



## A few of the practical services that Rusty can bring to your farm:

Four Star Veterinary Service and Pfizer Animal Health offer you an innovative, industry-leading Husbandry Education™ pig wellness program led by Rusty Sobasky, Husbandry Educator™.

Rusty will work side-by-side with your animal caregivers to achieve the highest level of animal care while simultaneously optimizing pork production.

### Needs Analysis

Having Rusty on-site is a great resource that can bring multiple benefits. He starts with a neutral, objective assessment and needs analysis that reveals new opportunities for improvements.

### On-site Caregiver Education

Rusty helps transform workers into true caregivers by teaching early identification and treatment of sick pigs, and effective medication use.

### Established Protocol Execution

Once opportunities for improvements are identified, you'll see added benefit from third-party documentation of treatment and wellness practices.

### Animal Wellness

Rusty will teach your caregivers a more holistic approach to pig health by attending to principles such as animal comfort, environment and preventative measures.

### Best Practices

Implementing best practices across the production system results in a more efficient and empowered labor force consistently providing pigs with greater comfort and a performance-enhancing environment.

### Meet Rusty Sobasky, Husbandry Educator™



Rusty Sobasky grew up raising pigs on a small, farrow-to-finish operation in northeast Indiana. Since sixth grade, pigs have been his passion. After attending Black Hawk Community College and competing as a member of the livestock judging team, Rusty worked for a swine multiplier unit where he was involved in all areas of swine production. Since October 2010, he has been employed by Pfizer Animal Health as a Husbandry Educator supporting Four Star Veterinary Service.

"I am an extension of the veterinarians," Rusty says. "I use input from the Four Star veterinarian and farm owner as to what performance indicators to work on, and then go into the barns and work side-by-side with employees to assess factors that may be impacting pre-wean pig mortality or sow performance. Then we work to make improvements."

Rusty provides an objective, third-party assessment of the operation. He has a knack for building rapport with employees, so he can gain their respect, which is so important in making improvements. Results seen include reduction in pre-wean pig mortality, improved employee morale, and better sow condition and performance.

To learn more about the innovative Husbandry Education service, contact Four Star Veterinary Service.