



# COVID-19 Timeline of Events & Lessons Learned

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### MARCH 10

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.

### 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.

### 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 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.

May 8

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

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.

May 4

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

May 15

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
  - But We Are Also On Our Own



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