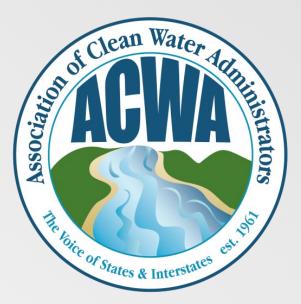
# **COVID-19 Timeline of Events** & Lessons Learned

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#### <u>MARCH 10</u>

NPPC sends a letter to the administration warning them of the looming pork industry crisis and asking for support to ensure supply chain continuity.

### **MARCH 13**

DOT issues an initial waiver to its Hours of Service rule. Later NPPC successfully advocated for DOT to expand its waiver to include livestock and feed deliveries.

#### **MARCH 19**

The Department of Homeland Security issues guidance designating 16 industries as essential, including food & agriculture.

#### **MARCH 10**

NPPC begins EPA outreach efforts to request waivers under CAFO rules to allow hogs to stay on farm in the event of plant slowdowns.

#### MARCH 18

**Families First** Coronavirus Response Act Signed Into law. NPPC renews its call for government help to prevent a severe labor shortage from becoming a crisis.

#### **MARCH 27**

President Trump signs the CARES Act into law providing \$14 billion to USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation and \$9.5 billion for livestock and specialty crops.



# April 1

NPPC urges the SBA to ensure ag businesses can participate in the disaster loan program included in the CARES Act; An updated package was signed into law in late April.

#### April 10

Smithfield closes Sioux Falls, SD plant after 80 workers test positive

#### April 13

Smithfield announced indefinite closure of Sioux Falls plant





# **TIMELINE OF EVENTS**

# April 16

Smithfield announces Wisconsin & Missouri pork further processing plants close.

Tyson Foods announce Columbus Junction, IA plant to close indefinitely.

#### April 22

NPPC begins holding daily calls with state pork associations, animal health officials, NPB, SHIC, AASV, FEMA, APHIS and NRCS. Daily calls continued until 5/22

# April 28

President Trump invokes the Defense **Production Act** prioritizing the continuity of pork processing plant operations.

## April 21

JBS announces closure of Worthington, MN plant

#### April 22

Tyson Foods announces closure of Waterloo, IA plant.

# April 25

APHIS announces a National Incident Coordination Center to provide support to those producers with animals that cannot be marketed.

### <u>May 4</u>

The SBA reopens its Emergency Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application for a limited time to agriculture businesses previously excluded from the program.



#### <u>May 8</u>

APHIS provides an additional \$2.3 million in funding for equipment for the national veterinary stockpile for euthanasia efforts.

### <u>May 15</u>

The DOJ's Antitrust Division grants NPPC's Business Review letter, allowing industry collaboration to minimize euthanasia.





# **Lessons** Learned

 Be Aware of the World Around You Know What The Law Is What It Allows Communication is Key • With Your Constituents • With Policy Makers • With The Public **Don't Be Afraid To Tell The Truth Think Outside The Box**  Don't Dismiss Creative Approaches We Are In This Together O But We Are Also On Our Own











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# "That's all folks!"

