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The Lauren Christian Pork Chop Open will be held July 20 at Veenker Memorial Golf Course in Ames. This annual event benefits the Lauren L. Christian Endowment, which provides financial support for outstanding undergraduate and graduate students and continued swine and pork educational opportunities through Iowa State. Golf starts at 10 a.m. with lunch and refreshments at the course. Golfers and others will gather for a reception at the Farm Bureau Pavilion in Kildee Hall at 4, followed by dinner, silent auction, scholarship recognition and awards. Cost for golf and all other activities: $85 per person; cost for evening event only: $25 per person. Read more in this news release which also has a link to the registration brochure http://sn.im/twlcpco10

NEWS
Liquid triticale: good for pigs and the environment?
Planned research on the use of liquid feed at Aarhus University in Denmark may yield some welcome results. Hanne Damgaard Poulsen from the Department of Animal Health and Bioscience at the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences said the research is based on the idea that nutrients are better assimilated and utilized by pigs when the grain in the diet is wet. “We … have an idea that triticale is better suited for this purpose than barley, wheat and rye. But we have very little actual knowledge about this, so we will undertake some experiments to prove or disprove our theories,” he said. If nutrients, especially N and P, are better absorbed, this can lead to better growth rates for the animals and lower risk of nutrient losses. How might this work? The researchers think triticale is better suited than barley, wheat and rye for use in liquid diets, so they plan to compare different varieties of triticale under simulated liquid feeding conditions. Then they’ll select varieties for actual feeding trials. Stay tuned. You can read more in this article on the FAS-AU website http://sn.im/nn051710liqtriticale

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Swine ultrasound training and certification opportunity
Biotronics, Inc. and ISU are co-hosting a swine ultrasound technician training and certification program in Ames. It runs from June 22-24, and includes classroom instruction on these topics: principles of ultrasound, porcine anatomy, equipment set-up, image collection, and image interpretation. Participants will practice cross-sectional and longitudinal image collection at the ISU Swine Teaching Farm prior to the certification segment of the program. For more information, contact Kyle Schulte by phone at 515-233-4161 or by e-mail at kyle.schulte@biotronics-inc.com.
PRODUCTION TIP
PorkBridge offers lots of information at low cost
The fifth year of the successful distance educational series PorkBridge begins next month. The low tech distance educational series features new topics focused on the grow-finish segment of the pork production chain, such as understanding pit foaming and explosions, mycotoxins, and livestock antibiotic usage updates. PorkBridge provides relevant and accurate information on specific topics to people who own, manage or work in swine grow-finish facilities, and producers and others in the industry can get the information they need without the hassle of traveling or giving up a whole day to attend a meeting. The series is planned by an 11-state representative committee, coordinated through the University of Minnesota, with all logistics handled here at IPIC. The best part of this 2010-11 series? It’s the same price as the very first year of the program: $125 for six sessions, each about 90 min. long. An informational brochure with subscription information is available on the IPIC Web site at www.ipic.iastate.edu/PorkBridge/IPIC2010PB.pdf. Registration deadline is May 25 to ensure material delivery for the first session on June 10.

IT’S A DATE
Continuing. FSQA training and testing sessions for Iowa 4-H’ers. See the IPIC web site here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/FSQA10.html for date, location and contact information.

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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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June 2-4. PQAPlus® advisor recertification sessions. These are for people who initially became PQAPlus® certified advisors in 2007, and need to recertify. Each session is limited to the first 30 people who register and pay the $50 fee. See locations and times on the IPIC website here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/events.html#june10 Download the application form here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/PQAPRecert.doc

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Now on Youtube.com: video on available pork cuts
A new educational video (under 3 min.) on the many different cuts of pork available in today’s marketplace is now available on the American Meat Institute’s youtube.com channel at http://www.YouTube.com/MeatNewsNetwork Look for the video, “Ask the Meat Scientist: What Do the Pork Cuts Mean and Where Do They Come From?” featuring AMI Foundation Director of Scientific Affairs Betsy Booren. The video highlights the six primal cuts of the hog, and shows the meat-case cuts and pork products that come from each primal. Other short videos also are on the AMI channel and linked from the main page. A companion brochure (Consumer’s Guide to the Meat Case) is available for free download from this AMI website: http://www.meatmattersinfo.org/

FOR THE RECORD
USDA survey for hog and pig inventory in June
USDA-NASS will conduct its quarterly Hogs and Pigs survey next month, asking a sample of producers in the 16 major hog-producing states (which includes Iowa) to report their market hog and breeding stock inventories, and farrowing intentions as of the first of the month. Greg Thessen, director of the NASS Iowa Field Office, says information provided for the survey is confidential and data is published only in aggregate form, meaning no individual producer or operation can be identified. Data collection is
done in a variety of ways: telephone, Internet, mail and personal interviews. Survey results will be published in the *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* report on June 25, and can be accessed through links from [http://www.nass.usda.gov/QuickStats/index2.jsp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/QuickStats/index2.jsp)

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