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The ISU On-Farm Research and Demonstration Grant program is looking for proposals for its unique opportunity. The partnership of Practical Farmers of Iowa (PFI) and ISU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences pairs ISU faculty, staff members and/or students to work with farmers on topics related to conservation and sustainability. Annual, one-time grants up to \$5,000 maximum will be awarded, and grants of up to \$7,000 each may be awarded to three or more producers who proposed to work together over a 24-month maximum time period. A total of \$25,000 will be awarded in 2010. Primary funding is from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with additional in-kind/financial support from IPIC, the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Iowa Beef Center, ISU Extension Value-Added Program, ISU Extension Sustainable Agriculture Program, and PFI. Questions about this call for proposals? Contact Leopold Center director Jerry DeWitt by phone at (515) 294-3711 or e-mail at [jdewitt@iastate.edu](mailto:jdewitt@iastate.edu) Need help finding either a farmer cooperator or an ISU researcher to work with? Contact Sarah Carlson at PFI by phone (515) 232-5661 or by e-mail at [sarah@practicalfarmersofiowa.org](mailto:sarah@practicalfarmersofiowa.org) Application deadline is Dec. 16, 2009. For more information, see the RFP on the Leopold Center Web site here [http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/2010RFP\\_onfarm\\_research.pdf](http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/2010RFP_onfarm_research.pdf)

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Latest Food Safety Consortium annual report now available

The Food Safety Consortium has released its FY09 annual report and it's available in pdf on the group's Web site here [http://www.uark.edu/depts/fsc/pdf\\_files/anrprt.pdf](http://www.uark.edu/depts/fsc/pdf_files/anrprt.pdf) This national-level organization, established in 1988 through a special Cooperative State Research Service grant, consists of researchers from ISU, University of Arkansas and Kansas State University. The Consortium's charge is to conduct extensive investigation into all areas of poultry, beef and pork meat production, from the farm to the consumer's table. Each member university primarily performs research associated with the specific animal species for which that university is uniquely qualified: University of Arkansas, poultry; Iowa State University, pork; and Kansas State University, beef. The Consortium's main URL is <http://www.uark.edu/depts/fsc/>

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USPCE receives grant for education program

The U.S. Pork Center of Excellence announced that it's received a nearly \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to implement a Professional Swine Manager/Technician Certification Program for community college students and pork production workers. The grant is provided by the Fund for the

Improvement of Postsecondary Education and will run from Jan. 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2011. The amount will cover the implementation phase of the project that's being funded in conjunction with National Pork Board. Read more about the grant and the educational program on the USPCE Web site here <http://www.usporkcenter.org/home/news.aspx>

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New name for ISU campus building

You knew it as the Soil Tilth Laboratory. It now has a new name, hopefully to better convey what happens there. The "National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment" name broadens the mission and better indicates the scope of research done in the lab. The lab is part of the group of research sites within USDA's Agricultural Research Service. You can read more about the site, its people and programs, on the ARS Web site here [http://www.ars.usda.gov/main/site\\_main.htm?modecode=36-25-15-00](http://www.ars.usda.gov/main/site_main.htm?modecode=36-25-15-00)

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Continuing. PQA Plus® and TQA producer certification sessions. See the IPIC web site here <http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/PQAPlus.html> for date, location and contact information.

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Nov. 5-6. Swine Disease Practitioners Conference. Scheman Building, Iowa State Center, Ames. Registration is \$275. For more information, see the conference Web site <http://www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/swinedisease/home.html>

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Nov. 19. Pork Quality Assurance Plus® Advisor Training. Ensminger Room, Kildee Hall, ISU campus. Cost is \$75 per approved applicant. Registration deadline is Nov. 5 with fee due from approved applicants by Nov. 12. Download the registration form here <http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/PQAPapp111909.doc>

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Pigs eating like a human?

One new research project by Aarhus University (Denmark) researchers that uses cloned pigs is focused on obesity -- in humans. By using cloned pigs, scientists hope to learn about physiological differences and effects of feeding among pigs that may be linked to development of obesity. Because cloned pigs are not completely identical, the early part of this five-year project was spent trying to produce an adequate number of animals that were and are as close to identical as possible. Read more about this project on the Aarhus University Web site here.

[http://www.agrsci.org/ny\\_navigation/nyheder/cloned\\_pigs\\_on\\_a\\_human\\_diet](http://www.agrsci.org/ny_navigation/nyheder/cloned_pigs_on_a_human_diet)

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Bacon continues its amazing rise in popularity among consumers. This article on the Chicago Tribune Web site illustrates the lengths that chefs and others will go to make bacon part of everyone's diet.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/features/food/chi-1028-baconoct28,0,2743336.story> What will be the next craft bacon product? Post your wishes, ideas or creations on the IPIC Twitter page <http://twitter.com/iowaporkcenter> with the hashtag #baconproduct We'll be watching!

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