

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

Each year, AMVC and AMVC employees make monetary and in-kind donations to over 40 different local organizations. They also donate their time and talents to community organizations such as local emergency services, economic development programs, youth programs and schools, food banks, and many more. Read more about a few recent donations AMVC has made:



Dr. Bob and Linda Blomme, Dr. Jodie Pettit, Dr. Steve and Jane Schmitz, and the family of Penny Buckingham present a donation to Audubon Recreation Foundation Board Members.



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AUDUBON REC CENTER

AMVC recently made donations in honor of Penny (Christensen) Buckingham, a former Veterinary Services employee, and Joel Schmidt, AMVC partner, to the Audubon Recreation Center in Audubon, IA.



PIG DONATION

AMVC donated a pig to Ag 4 All, a non-profit organization in Adair County, Iowa dedicated to educating all ages about Iowa agriculture. The group visited students at Adair-Casey Elementary School, who's students named the pig "Charger" after the school mascot.

GIVE-A-HAM

As part of the National Pork Producers Council's Give-A-Ham challenge, pork producers donate ham and other pork products to local food banks and community organizations. The challenge to donate begins on Giving Tuesday (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving) and goes through the holiday season. AMVC is an annual participant in this cause and has donated over 2,346 servings of pork through the program. This past year, AMVC donated pork to New Opportunities – Audubon County in Audubon, IA (1); Healthy Communities of Clinton County in Frankfort, IN (2); and the Laurens Area Food Pantry in Laurens, IA (3).



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CONGRATULATIONS!

AMVC *IN THE NEWS*

AMVC PODCAST
APPEARANCES



Sparks on Swine Health Blackbelt

Dr. Joel Sparks, AMVC Management Services swine veterinarian, appeared on a recent Swine Health Blackbelt podcast. Dr. Sparks

discussed next generation sequencing for porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus. Listen to the episode here:

<https://www.swinecampus.com/blog/SHBB-30>



Kellner Appears on Chop Talk

Trey Kellner, Ph.D. recently joined the Iowa Pork Producers Association podcast, Chop Talk, to discuss the science behind feeding Iowa pigs. Listen to the episode here:

<https://www.iowapork.org/choptalk/>



ESPINOSA GRADUATES FROM IOWA PORK LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

AMVC bilingual recruiter, Yury Espinosa, was selected to participate in the 2022 Iowa Pork Leadership Academy (IPLA). After participating in five sessions throughout the year, Yury graduated from the program at the 2023 Iowa Pork Congress in January. Congratulations, Yury!



RODIBAUGH BECOMES MEMBER OF INDIANA PORK BOARD

Todd Rodibaugh recently became a member of the Indiana Pork Board of Directors. Board members are industry members and producers who serve on a variety of committees to make decisions for events and activities of the Indiana Pork Producers Association. Congratulations, Todd!



FORST RETIRES AFTER 40+ YEARS

Francis Forst, General Manager for Synergy operations in Missouri, recently retired after 40+ years in the swine industry. Francis started out selling feeder pigs and built the Synergy system into 13,000 sows across four sow farms. He celebrated his retirement with friends and family on March 18th. Congratulations, Francis!



FRANCO SELECTED FOR PORK LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Alvaro Franco, sow production manager, was selected to participate in the 2023 Pork Leadership Institute program (PLI). Alvaro was chosen as one of 19 pork producers to join the PLI class of 2023. Each year, the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) and the National Pork Board (NPB) work closely with state pork association executives and field representatives to identify key individuals across the country to participate in the PLI program.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING
10
years
AT AMVC



GARRETT SMITH

Smith Shares His Love for Agriculture



AMVC's Garrett Smith didn't grow up with livestock of his own, but agriculture has always played an important role in his life.

"I was really close with my grandparents who farmed so I have lots of memories helping on the farm. I think that's where my love for agriculture started," Garrett shared.

Once Garrett discovered his passion for agriculture, he acquired an internship with AMVC in 2013 and continued to work part-time throughout college. After graduating, he accepted a full-time position at AMVC. Since then, he has grown his career with AMVC, starting at GreenFlash farm in Hamlin, completing the leadership development program, becoming the assistant manager at Cornerstone farm in Scranton, and finally working his way up to the Barn Manager position at Cornerstone.

Garrett also raises cattle with his family and is still close with his grandfather who continues to raise pigs and cattle.

"We enjoy talking about how much pig farms have changed over the years when it comes to health protocols, biosecurity standards, and the sizes of farms,"
Garrett said.

In addition to his grandfather, Garrett also enjoys sharing his love for agriculture with his son, whom he recently brought to work for a visit to the farm.

"I wanted to share what I do every day and give my son exposure to pig farming," Garrett said. "More and more people are getting further removed from agriculture, and I think it's important for people to understand where their food comes from. They don't always realize how much work goes into raising livestock or what it takes to get pork to the grocery store."

Being able to pass on his enthusiasm for agriculture through generations and sharing the story of pig farming has meant a lot to the Smith family.

Q1 & Q2 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

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

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CLEMENTE MATA LEON
CAPFYF Maintenance

RAFAEL MORADO
CAPFYF Nursery

25

RICK CHRISTENSEN
Multi-Pig

DAVE STOBERL
Management Services

RYAN SALTZMAN, DVM
VRI

20

ANGELA NIELSEN
Warehouse

TODD STEINKAMP
Management Services

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JUAN ESPINOZA
Infinity Pork

JUAN HERRERA
Coon Creek

PATRICIA HIDALGO LOPEZ
Mowak

SCOTT RICE
Mowak

10

RALPH BLUM
AGT Trucking

STEVE DE LAGARZA
Crawfordsville

GARRETT SMITH
Cornerstone

RANDY HOAGLIN
PFYF Maintenance

JORGE HUESCA
CAPFYF Feedmill

JERAMEY FINNISON
Viking

PAUL THOMAS, DVM, MS
Management Services

JOSHUA BARKER, DVM, MS
Management Services

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JULIO GARCIA ARTICA
Wyoming 62

MIGUEL RANGEL SANCHEZ
AMVC Trucking

MARY FLETCHER
Horizon

ISAAC SARGENT
Dakota

RODOLFO RAMIREZ
CAPFYF Feedmill

PAYTON SPORRER
Veterinary Services

NAOMIE CORBIN
PFYF Nursery

JOSE DE LEON
Coon Creek

TRAVIS HUXFORD
Welsh



Clockwise from top left:
RALPH BLUM
10 years
STEVE DELAGARZA
10 years
CLEMENTINE MATA LEON
30 years

AROUND THE CLINICS

CALVING SEASON

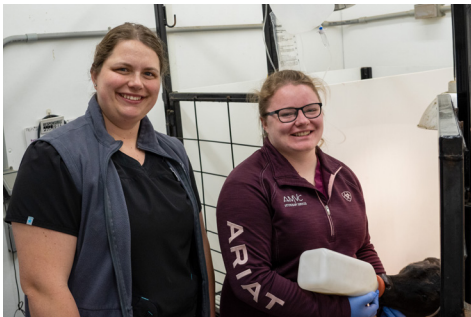


Calving season has come and gone for many producers and kept our team on their toes. Here are a few snapshots from around the clinics this year.

Dr. John Greving and the team at the Manning clinic delivered a big bull calf via c-section for client Justin Opperman.



AMVC has hosted several vet students over the last few months. 4th year vet student, Melissa put her skills and education to the test and pulled a pair of twins with the help of AMVC large animal tech Keaton Christensen.



Vet techs, Morgan Ferguson and Stephanie Emig-Long, bottle feed two calves.

WELCOME!

The first part of the year is usually a busy time around the clinics, and this year has been no different. In February we welcomed two new faces to the Audubon clinic front desk team, Kylie Gruhn and Tracy Paulsen.



TRACY PAULSEN



KYLIE GRUHN

ONLINE STORE

Spring has arrived and so have spring pests. Stay up-to-date on flea and tick prevention! Check out our online store and get your preventative products delivered to your door.



PET DENTAL HEALTH

We celebrated National Pet Dental Health Month in February with many pet teeth cleanings. Routine dental care helps protect pets from dental disease and live longer. Check out our top five tips for teeth cleanings:



CATTLE REPRODUCTION CENTER

Spring time brings breeding season and this year it's also bringing a new cattle reproduction center to AMVC. The reproduction center will house cows that are participating in embryo transfer and in-vitro fertilization work. The new building is located in Hamlin, IA and broke ground earlier this year. Interested in our cattle reproduction services? Email cattlerepro@amvcms.com or give the clinic a call to learn more!

SAVE THE DATE!

Client Appreciation Days are June 13th - 15th. Join us at each of our locations for lunch from 11:00am - 1:00pm.

CLIENT APPRECIATION DAYS



Serving lunch from 11:00am to 1:00pm

All are welcome!



Audubon



Templeton



Manning

UNDERSTANDING SUSTAINABILITY REPORTS

As a leader in livestock production, AMVC is committed to improving animal well-being, environmental stewardship, and the sustainability of livestock production. Responsible nutrient management has always been a part of AMVC's production practices. That's why we partnered with the National Pork Board and Sustainable Environmental Consultants to measure and report the environmental benefits of our production practices.

AMVC measured on-farm practices for 20 farms in the AMVC system that range in size from 1500 sows to 10,000 sows. The figures on the right represent a summary of data for all 20 farms.

These numbers help measure the environmental benefits of using pig manure as fertilizer, including improved soil health, reduced soil erosion, reduced carbon footprint, and improved profitability.

Note: Carbon emissions and soil erosion numbers are better when lower, and carbon sequestration numbers are better when higher.



VIEW BARN-LEVEL REPORTS HERE!
Or contact Sophie Hansen at shansen@amvcms.com to compile reports of interest.

MANURE APPLICATION & SAVINGS

127 MILLION GALLONS OF MANURE APPLIED ON

95% of acres resulting in a cost savings of **\$145** PER ACRE

FOR A TOTAL SAVINGS OF

\$1.5 MILLION

IN-FIELD ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES

-1.42 TONS/ACRE NET GHG EMISSIONS

0.63 TONS/ACRE SOIL CARBON SEQUESTERED

0.28 tons/acre soil erosion rate (4.6 T/AC NAT AVG)

IN-FIELD PRACTICE COMPARISON IMPACTS

8,982 FEWER TONS OF CO2E = **1,744**

AVG PASSENGER CARS OFF THE ROAD FOR A YEAR

2,431 TONS OF SOIL CARBON SEQUESTERED

8,390 TONS OF SOIL SAVED = **524** DUMP TRUCKS OF SOIL

AMVC GROWER MEETING

On February 21st, AMVC growers came together for our annual grower meeting at the Audubon Rec Center. This meeting provides AMVC contract growers with updates about standard operating procedures, biosecurity protocols, nutrition best practices, and facility maintenance information. Guest speakers from the National Pork Board and Iowa Pork Board shared industry updates and information on recent sustainability reports.

AMVC also recognized three contract growers for reaching production milestones. The annual grower awards program is in its fourth year and includes three categories: 100,000+ pigs raised, 200,000+ pigs raised, and 100 million servings of pork raised. Below are this year's grower award recipients:

100,000 pigs raised - Brian Lundell of Kiron, IA

100,000,000 servings raised - Brad Lundell of Kiron, IA and Lyle Riblet of Somers, IA




MARCH 21
NATIONAL
AG DAY

Tuesday, March 21st was National Ag Day. Read below why agriculture is important to AMVC Swine Specialist Diana Contreras:

“For me, agriculture is the most noble work there is. It is a work that starts very early and doesn’t end, but brings great satisfaction from knowing that you are putting all your effort into helping reduce hunger in the world. Personally, I will never regret being a [part of the agriculture industry].”

WELCOME,
YOSEMITE
FOODS!

In December of 2022, AMVC signed a management agreement with Yosemite Foods to oversee their swine operations in Arizona and California. AMVC welcomes 150 employees to the team across sow farms, nurseries, finishers, boar stud, feed mills, maintenance, and offices. This operation includes 13,000 sows farrow to finish in Arizona and additional wean-to-finish barns in California.

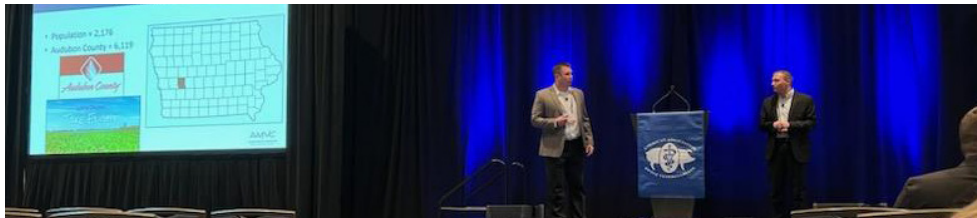


AMVC'S INVOLVEMENT IN AASV

AMVC was well represented at the American Association of Swine Veterinarians (AASV) 54th Annual Meeting in early March in Aurora, Colorado. The conference included many educational seminars where members discussed critical industry topics, heard from industry experts, and perused exhibits featuring new swine technology. AMVC has a long history of membership, leadership, and participation in AASV. Here are a few highlights from this year's meeting.

INTENTIONAL CONVERSATIONS SEMINAR

Dr. Jason Hocker and Swine Nutritionist, Trey Kellner, led a session about the importance of intentional conversations between swine veterinarians and swine nutritionists to attain a common goal. They shared the advantages of working with individuals of opposite viewpoints to help evaluate processes and procedures. AMVC's approach is to encourage solution-oriented people to seek areas of improvement and collaborate in the decision-making process. Veterinary and nutrition teams can work together with one unified purpose by communicating effectively with one another to embrace differences in observational lenses. Different perspectives result in creative solutions to identify blind spots and biases.



BECKMAN RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP



Three \$5,000 awards are made annually to recent veterinary graduates who have been active in AASV and have significant student debt. Qualified applicants must have been engaged in private practice in the swine industry while providing on-farm assistance directly to independent pork producers. AMVC's Dr. Katie Beckman was one of the Dr. Conrad and Judy Schmidt Family Student Debt Relief Endowment scholarship recipients. Dr. Beckman provides veterinary services to sow farms and wean-to-finish sites and teaches Swine Medicine Education Center students through AMVC. She credits her AASV mentorship as an essential building block to a strong foundation as a swine veterinarian, and she hopes to advise new graduates in the future.

ABOUT AASV

Based in Perry, Iowa, AASV has about 1,300 members throughout 40 countries. AASV's mission is to protect and encourage the health and well-being of pigs, promote science-based approaches to the swine industry, expand resource development and accessibility for swine professionals, foster professional development, and mentor students to have successful careers in the industry.



PIG GESTATION SEMINAR

AMVC's Dr. Michelle Sprague serves as an AASV Program Committee member and was a seminar chair for the Pig Gestation Seminar at the annual meeting. As more sow farms are converted from stall gestation to pen gestation, this seminar's primary objective was to provide practical information for veterinarians advising clients on transitioning from stalls to pens.



HOT TOPIC: PRRS

Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) was a hot topic at the AASV Annual Meeting. AMVC practitioners, Dr. Joel Sparks and Dr. Jeff Harker each hosted seminars about this contagious virus. Dr. Sparks shared his perspective on molecular testing and next-generation tools for PRRS detection while Dr. Harker shared recent findings about PRRS outbreaks.



DR. JOEL SPARKS



DR. JEFF HARKER