About the Sow Farm
- 5,600 sow breed-to-wean farm consists of the following barns:
  - **Gestation**: Sows and gilts will be bred and cared for for the duration of their pregnancy in this barn.
  - **Farrowing**: Sows will farrow (give birth) and nurse their litters for approximately 3 weeks here.
  - **Gilt Developer**: Gilts will be raised from 15 lbs to 300 lbs in this barn.
- Number of employees: 21
- Barns cover 5 acres of land
- Enhanced biosecurity

Construction Highlights
- Over 200 people were employed during the construction period
- 9,000 yards of concrete
- 93,985 lineal feet of steel
- 654,353 board feet of lumber
- Over 15,000 ton of rock sourced locally:
  - Vermillion Quarry in Olgesby
  - Midwest Materials in Lacon
- Construction materials, equipment, and supplies were purchased from over 40 different businesses

Manure Management
- Manure produced by the pigs is collected and controlled under the pig barns in 8-10’ deep concrete pits. These pits are reinforced with steel and allow zero discharge. Manure will only leave twice a year, using a very secure method.
- The manure is tested for its nutrient value and will be applied to farmland to provide organic fertilizer for crops such as corn and soybeans.
- It is applied at a recommended rate and will be incorporated directly into the soil to minimize odor.

Contributions to Community
- **Supporting local agriculture**: 17 million pounds of feed will be consumed per year, which is greater than $1,000,000 of locally grown and harvested corn and soybeans.
- Estimated Property Taxes of $50,000/yr.
- **On Site Job Creation**: Site manager, breeding and gestation manager, farrowing manager, breeding and gestation caretakers, farrowing caretakers, and maintenance.
- **Associated jobs**: Feed grinding, mixing, and delivery, pig transportation, trailer washing, snow removal, mowing.

Today’s Pork
- Farmers are using 78% less land and 41% less water to raise pigs today
- Pork’s carbon footprint is down 35%

VMC Management, Williamsburg, IA consists of veterinarian managers, production managers, and support staff. Veterinarians visit farms approximately every 2 weeks. Most common model for VMC Management sow farms is that farmers have ownership in the sow farm and subsequently take delivery of the weaned pigs to grow-out in their own barns.