I hope the following information will be helpful to you as you prepare articles for October, Pork Month or any time of year. Please contact any of the listed specialists using the numbers and addresses provided, or contact me for more information.

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ISU continues winning ways at 2015 National Barrow Show
The Iowa State University Swine Teaching Farm had a phenomenal run at the 2015 National Barrow Show. In addition to showing the champion Duroc boar - again - the farm showed the champion Duroc gilt, and brought home the Overall Champion and Champion Crossbred Truckload, AND the Reserve Champion Purebred Truckload. The Grand Champion Duroc Boar sold for $20,000. The judging team was 3rd high overall, 4th in reasons and 2nd in placings. Team member Dan Ammann finished 1st overall individual, making him the fourth high individual in a row from ISU -- the first time in the history of the National Barrow Show that that has happened. In addition to working with the ISU animals, a number of students assisted with the livestock judging contest, and were able to create and strengthen connections with professionals in the swine industry.

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IPIC and IPPA offer Common Swine Industry Audit training to producers
IPIC, ISU Extension and Outreach swine program specialists and Iowa Pork Producers Association worked together to create, organize and present more than two dozen training sessions on the Common Swine Industry Audit (CSIA) this summer and fall. The National Pork Board developed the program in response to the multiple audits available for various markets and marketing opportunities. CSIA is the result of a consensus effort using consistent on-farm auditing standards, based on NPB’s Pork Quality Assurance Plus and Transport Quality Assurance programs. From June through September, specialists held no-cost individual and group sessions for more than 400 producers, thanks to IPPA sponsorship.

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Allen E. Christian Swine Teaching Farm celebrates 50 years
The ISU swine teaching farm has been assisting students in learning more about pork production for 50 years. Located south of Ames, the farm was built to produce pigs and to aid in students’ learning about pork production, facilities, feeding and reproduction. The farm employs ISU students from a variety of majors, and welcomes many classes and judging team practices throughout the year. The farm also hosts many tours for people (from preschool groups to public groups) and organizations outside of Iowa State University. The 50th anniversary was celebrated in late September with an open house at the farm.
For more information, contact Jeff Hartwig, ISU swine farms manager, 515-290-3742, hartwig@iastate.edu

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Swine teaching farm is under new management
Jeff Hartwig has been the ISU Swine Farms Manger since last October, and added the specific responsibility of swine teaching farm manager this summer. He graduated from Iowa State University with a B.S. in forestry and brought private swine industry experience in managing pigs and people to Iowa State.
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Senecavirus A (Seneca Valley Virus) diagnosed in the Midwest
Over the past several weeks, multiple breeding herds in the upper Midwest have been diagnosed with Seneca Valley Virus (Senecavirus A). Because symptoms are similar to other vesicular diseases, early awareness and diagnosis are key to ruling out more serious diseases such as swine vesicular disease, vesicular stomatitis and FMDV. ISU’s Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory is part of the ongoing diagnostic effort, and the 2015 ISU James D. McKean Swine Disease Conference Nov 5-6 has three presentation sessions focusing on the virus.
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Iowa State to Co-host International Conference on Swine Feed Efficiency
Iowa State and Kansas State will host the International Conference on Swine Feed Efficiency in Omaha, Nebraska on October 21-22. The results from a multidisciplinary Feed Efficiency research project conducted by Iowa State, Kansas State, and three international institutions will be delivered at the conference. Industry experts will present information and research findings on pig health, physiology, nutrition, genetics, pork quality feed, processing, and sow reproduction. ISU’s John Patience has directed this USDA-NIFA grant funded project.
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Midwest Plan Service http://www.mwps.org/
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