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Congratulations to ISUE colleagues

Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of several faculty and staff affiliated with IPIC and our programs, as they're being recognized by ISU Extension in a variety of award categories.

Four people, including our own Colin Johnson, were recognized for a team achievement award in the educational category. This group collectively developed the Community Assessment Model, known as CAM, which objectively helps identify the best locations for swine barns relative to downwind residents. Other group members are Steve Hoff, agricultural and biosystems engineering professor; Jay Harmon, agricultural and biosystems engineering professor and extension agricultural engineer; and John Tyndall, natural resources ecology and management assistant professor.

Extension economists John Lawrence, Dan Otto and Chad Hart, were part of a 16-member team honored for a team achievement award in the organizational category. The project, titled Bioeconomy Conversations II: Food, Feed and Fuel, involved the development of a package of communication tools, including presentations, support materials and staff resources that can be used to facilitate local discussions surrounding the economic, social and environmental ramifications of the bioeconomy.

Individuals honored are John Lawrence, meritorious service award; and Jerry Weiss (ISUE swine field specialist) and Kapil Arora (ISUE ag engineering field specialist), excellence in agricultural extension programs.

You can read about all of this year's recipients, including those for various lengths of service to extension in the 2009 ISUE awards booklet in pdf format here <http://sn.im/s11j8>

NEWS

New strategic plan for Australian Pork

Australian Pork Limited (APL), that country's pork producer organization, has released its 2010-2015 strategic plan, and Chairman Enzo Allara says it was done with collaboration and consultation with producers, processors, retailers, and state and federal government representatives. The plan has five core objectives: build consumer demand; have viable productive farms; build and maintain efficient value chains; include leadership, preparedness and stewardship; and increase and maintain industry cohesion

and responsiveness. You can read the 28-page plan (pdf format) on the APL Web site here <http://sn.im/s0t2e>

Transport compartment effects on pork quality

Results from a recent study looking at the effects of various truck compartment locations on pork quality show were announced by Harold Gonyou of Prairie Swine Centre. He told Farmscape about the findings, which indicate temperature variations in different portions of the trucks commonly used to transport pigs can impact pork quality. See the Farmscape Web site here <http://sn.im/transportporkquality> for a transcript and link to the audio file of the interview. Read a summary of the research on the Prairie Swine Centre Web site here <http://prairieswine.usask.ca/database/pdf/39278.pdf>

CALS career fair in new location this year

Continuing strong demand means this year's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Career Fair is in a new, larger location. The Oct. 13 event will be in the Lied Recreation Center on campus, with attendance by more than 140 potential employers already confirmed. See the list and more info here <http://sn.im/4j6vn> Here's a link to a map of the ISU campus, with the Lied Center highlighted <http://sn.im/s0vpu>

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Continuing. PQAPlus™ and TQA certification sessions. See the IPIC web site here <http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/PQAPlus.html> for date, location and contact information. This includes a series of free certification sessions sponsored by IPIC, ISU Extension and Iowa Pork Producers Association.

Sept. 20-26. National Eat Together Week. Read more on TheOtherWhiteMeat.com Web site here <http://sn.im/s0uos>

Sept. 23. Pork Niche Market Working Group. Iowa Institute for Co-ops. Ames. Read more about the group here <http://www.valuechains.org/porkniche>

Sept. 28. Think Tank on Animal Agriculture. The Broiler restaurant, Ames. Speaker is Sharron Quisenberry, ISU Vice President for research and economic development, with the topic, "A Transitioning Research Agenda." Social time 6 p.m., dinner, 6:30 p.m., program 7 p.m. Register by noon this Thursday, Sept. 24 with Julie Roberts at jrober@iastate.edu. Cost is \$15.18 for predetermined meal choices, or pre-order from the menu.

Oct. 15-16. ISU Extension swine field specialist in-service. Ensminger Room, ISU campus, Ames.

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"Preparedness for pork producers" Webcast now online

The PorkCast Web cast program from Sept. 11, "H1N1 Preparedness for Pork Producers," is now available through a link on the University of Minnesota Web site here <http://www.extension.umn.edu/swine/porkcast> In addition to additional H1N1 information links, this page also has links to the entire list of archived PorkCast programs from March 2007. This series is provided at no charge by UMN Extension and the Minnesota Pork Board. (To see the IPIC list of H1N1-related resources, go here <http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/influenza.html>)

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Leopold Center posts 2009 research results

The Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture has announced the availability of briefs and summaries for all competitive grant projects that have been completed this year. The 2009 research results are listed on and linked from this page on the Leopold Center Web site

<http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/research/topics.html> Among the results, "Functional quality management systems for livestock producers" by IPIC's John Mabry and Iowa Beef Center's John Lawrence; "Organic agriculture program viability study;" "Safe food handling practices on the farm: Meeting the needs of foodservice operations;" and "Improving the impact and benefits of USDA research and grant programs to enhance midsize farm profitability and rural community success."

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