

# **Biography of Dr. Liz Wagstrom Chief Veterinarian National Pork Producers Council**

Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) Wagstrom holds Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Masters of Preventive Medicine degrees from Iowa State University. During her career, she has worked at the intersection of animal health and public health, including as a practicing veterinarian, an epidemiologist and public health veterinarian, an industry organization staff member and in academia. In those roles, she has interacted with a wide range of stakeholders and consistently worked to find common ground and mutual goals.

Dr. Wagstrom currently serves as the Chief Veterinarian for the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC). The National Pork Producers Council conducts public policy outreach on behalf of its 43 affiliated state association members. She leads NPPC's Science and Technology efforts, including an active effort on responsible antibiotic use and antibiotic use data collection and reporting. In her previous role with the National Pork Board she was the staff responsible for the development of the industry's Take Care® – Use Antibiotics Responsibly program. That program has been incorporated into the larger Pork Quality Assurance Plus certification, which includes an on-farm assessment and audit component.

Dr. Wagstrom was instrumental in the industry's response to the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic, working with animal health, public health and regulatory officials. She has been a leader on industry responses toward emerging animal diseases and serves as a staff coordinator for the Swine Disease Response Council which aims to provide a forum for industry, state and federal to develop a response to emerging disease events.

She serves as an *ad hoc* member on committees for the National Pork Board and the American Association of Swine Veterinarians. She was recently elected to her second term on the American Veterinary Medicine Association's Council on Public Health and Regulatory Medicine. She serves as a liaison from that Council to the Food Safety Advisory Committee and the Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee.

Dr. Wagstrom was a member of the United States delegation to the first Codex Alimentarius Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance. She is also participating in the work of the second Task Force that was approved at the July 2017 Codex Commission meeting.

Prior to joining the National Pork Producers Council, Dr. Wagstrom was an Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota's Center for Animal Health and Food Safety. She also served as director of their Veterinary Public Practice Residency Program.

Dr. Wagstrom served six years on the USDA Secretary's Advisory Committee on Animal Health, serving as both vice-chairman and chairman. That committee has a diverse membership but under her leadership developed consensus recommendations on a wide range of topics including the USDA efforts on antimicrobial resistance.

Dr. Wagstrom has served one term as a liaison member of the Presidential Advisory Council on Combatting Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria. She served on the Vaccine Incentives Working Group of PACCARB.