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As the H1N1 influenza makes its way in the human population around the state, country and world, those who raise pigs have their own concerns. IPIC associate director and ISU Extension swine veterinarian James McKean says he's getting lots of questions about swine handling at fairs, most of which are related to the human variant H1N1. With the advent of county fairs in Iowa just weeks away, here are some recommendations for vaccinations for hogs to be shown at Iowa fairs: 1) vaccinate all swine for exhibit with the swine flu - H1N1 strain. The vaccine takes 2 doses 2 weeks apart and 2) vaccinate all exhibit swine with erysipelas vaccines. All injectable vaccines have a 21-day withdrawal and that makes timing critical for those early season fairs. And, swine show organizers are encouraged to have short terminal shows, two to three days at a maximum. *Please note that these are not state requirements.* For questions from Iowa producers, contact McKean at x2mckean@iastate.edu or (800) 808-7675 in Iowa. Those outside Iowa should contact their veterinarian or state extension swine specialist.

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California Senate bill would prohibit non-therapeutic antibiotics

California Senate Bill SB416 has moved out of both the education and food and agriculture committees. The bill would initially prohibit of meat and poultry products from animals that had received non-therapeutic antibiotics in the state's school lunch program, and by 2015 prohibit the use of non-therapeutic antibiotics in all animals raised for human consumption in California. Read the amended version of the bill here <http://sn.im/ia76x>

Congratulations to ISU animal science folks

Animal science department chair Maynard Hogberg received the National Pedigreed Livestock Council's Distinguished Service Award during that annual meeting. The NPLC represents an organization of executive officers of the various nonprofit breed associations of dairy, horse and pony, sheep, goat, swine and beef species. See more on the Web site <http://www.nplc.net/> Photos from this year's annual meeting, including one of Hogberg are available here <http://sn.im/i9lfv> And, members of the ISU Meat Judging Team did well at the 2009 Southeastern Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest at the Ohio State University in late April. Competing as two teams, the ISU students finished in 2nd and 6th places out of 12 teams overall. Some of their team placings: total placing 1st and 2nd; overall pork 3rd and 9th; and total reasons 3rd and 7th. One team member is Brooke Peppmeier, fall 2008

Science With Practice student here at IPIC. Team competitions resume in the fall with events scheduled for Ames, Omaha, and Dakota City, Neb.

London Swine Conference proceedings online

Proceedings and papers from the annual London Swine Conference held in early April in London, Ontario are now available on the conference Web site here <http://sn.im/3fgtk> This page also has links to the proceedings from past conferences. Some of this year's titles are quite prophetic, in light of what's happened recently with H1N1 influenza: "Cost Benefit of Vaccines and Medication - Nickels and Dimes?", "Zoonotic Diseases from Pigs", and "Designing Field Trials to Compare Vaccines or Antibiotics."

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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.

Continuing. FSQA training and testing sessions for Iowa 4-H'ers. See the IPIC web site here <http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/FSQA09.html> for date, location and contact information

May 28. Pork Quality Assurance Plus™ Advisor Training. Ensminger Room, Kildee Hall, ISU campus.

June 3-5. World Pork Expo. Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines. Admission is \$5/day per person in advance and \$15 at the door. Learn more and find links to registration and schedules on the WPX Web site here <http://www.worldpork.org/>

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Now accepting entries: best breaded tenderloin in Iowa

Does one of your favorite restaurants serve an awesome tenderloin sandwich? The Iowa Pork Producers Association wants to know about it. IPPA's seventh annual "Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin in Iowa" contest is now under way. Iowans are encouraged to nominate the café, restaurant or tavern they think serves the best breaded pork tenderloin. The winning establishment gets \$200, a plaque and statewide publicity. And, the person submitting the winning nomination wins \$100 cash. So, download the application here http://www.iowapork.org/Portals/iowapork/Best_BPT_Ad.pdf, complete it and send back by the June 15 nomination deadline, and continue to promote pork. Rules are on the form, including one nomination per household and at least three nominations are required for a restaurant to be considered. Good luck!

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Ag data now available by Congressional District

Information from the 2007 Census of Agriculture is now available at the congressional district level in online profiles. Each district has a two-page fact sheet with the most recent information for a select number of items. It also includes some comparisons with past results, and ranking of some agricultural products and commodities by state and nation. You can check out these new factsheets from the main U.S. page here <http://sn.im/i9qo6>

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