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Continuing poor economic conditions are taking a toll on pork producers, and many are looking for information as they face difficult choices in their operations. IPIC and ISU Extension swine field specialists are planning sessions to help provide some of this important information. One such session has been scheduled and discussions on events for other parts of the state are taking place. Iowa State University (ISU) Extension swine field specialist Dave Stender and ISU Extension farm management specialist Tom Olsen are coordinating a Swine Transition Seminar to help provide information, assistance and resources to producers. This daylong program will be at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, starting with a keynote by John Lawrence at 10 a.m. Attendees will choose from two tracks, which will run concurrently until about 3:45 p.m. There's an optional third session running from 4 to 8 p.m. designed specifically for contract growers who are facing changes in their current contracts. Cost is \$15 per person, or \$20 for a couple. Read the news release <http://sn.im/n57ta> for more information, including a link to the registration form, and stay tuned for updates on programs yet to be scheduled. As always, let us know if we can help you or provide referrals for more information, on anything pork-related.

NEWS

IPPA offering PQA Plus® site status rebates

To help Iowa producers complete PQA Plus® in a timely manner, the Iowa Pork Producers Association is now offering a \$100 rebate to those who complete the program's site assessment portion by Dec. 31 of this year. In a news release, IPPA said rebates are limited to one per production entity, and the assessment must be conducted between July 10 and Dec. 31, 2009. The rebate amount may not be more than the total cost of the assessment, and all site status paperwork must be completed before the rebate form can be submitted. Rebate requests must be postmarked before Jan. 5, 2010, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis only as funds are available. October 2009 is the earliest that rebates will be mailed. See more information, including a link to the rebate form, on the IPPA Web site here <http://sn.im/n5bcm>

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Webcast on carbon footprint of animal agriculture

The next Webcast from the Livestock and Poultry Environmental Learning Center (LPELC) will focus on the carbon footprint of animal agriculture. Speakers Jude Capper from Washington State University and

Roger Cady from Elanco will present information on the definition of carbon footprint as it relates to livestock production, the actual footprint of that production in the U.S., and how production efficiency impacts carbon footprint numbers. The Webcast is free and open to the public. This session is set for Friday, July 31, at 1:30 Central time. To view a session, go to this URL <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/lpelc> and enter as a guest by typing your name in the box and clicking on "Enter Room." This access is available 15 min. before the session start time. To read about future session topics, view past Webcasts, or learn more about LPELC, go here [http://www.extension.org/pages/Upcoming\\_Webcasts](http://www.extension.org/pages/Upcoming_Webcasts)

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Packing plants to temporarily close  
Tyson Foods Inc. and Smithfield Foods have shut down operations today in three plants, and some other Tyson plants will be at reduced levels the rest of this week, according to a Friday article on the Reuters Web site. Altogether the three plants' slaughter capacity is approximately 10 percent of the U.S. capacity. With fewer exports and more pork remaining in the U.S., supplies are up and prices are down. The plants are in Sioux City and Columbus Junction, Iowa, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Read more in the article at this URL <http://sn.im/n508b>

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#### IT'S A DATE

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.

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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/LCPC09registration.pdf](http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/events/LCPC09registration.pdf).

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July 22. Pork Niche Market Working Group. Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston. 8:30 to 11 a.m. See more about PNMWG here <http://valuechains.org/pnmwg/>

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Aug. 5. Swine Transition Seminar. Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Options and opportunities for pork producers in current economic conditions. Two tracks during the day; one optional session from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. Register soon to ensure adequate meals and materials. See this news release <http://sn.im/n57ta> for more information and a link to the registration brochure.

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

Sausage short course is long on interest

The 31<sup>st</sup> annual Sausage & Processed Meats Short Course is now under way here in Kildee Hall. The short course focuses on the technology of sausage production and other types of meat processing, and is so popular that enrollment must be limited. This year's attendees hail from 22 states and 7 countries. Some of this year's course topics are fresh sausage, cooked sausage, dry and semi-dry sausage, production of reduced fat products, and presentations on "ethnic sausage products." Learn more on the short course Web site <http://sn.im/n5agt>

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#### FOR THE RECORD

TOPIGS reports higher weaning numbers for last year

Just published reports from TOPIGS show that TOPIGS sows on 25 farms in central and western Brazil produced averages of 28.6 weaned pigs per year in 2008, and that number is up 0.8 head over 2007. The

top farms reached 30.67 piglets per mated sow last year. See more information, including a variety of quick-glance data, on the TOPIGS Web site here <http://sn.im/n52d6>

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