

University of Minnesota Extension Swine Team & Resources

Diane DeWitte with University of Minnesota Extension serves as an Extension Educator who provides research-based information on swine production, health, reproduction and biosecurity to pig producers.

She provides Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA+) and Transport Quality Assurance (TQA) certification and education to swine farmers, and currently serves on the MN Emergency Disease Management Committee for swine which connects the MN Board of Animal Health, Department of Agriculture, UM College of Veterinary Medicine and the MN pork industry to create a plan and prepare for a potential foreign animal disease outbreak.

In her role as swine educator she also focuses on production practices in small-farm, organic and niche swine production. She currently assists the University's research team investigating parasite and nutritional issues in organically raised pigs.

She is the manager of the UM Extension Swine Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/UMNSwine/>, and facilitates the submission of a monthly Swine & U column in The Land magazine and thelandonline.com.

She often collaborates with colleague Sarah Schieck Boelke on UM Extension Swine podcasts and provides content to the Extension Swine newsletter and YouTube channel. Additional Extension swine information can be found on their website at extension.umn.edu/swine.

DeWitte received her education at Purdue University and has worked on all sizes of pig farms beginning with her 4-H Chester White herd through her management of a 1000-sow commercial pig farm in central Indiana. Her Minnesota Extension career entered its thirteenth season in January 2021.