

Porky star a big hit

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know anything about how farm vehicles worked, what a farm entails to run, the high costs, or even what purpose a silo served.

Still, the love for Esther from complete strangers is touching, they agree.

It's no wonder she's a worldwide sensation some of her biggest supporters are international celebrities. Ricky Gervais and partner Jane Fallon, the Dixie Chicks, even *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, which on National Pig Day posted an Esther video on her *Ellentube* channel.

She's had international news coverage as well and had stories appear everywhere from *Reader's Digest*, just earlier this month, to magazines across the U.K.

Her book, *Esther the Wonder Pig*, came out last year, making it to the *New York Times* bestseller list. And, she receives gifts sent to her from around the world everything from artwork, to cupcake decorations for her room you name it, people love

Esther.

The goal? To change the world one heart at a time.

Calling themselves accidental activists, Jenkins, who's a realtor, and Walter are passionate about being Esther-approved, as opposed to vegan, which they share strong opinions. They even appeared at a TedX event where they spoke about the importance of treating all animals equally with love and respect.

That's the message they share on farm tours which are always sold out months in advance and with volunteers who sign up to work at the farm for various hours, which also fill up rapidly. They also travel to vegan shows and conferences where they further spread the word. This year will see them touch down in Amsterdam, Norway and Milwaukee, to name a few.

It's wild. It feels like a crazy few years, Jenkins admitted. It's astonishing how much we've done. Nothing that Esther does is typical and she's gained a following and support for everything she does.

Jenkins said it's been an exciting learning curve for the couple as well, who have become celebrities themselves especially when they make appearances at speaking events.

We've had a loss of privacy that we never imagined, he said. I'm too nice, I've been accused of that, and I have a hard time saying no.

Learn more about Esther at www.estherthewonderpig.com

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