

SMALL FARM SWINE FORUM

Saturday May 7 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Romulus Fire Hall, Romulus, NY

THIS IS AN INFORMAL FARMER TO FARMER PROGRAM
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Alternative swine production offers the small land holder an interesting opportunity in the northeast. We have a large population and a significant portion of that population seeks to eat certain foods for specific reasons. That food might be organic, naturally raised, from specific animal breeds, locally produced, incorporating sustaining production procedures, and/or raised with certain humane considerations. We have niche market opportunities. Animal production also offers nutrient management advantages where crops are involved.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Peter Lammers, Livestock Specialist with the National Center for Appropriate Technology

Pete has extensive background in alternative swine production and niche marketing, including six years working closely with Mark Honeyman on sustainable swine production at Iowa State.

Pete's topics: **Alternative Pig Production and Marketing**

General overview of alternative pig production practices in the United States. Focus will be on how farmers in various parts of the country are housing and managing their pigs in order to access the growing demand for local, natural, and/or organic pork. Emphasis will be placed on farrowing set-ups and managing pig flow. Will include discussion of how individuals are marketing their products and important lessons learned from past experiences.

Production Applications

Alternative protein sources for pigs: Basics of swine nutrition with focus on low-cost diets for farmers in New York and the Northeast US. Emphasis will be placed on finding local alternatives to soybean meal and how this might impact meat quality and pig performance

Saving baby pigs: Will cover basics of farrowing without conventional farrowing crates and practical experience of farmers who are relatively successful. Will include considerations for farrowing hut or other set-up design.

Farmer to Farmer Panel:

Four New York pork producers will share their experiences and answer your questions concerning alternative, sustainable, niche pork production and marketing.

Your Small Farm Swine Forum:

An open discussion by all participants, including the audience. Bring your questions, your concerns, and your experience. We can all learn from one another.

Suggestions to prime the pump:

- Regulatory road blocks for small farm marketing?
- Why aren't NY auction reports individualized like PA's in Country Folks?
- Concerned about the quality of swine knowledge among veterinarians in NY?
- Where do you go for swine production information?
- Does niche marketing have a future in a questionable economy?
- It's your turn to add to this list

Your opportunity to gain from this forum is only limited by your imagination. Come – learn, share, network, and enjoy the company of like minded folks.

Cost: \$25 per person when received by April 29. Received after April 29, \$35 per person. Lunch included.

Preregistration: Please make checks payable to CCE-Seneca County. **Please write PIG on the check.**

Send to CCE-Seneca County, 308 Main Street Shop Centre, Waterloo, NY 13165.

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