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With the start of ISU’s fall semester, new faces abound and two of those new faces are here in 109 Kildee. First, Sunny Hsu began work Aug. 29 as our administrative specialist. She’s here in the mornings, working with our accounts and other financial activities, helping faculty and staff with program and even planning, and directing calls from the PORKLine (800-808-7675 in Iowa) to the appropriate resource people.

And second, Brittany Jurgemeyer is our Science with Practice student. She introduces herself here:

Hi! I’m Brittany Jurgemeyer, a junior here at Iowa State studying Public Service and Administration in Agriculture with a minor in Journalism and Mass Communications and a minor in Agricultural Education. I grew up on a farrow to finish swine and diversified crop farm near Rockwell, Iowa, and have always been interested in the swine industry. I was active in 4-H and FFA growing up and remain closely connected to both, especially FFA, here at Iowa State. Eventually I hope to work in communications, and am looking forward to being a part of the Science with Practice program and working with Sherry Hoyer at the Iowa Pork Industry Center, gaining real world experience.

NEWS

Pump manure with care!

With news of a recent swine barn explosion and critical personal injury, we remind you of the importance of using caution when pumping manure. As liquid manure in pits undergoes slow decomposition, gases including methane and hydrogen sulfide are created. This process and gas formation can, in turn, create dangerous situations. In addition, pits with excessive foam may prevent normal release of methane. Following the correct procedures and minimizing risks when and where possible is imperative for those working in, near, or with pumping activities. Please read this timely article from ISU Extension and Outreach ag engineering program specialists and contact them with any questions you have. http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/pumping-manure-deep-pits

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Helping Iowa pork production stay strong

In the short six months since he began working as an Iowa State University (ISU) Extension and Outreach swine program specialist in west central Iowa, Matt Swantek has become certified as a Pork Quality Assurance Plus® Advisor, worked with a variety of swine feed and production software programs, and experienced his first round of county fair swine shows. And that’s just for starters. He’s building on his education and experience to work with
everyone involved with Iowa’s pork industry. We welcome Matt and encourage you to contact him with your questions. You can read more about Matt in this news release http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/swine-specialist-works-keep-iowa-pork-production-top His contact info is available here http://www.extension.iastate.edu/carroll/staff/Swine+Spec.htm

PRODUCTION TIP
Nutrient management is good economic practice
Nutrient management planning is a component of any agricultural enterprise. On swine farms, this process involves the collection, storage and land application of manure. Manure is a valuable crop nutrient. Regardless of the swine farm’s size or production stage, it is important to annually plan for manure’s contribution to the cropping enterprise. It’s especially important to include the manure resource along with the use of commercial nutrients. The Iowa Manure Management Action Group is a great resource. Check out the IMMAG website http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/

IT’S A DATE
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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October. Pork Month!

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Nov. 8-9. The International Conference on Feed Efficiency in Swine. Hilton Hotel/Qwest Center. Omaha, Neb. Cosponsored by Iowa State University and Kansas State University. See more information, including registration and lodging details on the event website http://www.ans.iastate.edu/ICFES/

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Nov. 15. Pork Quality Assurance Plus® Advisor Certification session. VDPAM Conference room, 2215 Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center, ISU, Ames. Applications due Nov. 8. $75 fee per approved applicant is due by session time. Download the application form.

DID YOU KNOW?
Cameroon pigs – most have H1N1
An article on the Pig Progress website describes a recent report from research conducted in Cameroon on pig exposure to the H1N1 influenza A virus, and results are sobering. According to lead author Kevin Njabo from UCLA, in one village alone, nearly 90 percent of the pigs there had been exposed to the virus. The research was conducted under the auspices of the Zoonotic Influenza Collaborative Network, led by the Fogarty International Center at the National Institutes of Health. Njabo said the virus they found is virtually identical to that found in people in San Diego a year earlier, and he said the pigs got the H1N1 virus from humans. Studying H1N1 is vital to understanding how the virus travels and mutates, and he said when different strains of influenza are mixed in pigs, new hybrid strains may be produced that could lead to a pandemic. You can read the entire article here
FOR THE RECORD
Scanning 2011: mission accomplished
Now that the 2011 county and state fair season is complete, it’s time to tally the numbers for IPIC-coordinated ultrasound scanning around the state. Four people: former ISU Extension swine program specialist Larry McMullen, ISU animal science grad student Chad Yoder and undergrad student Nick Siedelmann and IPIC program coordinator Colin Johnson assisted staff and volunteers in 31 county fairs by doing the ultrasound scanning of 1613 pigs. Among the group, they traveled 5708 miles to make all that happen. In addition, they scanned 280 4-H derby pigs at the state fair in August. Compared to 2010, the team did about 100 fewer head, but increased the number of counties by 5 and miles by 880.

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