dennis Villani discussed a case of sloughing toes in a commercial farm, Dr. Amy Woods covered common issues in show pig medicine and surgery, and Dr. Lauren Nagel shared a case study examining reproductive issues at a sow farm. During the conference, Dr. Kerry Keffaber gave a touching tribute to Dr. Max Rodibaugh, including a heartfelt slide showing a beautiful painting created by Carol Rodibaugh inspired by Max's battle with cancer.



### SHS FACEBOOK

AMVC Swine Health Services is on Facebook! Scan the QR code and join the AMVC Swine Health Services group to follow clinic and industry updates, product spotlights, and tips on swine industry best practices.



## **CELEBRATING 30 YEARS IN THE SWINE BUSINESS**

















