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The latest version of the ISU Animal Industry Report is now available on the animal science department website. Starting with the foreword by department chair Maynard Hogberg, you can read each of the articles individually or download them all from here http://www.ans.iastate.edu/report/air/ There are 22 articles under the swine heading, with several more under various other headings. The list of sections and their respective authors are available on the main page. These articles provide a snapshot look at animal industry research being conducted here. Take a glance to see how faculty, staff and students are working on the questions and problems that livestock producers and other agribusiness interests face.

NEWS
ISU judging team continues to place high
In early January, the ISU livestock judging team finished third overall (highest placing for an ISU team in more than 10 years) out of 28 universities from throughout the U.S. at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. The team was also 2nd overall in Reasons. Hunter Shoemaker was named high individual overall – first for all ISU student since Dr. Scott Greiner in 1989 – winning an all-expense paid trip to judge at this summer’s Canadian Agribition. Colby Taber was high individual in beef and reasons and finished 8th overall, while Troy Sloan was 2nd in swine. Also in January, the team won the Sioux Empire Farm Show. Member also won the reasons, beef and swine divisions. Individually, Tyler Stutsman was 5th, Troy Sloan was 6th, Colby Taber was 7th, and Harrison Frey was 10th.

Need to recertify as a PQAPlus® Advisor?
Yes, same title as last time, but now I can tell you that a recertification session for PQAPlus Advisors has been set. If you need to renew your certification, consider attending our next session during the morning of April 19. The registration form is available on the IPIC website here www.ipic.iastate.edu/PQAPRecert041912.docx and can be mailed, faxed or emailed to reserve your spot. Class size is limited to 30 people so don’t delay.

PRODUCTION TIP
Warmth increases comfort
Young pigs arriving in a new barn need all the comfort they can get to be off to a good healthy start. When a barn is emptied and cleaned, cold temperatures can seep into the concrete floor. Once concrete is cooled, is takes quite some time to regain its heat. Keep barns warm during cleaning, and utilize mats, heat lamps or brooders for zone heating when restocking with newly weaned pigs in the winter.
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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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Continuing. FSQA training and testing sessions for Iowa 4-H’ers. See the IPIC web site here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/FSQA12.html for date, location and contact information

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January – February 2012. Iowa Confinement Site Manure Applicator Workshops. See interactive map and list of dates and locations here http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/certification/confdates.html

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Feb. 17 and 23. “Managing Your Unseen Employee: the Ventilation System” workshop. Classroom and hands-on sessions. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 17 – Orange City Vet Clinic; Feb. 23 – Premium Feeds, Brunsville. Sponsored and presented by ISU Extension and Outreach, IPIC and IPPA. Preregister to assure your spot by contacting Dave Stender by phone at 712-225-6196 or email dstender@iastate.edu

DID YOU KNOW?
New FDA antimicrobial restriction
In early January, the FDA issued an order prohibiting extra label uses of the cephalosporin class of antimicrobials (not including cephalixin) in certain animals, including swine and cattle. The order, effective April 5, resulted from concerns that extra label usage in the named animal species is likely to contribute to cephalosporin-resistant strains of certain bacterial pathogens in humans. A comment period on this order ends March 6. For more information, see the Q&A page on the FDA website http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm054434.htm To comment, see the instructions in the Federal Register posting here http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-01-06/pdf/2012-35.pdf

FOR THE RECORD
Sixth year of swine industry grants for Iowa
Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller has announced that $100,000 is available for the 6th year as part of a program funded by Smithfield Foods. Deadline for this year’s application process is Feb. 15. The AG news release, which has links to more information and the application forms, is available at the following URL. It also includes brief descriptions of past grant projects. http://www.state.ia.us/government/ag/latest_news/releases/jan_2012/Swine_Grant.html

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