

Grisekongres 2025 – Programme

Kl. 13.30- 14.15	1	Danish politics right now Denmark will hold a general election within the next year – but farming and pig production are not always key priorities in national politics. You will get a view of the current Danish political landscape. But also: Where is the recognition of the pig sector in Christiansborg? Why don't producers receive the respect their societal contribution deserves? Political commentator Lars Trier Mogensen offers his analysis of the state of Danish politics today. <i>Lars Trier Mogensen, Political Commentator, Radio Host, and Independent Media Entrepreneur</i>
	2	What are they doing on Bornholm? Pig farmers on the island of Bornholm have achieved impressive production results. The island is now free of PRRS, which has helped improve performance. But what else are they doing to succeed? Meet two young pig producers from Bornholm who are working actively to maintain and further develop pig production on the island. Let's move forward... <i>Mads Mikkelsen, Pig Producer, Vallegård I/S</i> <i>Asger Marker Due, Pig Producer, St. Gadegård</i>
	3	Working together for intact tails – learn about the new compensation model As part of the pig sector's future goals, the number of pigs with intact tails must double each year for three years, starting in 2026. This requires both courage and practical changes on farms. A new compensation model will help support farmers who are ready to lead the way. Learn how the model works – and how your farm can join through a “reverse Dutch auction” system. <i>Producer who has received preliminary approval</i> <i>Niels-Peder Nielsen, Chief Consultant, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Pig Research Centre</i>
	4	More pigs for slaughter A consistent supply of pigs is essential for the slaughterhouse. Danish Crown has launched several initiatives to make slaughter pig production more attractive. One of these is a new model that encourages producers to invest in building new finisher pig facilities. This presentation will explain the ideas behind the different initiatives. <i>Søren Tinggaard, Senior Vice President, Danish Crown</i>
	5	Influenza – take control Influenza causes runny noses, fever, and reduced growth in both the farrowing and nursery units. At the same time, influenza paves the way for other diseases that affect the lungs and increase mortality. Controlling influenza infections is very challenging both between and within herds. Get an overview of the available options to control the disease and hear about the improvements one herd has implemented to manage their influenza problems. Get the most out of the session by completing the online course on Biosecurity before the congress. <i>Oleksandr Lytvyn, Herd Manager, Fisker Agro I/S</i> <i>Lars Haahr Andersen, Veterinary Pig Specialist, LVK</i>
	6	Move many piglets out of the farrowing pen Pig Producer Mette Hjort and Farrowing Unit Caretaker Anne Jensen share how each of them manages to wean many piglets in the farrowing unit. In one herd, the focus is on farrowing supervision. In the other herd, the focus is on ensuring that the sows have a high self-weaning rate. You will hear about the measures and tools each of them uses to achieve good results. <i>Mette Hjort, Pig Producer, Dalhus</i> <i>Anne Jensen, farrowing unit caretaker, Hallumgade Svineproduktion</i>

Kl. 14.30- 15.15	7	Danish pork on the global market How does Danish pork compete in the global race – and what does it take to strengthen our position? In this presentation, Niels Duedahl provides a strategic overview of the competitiveness of Danish pig production and the necessary actions to secure a strong and future-proof export. <i>Niels Duedahl, CEO, Danish Crown</i>
	8	From talk to action Pressured farrowing units, high occupancy rates, and the TV2 documentary “Who Takes Care of the Pigs?” prompted herd manager Ralf Bager to take a critical look at the operation. He performed several calculations and proposed to producer Per Haugaard Sørensen and the board to reduce the number of sows in the two sow herds. Hear how the idea was received – and how it was implemented by Linda Christophersen. <i>Per Haugaard Sørensen, Pig Producer, Kærgaard Agro</i> <i>Ralf Bager, Herd Manager, Kærgaarden Agro</i> <i>Linda Christophersen, Herd Manager, Kærgaarden Agro</i>
	9	Why we produce both weaners and finishers Østergaard Thorup has expanded their production so that more and more of their weaners are raised as finishers in their own facilities. Come and hear their reasoning behind this choice, and the benefits and gains they expect to achieve. <i>Brian Martin Sørensen, Pig Producer, Østergaard Thorup</i> <i>Rasmus Brøndbjerg Jensen, Pig Producer, Østergaard Thorup Slagtesvin</i>
	10	Larger pens for finishers – what’s true and what’s not? Large pens for finishers have gained a reputation for poor results – but is it justified? Get new insights from trials with pens for 18 and 45 pigs, along with experiences from herds using sorting scales. You’ll also hear how Jens Erik Nielsen actively uses pen data in his daily management. <i>Jens Erik Nielsen, pig producer, Bækmarksbro</i> <i>Torben Jensen, Chief Researcher, SEGES Innovation</i>
	11	The path to i health and efficiency through updating the SPF system The Danish SPF system is a cornerstone of pig production - and now it is due for a necessary update. Gain insight into how monitoring technology, digital data collection, and targeted biosecurity can improve herd health and boost your production results. <i>Sara Dalsgaard, SPF Health Manager, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Pig Research Centre</i> <i>Kristian Møller, Head of Department, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Pig Research Centre</i>
	12	How to increase your farrowing rate The best herds achieve farrowing rates of up to 95%, while the average is only around 86%. Hear how owners, employees, and advisors can work together to adjust the right factors and ensure more sows reach farrowing. A high farrowing rate means more uniform batches, fewer replacements, and better control over which sows stay in the herd. <i>Tina Lyngbek, Pig Producer, Næsgaard</i> <i>Tommy Egsvang Rasmussen, KS-advisor, Hatting A/S</i>

Kl. 15.45- 16.30	13	A global overview of the pork industry Rupert Claxton, Meat and Livestock Director at Gira Food will present an overview of the global meat market and the role of pork within it. At a time when the global meat sector faces challenges from economic pressures, tariffs, disease, and shifting societal expectations, opportunities still exist for Denmark's highly specialized pig industry. As global demand for meat grows and consumers increasingly prioritise quality, how does the Danish system fit into this international landscape? <i>Rupert Claxton, Meat & Livestock Director, Gira Food</i>
	14	Why do I have a farm council? Farms are getting bigger, and more farmers are choosing to set up a farm council - but why, and what do you actually get out of it? Hear pig and calf producer Svend Amstrup explain his motivation for having a farm council, and how it helps with his decisions and business development. Torben, a business developer at Velas, will also share his experience from 15 years working with farm councils. <i>Svend Amstrup Jensen, Pig and Calf Producer, Amstrup Agro and Torben Wiborg, Business Developer, Velas</i>
	15	The weaner market in Europe The weaner market in Europe is constantly changing. Declining sow numbers in the Netherlands, animal welfare programs in Germany, African Swine Fever, and consolidation across all parts of the value chain shape the market. But what does this mean for Danish pig production and your export opportunities? Get the latest update from two sharp experts. <i>Jens Kongensholm, CEO, SPF-Danmark and Markus Fiebelkorn, Market Analyst, Danish Pig Producers</i>
	16	How I optimise my finisher production Top results don't come by themselves. If you aim to produce over 1,200 g daily gain, 2.25 FESv/kg gain, and less than 1.5% mortality, come and hear how Georg has systematised his production and achieves strong results year after year. <i>Georg Blem Hybschmann, Pig Producer, Thisted Per Knudsen, Consultant, Danish Crown</i>
	17	How to reduce antibiotic use How do you keep pigs healthy while reducing antibiotic use? Get an overview of the diseases that most often require treatment and concrete ideas on how to strengthen prevention instead. You will also meet a producer who has cracked the code: high productivity with low antibiotic use. <i>Cecilia Vanggaard, Farm Operations Manager, Store Bouet Christian Christoffersen, Veterinarian, Porcus</i>
	18	Getting started with loose-housed sows in the farrowing unit Pig producers Jonna and Peter have replaced crates with loose-housed lactating sows. You will hear their honest experiences covering everything from piglet survival to sow behaviour, and especially the challenges that came with the transition. Learn what it takes to make loose housing work in practice. <i>Peter Jacobsen, Pig Producer, Store Købeskov Jonna Lynge Andersen, Pig Producer, Bonnesig</i>
	19	Flat feeding curves and optimised udder health Flat feeding curves for pregnant sows are a hot topic in both research and practice. Gain insight into how they affect sows with different body conditions - and when they work best. You'll hear about both advantages and limitations, plus get advice on how your feeding strategy can support good farrowing, high piglet survival, and optimised udder health.

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Kl. 16.45- 17.30	20	News from Brussels Hear the Director of the Danish Meat Industry's Brussels representation, provide an update on the trade policy situation, focusing on relations between the EU, the USA, and China. You'll also gain insight into EU agendas that impact animal production. What do the EU's visions for agriculture, animal welfare, climate, and environment mean for the future of pig production? <i>Troels Vensild, Director, Brussels Representation, Danish Meat Industry</i>
	21	A strong food sector – but how secure is it? Food supply security is high on the agenda in both Denmark and the EU - and for good reason. Foreign powers are already engaging in hybrid warfare against Denmark. The Danish food sector is fundamentally strong, but that strength depends on uninterrupted access to energy, clean water, and mobile labour - as well as reliable IT systems, transport, and logistics. Gain insight into the challenges, opportunities, and some of the key steps needed to build stronger preparedness and resilience. <i>Flemming Nør-Pedersen, Executive Director, Danish Agriculture & Food Council</i>
	22	Status of the Danish economy The world is changing – with war, trade conflicts, and increasing uncertainty. But what does it mean for Denmark and the Danish economy? Gain insight into the most important global shifts and challenges and learn what they mean for us in Denmark – and for your business. <i>Las Olsen, Chief Economist, Danske Bank</i>
	23	Why do we need finishers in Denmark? Slaughter pig production in Denmark is facing challenges. Tight finances, older facilities, and lack of proper payment systems make it hard to stay in the business. But there is hope and potential profit ahead. Hear how pig producers Martin and Søren have chosen to invest specifically in finishers, and what they believe is needed to secure production in Denmark towards 2035. <i>Martin Boe Madsen, Pig Producer, Boegaard Landbrug Søren Foged Overgaard, Pig Producer, Overgaard Farm</i>
	24	How do we keep diseases like foot-and-mouth disease and African swine fever out of Denmark? An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease or African swine fever could paralyse Danish pig production. Get the latest updates on the spread of these diseases in Europe and the measures in place to keep them out of Denmark. You will also hear what happens if there is a clinical suspicion of African swine fever in a Danish herd. <i>Lisbeth Harm Nielsen, Veterinarian, Danish Agriculture & Food Council</i>

Kl. 09.00- 09.45	25	Inside the operations of the world's largest pig producer Hear how Muyuan Group, the world's largest pig producer, operates its pig production in China. Producing more than 63 million pigs each year, the company is a global leader in productivity, efficiency, and sustainability. <i>Harry Xue, Director of International Exchange and Cooperation Center, Muyuan Foods Co</i>
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26	Creating an attractive workplace Around 7,500 people are employed in Danish pig production – and skilled workers are in high demand. It takes a dedicated effort to create a good workplace where employees thrive and want to stay for many years. Get inspiration and insight into how other industries are working to build attractive and sustainable workplaces. <i>Thomas Ørskov, Chief Executive Officer, Evolog Logistix</i>
27	How I achieve top results in the weaner unit High daily gain, low feed conversion, low mortality, and low antibiotic use - it sounds like a dream for weaner production. But for pig producer Klaus Dam, it has become reality, especially after moving into a new weaner facility. Hear what Klaus focuses on in his daily routines, and how - together with Peter Jakobsen from Agillix - he has systematised production through participation in the "Weaners" production concept. <i>Klaus Dam, Pig Producer, Tylstrup</i> <i>Peter Jakobsen, Advisor, Agillix</i>
28	Switching from castrates to entire males – what do you need to know? More producers are considering switching from surgically castrated pigs to immunocastrated entire males - but what does that require in practice? Gain insights from on-farm experiences, including economics, management, and feeding strategies. Two current trials with entire males and immunocastrated pigs provide preliminary results that can help guide your decisions. <i>Martin Andreasen, pig producer, Møllegården</i> <i>Anna Krog Krusturp, consultant, SEGES Innovation</i>
29	Free more time with small changes How can you, as a farm owner, create more time for leadership and development - without putting extra pressure on your staff? Hear how pig producer Anna Dahl Andersen managed to free up 15 hours a week without her three full-time employees having to work faster. Through a simple process, tasks and priorities were adjusted, and both responsibilities and the order of work were reorganised. <i>Anna Dahl Andersen, Pig Producer, Ellensminde</i> <i>Anders Peter Andersen, Pig Advisor, Velas</i>
30	How do we prevent acute sow deaths? Post-mortem examinations of nearly 100 sows that died suddenly in the mating, gestation, and farrowing units have provided new insights into the real causes of death. Using historical data, information from SEGES InSight, and other studies, you'll get a comprehensive overview of what goes wrong - and concrete actions you can take to prevent it. <i>Else Marie Overlund Andersen, Veterinarian, LVK</i> <i>Margit Andreasen, Chief Researcher, SEGES Innovation</i>
31	Are your sows getting enough water? Sows need sufficient water to perform at their best in the farrowing unit. New research from Aarhus University and SEGES Innovation shows how sow drinking behaviour is closely linked to farrowing duration, milk yield, and litter growth. You'll gain insight into the key findings and how you can apply them in practice. <i>Marianne Kaiser, Assistant Professor, Aarhus University</i> <i>Vivi Aarestrup Moustsen, Chief Researcher, SEGES Innovation</i>

Kl. 10.05- 10.50	32	The media's view of the pig sector Why are "bad news" stories about Danish pig production so often the focus in the media? Is it "Journalists from Copenhagen" who don't understand conditions in the barns? Is the animal welfare issues as serious as the media claim? Or are we simply not good enough at creating a balanced story? One of the sharpest minds in Danish journalism, Anna Libak, is ready for the discussion. <i>Anna Libak, Foreign News Editor, Weekendavisen</i>
	33	How we became pig producers How do you start as a pig producer? There isn't just one answer. Come and hear three producers share their personal journeys into the business - including their biggest challenges and what has surprised them most along the way. <i>Jesper Krogsgaard, Pig Producer, Krogsgaard Landbrug</i> <i>Anders Bilotto Hansen, Pig Producer, Foersum Genetik</i> <i>Kristian Boel Kjær Østergård, Pig Producer, Mariesminde Landbrug</i>
	34	The finisher unit in 2025 Go-Gris has built new finisher facilities and will share their key experiences from the construction. Hear about their choices and compromises and get inspiration for what to consider if you are planning similar building projects to expand your finisher production. You will also receive a brief update on the investment scope and preliminary results. <i>Mads Mogensen, Co-owner, Go-Gris</i>
	35	Good animal welfare comes from proper and caring handling Animal welfare is receiving increased attention in Danish Pig Production these years. The best way to assess animal welfare is by observing how pigs react to their living conditions. Professor Irena Czycholl demonstrates, focusing on the pig itself, how to interpret both positive and negative signals in conventional production in the effort to improve pig welfare. <i>Irena Czycholl, Professor, University of Copenhagen</i>
	36	Cultural understanding for stone age brains Interacting with people from different cultures can be challenging - misunderstandings and frustrations often arise. Our brains are wired to understand those who are like us, but in a global world, it's crucial to develop cultural intelligence. This session offers an introduction to navigating cultural differences and creating better cooperation on the farm. With insight into how culture influences behaviour, we can build bridges and understand each other better. One thing is certain: farms are becoming more global - and that requires us to adapt. <i>Dennis Nørmark, Anthropologist, Speaker, and Author</i> Repeated session no. 43
	37	Get inspired to improve sow survival In 2023, an average of 16.3% of annual sows were either euthanised or found dead - but some herds have significantly lower mortality. What do they do differently? Through short video clips from daily life on selected farms, you'll see concrete examples of daily routines and focus areas that can improve sow survival and reduce the need for euthanasia. <i>Henriette L. Hansen, Advisor, SvineRådgivningen</i> <i>Mette Gade, Veterinarian, Porcus</i>
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Kl. 11.05- 11.50	39	How do we get a little better every day? We have invited the Chairman and the Director of the Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Pig Sector, to discuss the challenges, dilemmas, and opportunities shaping the industry. Stakeholders from the sector can ask questions, and there will be ample opportunity for questions from the audience. Come and join the debate. <i>HC Gæmelke, Chairman, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Pig Research Centre</i> <i>Christian Fink Hansen, Sector Director for Danish Pig Production, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Pig Research Centre</i>
	40	Digital defence: how to protect your farm Farming is no longer just a physical activity - it now relies heavily on technology. As a result, IT security has become a critical factor for farmers. Get an overview of the latest digital threats and concrete steps you can take to protect your farm. You'll receive simple tips to strengthen IT security and inspiration on tools that work in practice. <i>Michael Brødsted, IT Security & Compliance Manager, SEGES Innovation</i>
	41	Optimise your delivery strategy – and earn more per pig Which impact does slaughter weight and feed consumption have on your bottom line? New trials show how the slaughter pig factor and feed consumption develop from 82 to 95 kg - and how this affects the economics per pig. Gain insight into how the most skilled finisher producers adjust their strategy to maximise contribution margin and make the best use of their facilities. <i>Gitte Hansen, Advisor, VKST</i> <i>Per Tybirk, Chief Consultant, SEGES Innovation</i>
	42	When the sow gets sick or injured Inspections by the Danish scheme and the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration show that far too many sows are not handled properly when they become sick or injured. Find out what inspectors look for and how you can avoid remarks by improving routines and taking swift action in the barn. Get more out of the session by completing the online courses Treatment of the Sick and Injured Sows, Monitoring of Pregnant Sows and Daily supervision in the Farrowing Pen before the congress. <i>Daniel Keller, Official Veterinarian, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, Southern Region</i> <i>Thomas Møller Andersen, Veterinarian, SvineVet</i>
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	44	Gilt quarantine – the most important square metres How should the ideal quarantine unit be designed and how should feeding be managed? Come and get practical advice on how correct use of gilt quarantine can provide optimal disease protection while preparing gilts for their first mating. Complete the online course Rearing Gilts before the congress to be better prepared for the session. <i>Bjørn Lorenzen, Chief Consultant, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Pig Research Centre</i> <i>Gunner Sørensen, Chief Researcher, SEGES Innovation</i>
	45	360 degrees around wet feeding Wet feeding is effective when the quality is right. You'll get a thorough overview of different wet feeding methods, both with and without residual feed, and how they affect sows and growing pigs. Kim Kofoed, pig and feed advisor, will provide practical advice on settings and technical solutions that improve the system daily. You'll also learn about the use of additives and how to ensure a stable and healthy feed slurry all year round. <i>Kim Kofoed, Pig and Feed Advisor, VKST</i>
KI. 12.55- 13.40	46	Postcard from Finland In Finland, producing pigs with intact tails has been mandatory since 2003. With 68,000 annual sows, the country is now self-sufficient in pork and has gained solid experience in managing pigs without tail docking. On a study trip to Finland, the sector board took a closer look at production and government compensation schemes aimed at improving animal welfare and sustainability. Hear about the trip and get insights into Finnish pig production - from structure and economics to animal welfare and managing intact tails. <i>Mathias Broholm Andersen, Board Member, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Pig Research Centre</i> <i>Martin Lambert Pedersen, Board Member, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Pig Research Centre</i>
	47	Why safety is so important at Kærbygård Pig Producer Hans Sørensen has made safety a natural part of everyday life on his farm. Hear why it has been important for Hans to prioritise safety and what it means for his employees and the overall working environment. <i>Hans Sørensen, Pig Producer, Kærbygård</i>
	48	Feed for negotiation – what will determine tomorrow's price? Costs for purchasing raw materials and feed are one of the largest expenses for pig producers. Come and hear more about the factors that will influence the feed market and prices going forward. <i>John Jensen, Chief Analyst, AgroMarkets</i>
	49	Turn boots and barn walks into engaging stories Thinking about sharing glimpses of everyday life in the barn? More farmers are using social media to create transparency about life in agriculture - and you can join in. Whether you want to be a social media star or just share occasionally, meet farmers who actively use social media: what motivates them, what they get out of it, and how they manage their time and comment sections. You'll also get 10 tips on what works (and what doesn't) when using social media to boost the visibility of your farming life - in your own way.

		<i>Louise Korsgaard, Skilled Farmer, @louisekorsgaard</i> <i>Jens Gudike Fly Christensen, Pig Producer, Spøttrup</i>
	50	Good medicine handling leads to healthy pigs Proper handling of medication strengthens pig health and reduces the risk of resistance. Come and learn about the different types of medicines you can use to treat pigs, and how to ensure correct storage and handling. You'll also get useful tips on avoiding common mistakes and making sure treatments are effective. Learn more about medicines and vaccines before the congress by taking the online course. <i>Inger Morthorst Møller, Veterinarian Pig Specialist, Ø-vet</i>
	51	Can cow's milk save newborn piglets? Colostrum is vital for piglet survival, but the smallest piglets rarely receive enough. SEGES Innovation is now investigating whether cow colostrum can be a useful supplement when sow colostrum is insufficient. You'll gain insight into the role of colostrum during the piglet's first day of life and how different supplements affect their nutrition and survival in practice. <i>Uffe Pinholt Krogh, Chief Researcher, SEGES Innovation</i> <i>Dorthe Poulsgård, Chief Consultant, SEGES Innovation</i>
	52	Technology and feed composition for the sow of the future More pigs per litter and higher demands on sow performance make it necessary to rethink feeding. Functional additives will be an important part of the future strategy, but they must be used correctly - otherwise, it hurts the economy. Gain insight into how you can adjust both feeding curves and technology to add supplements only where there is documented effect. You can also learn about the requirements this place on the feeding system during gestation and lactation. <i>Thomas Sønderby Bruun, Chief Consultant, SEGES Innovation</i>

Kl. 13.55- 14.40	53	Everyday dilemmas What defines good pig production - and how do you create a strong working environment with motivated and trusted employees? Three pig producers will take the stage in a "Sara & Monopolet"-style setup to discuss real-life dilemmas from the sector. Expect strong opinions, hands-on experiences, and food for thought - so we can all get a little better every day. The discussion will be led by Hans Aarestrup, ensuring room for different perspectives. <i>Robert Lynge Andersen, Vice Chairman, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Pig Research Centre</i> <i>Kristoffer Hald, Board Member, Danish Pig Producers</i> <i>David Hørlyck Nielsen, Pig Producer, Ulvedahl A/S</i>
	54	Give new employees a good start – and keep them Welcoming a new colleague takes more than a handshake and a tour. You need to invest time in training them in routines and workflows. Get inspiration on how to quickly make new employees confident with their tasks, and how to support their development and motivation through simple tools like clear plans and aligned expectations. It benefits the team, workplace wellbeing – and your results. <i>Nicklas Dam, Pig Producer, Dam Landbrug</i>
	55	How to avoid the CO2 tax There are several ways to reduce the climate impact of your production – but which ones are effective? Get an overview of different measures that can lower the carbon footprint and environmental impact, including frequent slurry removal, tent covers, slurry cooling, dragline systems, V-shaped slurry channels, acidification, flaring, biogas – and promising new technologies currently in the pipeline.

		Gain insight into frequent slurry removal before the congress by taking the online course on the topic. <i>Michael Jørgen Hansen, Senior Researcher, Aarhus Universitet</i> <i>Pia Brandt, Senior Consultant, SEGES Innovation</i>
	56	Intact tails in practice What does it take to raise pigs with intact tails – and can it work under Danish conditions? Finnish pig farmer Aki Alitupa shares his experience from a farm with 1,700-sows producing 45,000 piglets annually. Welfarmers, a European collaboration for animal welfare, contributes insights from eight EU countries. Camilla Asmussen, consultant at SEGES Innovation, links the knowledge to practical solutions in Danish herds. <i>Aki Alitupa, Pig Farmer & Advisor, Finland</i> <i>Camilla Asmussen, Consultant, SEGES Innovation</i>
	57	PRRS eradication – moving forward together All of Denmark is now covered by PRRS reduction programmes as part of the national effort to eliminate the disease. Regional eradication is a complex task that requires systematic planning, clear communication, and strong cooperation between neighbouring farms. Hear about the successes and challenges experienced during PRRS eradication efforts - and gain insight into the national plan for the work ahead. Get insights into PRRS transmission and the PRRS reduction programme before the congress by completing the online course on PRRS. <i>Mads Waidtløw, Chief Consultant, Fjordland</i> <i>Nicolai Weber, Head of Department, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Pig Research Centre</i>
	58	Prevent lameness in sows Healthy hooves are key to both productivity and sow survival. SEGES Innovation has examined 500 hooves from 300 herds submitted to DAKA, alongside live lameness and hoof scoring in 21 herds with either low or high sow mortality. You'll gain insight into the most common hoof injuries and how to treat and prevent them in practice – using tools such as bandage kits, daily observation, group management, and hospital pens. <i>Mette Kryhmand, Veterinarian, Danvet</i> <i>Lisbeth Ulrich Hansen, Chief Scientist, SEGES Innovation</i>
	59	Keep feed costs under control for sows and weaners What can you learn from the top performers when it comes to reducing feed use and costs? Feed is the largest expense in pig production – and the use of additives is on the rise. Get an overview of what works, what's a waste – and how to keep feed costs under control without compromising performance. <i>Peter Mark Nielsen, Pig Advisor, Velas</i>
Kl. 15.00- 15.45	60	Let the laughter in What happens when you show up to work in a good mood – and your colleagues share a laugh in the middle of a busy day? Humour is contagious. It lifts the atmosphere and makes even the tough jobs easier to face. And it doesn't stop there. Studies show that sick leave drops, and productivity rises when colleagues make room for fun – even during working hours. Warning: There's a very real risk your bad mood won't survive this session. <i>Søs Egelind, actor, speaker, comedian and author</i>

61	Managing multiple sites How do you ensure visible leadership, clear task structures, and strong team wellbeing when your production is spread across several locations? Pig producer Laust Boel shares his experiences leading teams across different sites. Get inspiration on how to use planning boards, regular follow-ups, and clear communication to build cohesion and job satisfaction – even when the team isn't under one roof. <i>Laust Boel Østergaard, griseproducent, Mariesminde Landbrug</i>
62	When finishers become ill or injured Inspections by the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration and the Danish scheme show that too many finishers are not handled properly when they fall ill or are injured. Find out what inspectors look for – and how improved routines and quick action in the barn can help you avoid official remarks. Get insights into how to handle sick and injured finishers before the congress by completing the online course Daily inspection in the pen and Sick and Injured Pigs in the Finisher Barn. <i>Daniel Keller, Official Veterinarian, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, South</i> <i>Thomas Møller Andersen, Veterinarian, SvineVet</i>
63	Take control of streptococci Streptococcal bacteria can cause joint and brain infections in piglets and weaners – and lead to serious health issues in some herds. Hear how one farm brought the infection under control by adjusting care routines and using an autovaccine made from their own pigs' bacteria. You'll get practical examples of how daily routines can help prevent and manage this challenging disease. <i>Anders Rold, Pig Producer, Smorup Toftegård</i> <i>Gitte Drejer, Veterinarian, Danvet</i>
64	Recommendations for the farrowing pen for loose-housed sows How do you design a farrowing pen suitable for sows with large litters – while meeting welfare, work environment, and climate requirements? Get concrete examples of practical solutions, both above and below the floor, that make this possible in real life. <i>Stine Grønborg, Consultant, SEGES Innovation</i> <i>Vivi Aarestrup Moustsen, Chief Scientist, SEGES Innovation</i>
65	Update your feeding strategy and improve profitability in weaner production By applying the results from recent years' trials directly in your own barn, it's possible to feed weaners in an economically optimal way. But what do the results show? How many different feed mixes should you use for weaners? When is the right time to switch to a new mix? Which additives are beneficial to include? You'll get answers to all this in the presentation, helping you make informed adjustments in your production. <i>Tina Sødtring, Head of Department, SEGES Innovation</i> <i>Niels Morten Sloth, Chief Researcher, SEGES Innovation</i>