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**Need for State Swine Extension Specialist**

**Background of ND Pork Council**

Both checkoff and non-checkoff funded  
No state checkoff  
Promote pork through consumer information, producer education and research  
State Executive is a part-time contractor position  
Member of the ND Livestock Alliance

**Dr. David Newman leaving NDSU in 2016 and legislative session budget cuts of 2017 left the North Dakota swine industry with no extension specialist.**

Why does the need still exist?

- Opportunity in our state for growth
  - Sow state
  - Gilt Development Units – (GDU)
  - Farmer-Finishing Barns
- Need specialist to answer producer questions
- Need specialist to deliver unbiased information
- Need specialist to communicate with consumers with science-based information
- Disease issues
  - Lack of Swine Veterinarians
  - African Swine Fever
    - Outreach to large and small pig farmers
    - Promote prevention efforts like biosecurity
    - Coordinate efforts upon positive diagnosis
      - In-state diagnosis
      - Out-of-state diagnosis
      - Stop Movement Order