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One of IPIC’s colleagues was recognized for his work on addressing and solving problems through research during fall convocation at ISU’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Steve Hoff, professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering, received the Dean Lee Kolmer Award for Excellence in Applied Research for his work with odor mitigation strategies. One of the more public projects associated with Steve’s work is the Community Assessment Model (CAM) for Odor Dispersion. IPIC’s Colin Johnson and ABE professor Jay Harmon have worked with Steve and members of the agricultural community to help farmers select sites for new livestock facilities that would have less impact on neighbors and communities. Our congratulations to Steve for receiving this award and for choosing to work with us on developing answers and solutions for the state’s producers. You can read more about the award in this CALS news release http://www.ag.iastate.edu/news/releases/972/

NEWS
New publication offers info on manure test analysis
A new publication, How to Interpret Your Manure Analysis (PM3014), is now available from ISU Extension and Outreach. This 4-page document in pdf format offers valuable – and easy to understand – information about the numbers producers see in laboratory analysis of manure samples from their operations, and explains how to use those numbers when planning nutrient management plans. It also includes information on how often to sample and which tests to request from the lab, and provides examples of lab reports. You can view and download the document at no charge from a link on this ISU Extension online store web page https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=13669

Watch grain quality closely this fall
As harvest continues, farmers are encouraged to be aware of the potential for development of molds and fungus in corn. The concern is not only for crop farmers, but for those feeding corn to livestock. Pork producers whose corn fields experienced hail late this summer should be monitoring grain for contamination and either avoid feeding contaminated grain to pigs or explore alternative strategies for utilizing this corn in their feeding programs. Harvest any suspect fields as early as possible because molds and toxins worsen as they remain in the field. A great information source on molds and fungus is available from the Iowa Pork Industry Center website. Written by ISU swine nutrition specialist John Patience and clinician Steve Ensley with ISU’s Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine department, “Mycotoxin Contamination of Corn: What it is, what it does to pigs, and
what can be done about it” (IPIC12) can be viewed and downloaded at no charge here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/publications/IPIC12.pdf

PRODUCTION TIP
Take a good look at feed costs
In light of high feed and production costs, an evaluation of all production strategies is warranted. Phase feeding and split sex feeding are practices that have been in place for decades. It’s advisable to make sure weight categories and genetic description fit the current rations for each phase as closely as possible. Changing the diet as the pig matures and feeding gilts differently than barrows improves the accuracy of rations and increases production efficiencies. Also, consider finishing rations that limit or eliminate excess nutrients just prior to slaughter to lower feed costs on the heaviest hogs.

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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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/ EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO OCT. 7.
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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?
IPPA ISU tailgate challenge winners announced
On a picture-perfect football Saturday afternoon, 34 ISU fans competed with 58 entrees in the 4th annual Cyclone PORK Tailgate Challenge held by Iowa Pork Producers Association. Several contestants entered more than one category (loin, rib and other) and there was lots of cardinal and gold in and around the festivities just north of Jack Trice Stadium this past Saturday, Oct. 1. Grand champion (and winner of the “other” category) was “Dr. Dan’s CyBrats” prepared by Dan Drahos of Muscatine. The loin and rib categories were won by Dennis McKilligan of Ames. Drahos received $300 in cash, an autographed ISU football and four tickets to a later ISU football game for being grand champion, plus $50 in pork coupons for winning third place in the loin category. McKilligan won $400 in pork coupons and a pork cooler for having the best loin and rib entries. Both winners also received an ISU tailgate chair.
FOR THE RECORD
Feed conference early registration deadline extended
If you’re among those interested in attending the International Feed Efficiency in Swine Conference in Omaha on Nov. 8-9, you now have until close of business this Friday, Oct. 7, to register at the discounted early bird rate of $175 per person. The conference is being coordinated by Iowa State University animal science professor John Patience and IPIC director John Mabry. Students who register by Friday will pay just $50, compared to $100 after Friday. The two-day conference is targeted toward anyone with a highly technical interest in pork production and swine feed efficiency topics, including pork producers, industry suppliers, veterinarians, researchers, and pork producer organizations. It features presentations by experts from five countries, including four U.S. states, affiliated with a variety of private industry and educational institutions. See all the details, including registration form and agenda here http://www.ans.iastate.edu/ICFES/ And while you’re at it, make your room reservations now, too, and avoid disappointment. A block of rooms at the Hilton Hotel has been reserved at a special rate for this conference. These reservations must be made via the link on this conference web page http://www.ans.iastate.edu/ICFES/?pg=location in order to receive the special rate of $119 per night and discounted Internet access fees. This rate is available until Oct. 17 or until the group block is sold out, whichever happens first.

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