



Swine Artificial Insemination Workshop for Beginners

“Showing our story”: Pig farming Extension education programs for producers and the public

June 21, 2023 (9:00 am – 3:00 pm) at:
Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center
Swine Research Facility
6321 Holland Road
Suffolk, VA 23437

Artificial Insemination (AI) is widely used in the large-scale, vertically integrated swine industry. Many benefits of this reproductive technology, however, can also be captured by small-scale and niche market farmers, as well as 4-H and FFA pig enthusiasts. The objective of this workshop is to provide pig farmers with the knowledge and skills needed to incorporate AI into their breeding programs. Classroom and hands-on learning activities will address how to control and detect heat, when to breed, proper semen handling and evaluation, effective insemination techniques, and more! Lunch will be provided. The workshop is free and open to all pig farmers, including 4-H and FFA youth and their parents. However, **all participants must preregister by June 14, 2023**. To preregister, call or e-mail Dr. Mark Estienne with the names and ages (youth or adult) of persons in your group.

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