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With the registration deadline only a week away, just a few team spots remain for the golf portion of the July 21 event. IPIC director John Mabry says both golfers and those who want to attend only the evening activities need to register by July 6. "Our golf team limit is 32 teams, and we need to finalize our meal count from both the golfers and non-golfers, so we encourage people to register soon to ensure their spots for the day's events," he said. Golf begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. at Veenker Memorial Golf Course in Ames, followed by evening events at the Farm Bureau Pavilion in Kildee Hall. The evening features a social time, dinner, awards program and auction, with proceeds from the day's events going to the Laurant L. Christian Endowment. Those who attend the auction should be ready to bid on some unique items, including an autographed football from former ISU quarterback Sage Rosenfels and a framed poster of Dr. Christian from the portrait done by artist Youssef Asar. The awards portion of the program honors winners of the Lauren Christian undergraduate and graduate scholarships for 2009, as well as individual and team golf winners. The registration form is available on the IPIC Web site www.ipic.iastate.edu/events/LCPCO09registration.pdf The cost of the golf tournament and all associated activities is \$85 per person or \$340 per four-person team. Those who want to attend only the reception, dinner and auction may register for \$25 per person. Those registering for the entire day are asked to indicate whether they plan to stay for the evening meal. For more information, contact IPIC at (515) 294-4103. We hope to see many of you in July.

NEWS

USDA hog report shows mixed results

The latest quarterly USDA Hogs and Pigs report (June 26) shows that while U.S. hog numbers are down, Iowa numbers are up. Nationally, the inventory was down 2 percent from a year ago, but up 1 percent from a quarter ago – March 1, 2009. In Iowa, total inventory was 1 percent higher than a year ago, with a slight decrease in breeding herd and a slightly larger increase in the market segment. See the report here <http://sn.im/l4twf> Read an article in the Des Moines Register with information from ISU's Ken Stalder here <http://sn.im/l4kh5>

Smithfield Foods slows switch from gestation stalls

In its 2009 annual report released last week, Smithfield Foods acknowledges that it will take longer than

its originally stated 10 years to complete conversion from gestation stalls. In January 2007, the company announced it would phase out the stalls and phase in group pens over the next 10 years. Total cost has been estimated at approximately \$300 million. The pullback is due to operating losses in the hog production segment, but the company says it remains, "...committed to implementing the program as soon as economic conditions improve." Read more in the annual report here <http://investors.smithfieldfoods.com/secfiling.cfm?filingID=1193125-09-135941>

Distinguished service award to Rothschild

Animal science professor and Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor in Agriculture and Life Sciences Max Rothschild will be honored as the 2009 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the American Agricultural Editors' Association. This award recognizes someone who is active in agriculture, with both industry contributions and service important aspects of the nomination. Rothschild, who also is the director of ISU's Center for Integrated Animal Genomics, will receive the award at the Agricultural Media Summit later this summer.

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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 through June 30. 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.

June 30-July 2. Iowa State 4-H Youth Conference with the theme "Voyage to Greatness" and Animal Science Roundup, both on the ISU campus, Ames. IPIC offers three pork-related workshops for the 4-H conference and also will provide a session for swine roundup attendees.

July 21. Lauren Christian Pork Chop Open. Veenker Memorial Golf Course and Farm Bureau Pavilion, ISU campus. Ames. Golf begins at 10 a.m. at Veenker and dinner is at the Pavilion at 5 p.m. Cost is \$85 per person or \$340 per four-player team, with registrations due July 6 or when the 32-team field is filled. Registration form is here www.ipic.iastate.edu/events/LCPCO09registration.pdf.

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Cargill Meat Solutions has expanded its pork products by including a pork variety cuts line as part of its Rumba brand. In addition to recipes and a special offer section, the Rumbameats.com Web site showcases its new cuts in full color on this page <http://sn.im/l4nm7> Click on a cut and see a short description, and links to recipe suggestions and nutritional information. New pork cuts range from jowls and ears to tails and stomachs.

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Leopold Center seeking 2010 project preproposals

The Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture is now accepting preproposals for new projects that will contribute to the development of profitable farming systems and conserve natural resources. This competitive grants program has three sections, one for each of the initiative areas: marketing and food systems, ecology and policy. Applicants may represent any Iowa nonprofit organization/agency and/or educational institution (such as soil and water conservation districts, schools and colleges, and regional development groups) and there are no restrictions on project partners or collaborators. Deadline for submission is Aug. 19 at 5 p.m. Read more on the Leopold Center Web site here

www.leopold.iastate.edu/research/rfp/2009.html.

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