# How Gene Editing Supports People, Pigs & Planet

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# U.S. Pork's Foundational We Care Principles

- Produce Safe Food
- Protect and Promote Animal Well-Being
- Protect Public Health
- Safeguard our Natural Resources
- Provide a Safe Work Environment

Contribute to Quality of Life in our Communities



**DOING WHAT'S RIGHT** 



### Gene Editing: An Unprecedented Opportunity

- Reduce (and potentially eliminate) disease
- Reduce Antibiotic use on farm
- **1** Improve animal welfare
- Farming's environmental impact
- Grow more crops, raise more pigs with fewer natural resources
- Improve meat quality





### Our Responsibility: Farm-to-Fork Transparency

Open, honest dialogue and transparency

is essential

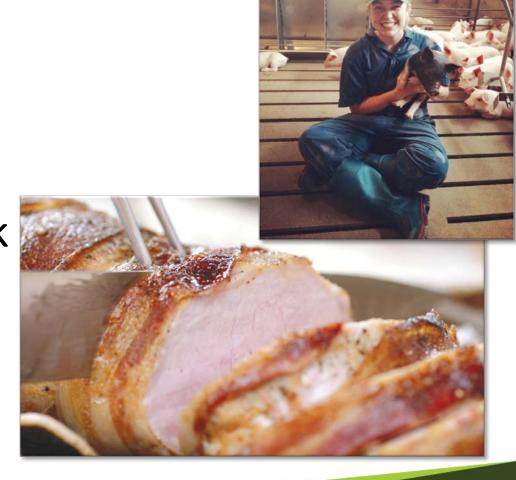
- Span the food production process
  - From farm to processor
  - From processor to retailer
  - From retailer to consumer



## **Next Steps: Define The Regulatory Environment**

#### **Effective regulation should:**

- Build consumer acceptance and inspire confidence in food system
- Incorporate a *risk-based* framework
- Recognize editing *native* DNA in crops and animals differs from modification with *foreign* DNA



### **Summary: We Live In An Exciting Time**

- Gene editing has tremendous potential for advancements in human medicine, crop science and animal science.
- We must have a meaningful dialogue with all who have an interest.
- And we need an effective and risk-based regulatory structure that inspires confidence.

