

Introducing Dr. Cesar Corzo

Dr. Cesar A Corzo has recently joined the Swine Group at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine as the Allen D. Lemam Chair in Swine Health and Productivity

Dr. Corzo is a Colombian veterinarian that has been working with pigs since early 2000's. He has field and research experience working at Elanco and PIC, and completed a Master of Science at the University of Guelph in Canada on *Lawsonia intracellularis* epidemiology. For his doctoral studies on the epidemiology of swine influenza virus at the University of Minnesota, Dr. Corzo worked with Drs. Bob Morrison and Marie Culhane, in response to the 2009 "swine flu" pandemic. He developed a multi-state active surveillance project and studied risk factors for flu infection including airborne detection of influenza under experimental and field conditions. Dr. Corzo was also involved in the Stevens County regional PRRS control and elimination project where he worked closely with producers and veterinarians to advance the control



Dr. Corzo has been engaged both nationally and internationally to address health challenges in swine and has worked extensively in Latin America and North America. Most recently, Dr. Corzo worked with PIC, the largest swine breeding-stock company in the world, where he led the PIC Health Team for both health service and health assurance in Latin America while working closely with producers to help them prevent, control and eliminate viral pathogens.

As the new Lemam Chair, Dr. Corzo will focus on leading the Morrison Swine Health Monitoring Project by strengthening the link between producers and research and support producers to make science-based decisions to improve swine health. He is also interested in studying drivers of productivity and health including employee turnover, antibiotic use and endemic bacterial infections

Dr. Corzo's appointment brings a unique and diverse level of experience to the Morrison Swine Health Monitoring Project. His producer and veterinarian focused approach will help achieve Dr. Bob Morrison's vision for the project to deliver short term value to producers while strengthening the long term disease preparedness of the swine industry.