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The animal nutrition unit of Cargill is licensing its patented nutritional software, Pork MAX, to ISU’s Department of Animal Science. The software will be used in ISU’s applied swine nutrition program, which includes research, teaching and extension services. Swine nutrition faculty member John Patience is appreciative of this move and excited about the possibilities it will provide to faculty and students. You can read more about the move, and what Patience and Cargill representative Mark Hulsebus have to say in this news release from Cargill http://www.cargill.com/news-center/news-releases/2011/NA3045072.jsp

NEWS
Ukraine pork production and export numbers grow
According to an article on PigProgress.net, Ukraine’s export numbers this year took a sharp climb this year. A top agriculture official said the country’s first quarter 2011 export amount of 4.3 thousand tons of pork went abroad - mostly to Russia. Alexander Yaroslavsky explained that this development of external markets was predictable because the industry grew enough to outpace domestic demand. However, this also meant pork companies lost money last year due to the slowing domestic demand, so the increasing exports helped move the industry toward more positive results. You can read the entire article here http://www.pigprogress.net/news/rapid-development-of-pork-industry-in-ukraine-7415.html

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Ventilation workshops
If you’ve wondered whether you’re doing the right things with your building ventilation system, now’s the time to learn what to do and what not to do. Four separate “Managing your unseen employee: the ventilation system” workshops are set for this month and early July in Iowa. ISU Extension swine program specialist Dave Stender invites your registration for Carroll (ISU Extension Office) on June 16, ISU Research Farm near Calumet (June 23) or Emmetsburg (Iowa Lakes Community College) on June 24 as soon as possible. Contact him by phone at 712-225-6196 or e-mail dstender@iastate.edu. ISU Extension swine program specialist Mark Storlie requests your registration for Nashua (Borlaug Learning Center) on July 7. Contact him by phone at 563-425-3331 or email mstorlie@iastate.edu. Each session must have at least 10 participants with a maximum of 28, and all participants receive a course notebook. ISU Extension and IPIC are sponsoring these programs with funding provided by Smithfield to cover speakers and program materials; there may be a small fee for lunch. All sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition to classroom presentations, attendees will practice what they’re learning in a special portable room equipped with single and variable speed fans and a variety of inlets and controllers.
PRODUCTION TIP
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One method of cooling pigs in the summer is to run a sprinkler. Because pigs don’t sweat, effective sprinkling relies on evaporation to cool the pig. Set sprinklers to cycle on and off with temperature and duration. Be sure to fine tune the duration to avoid soaking the pig and creating excess water in the pit. Also, monitor the dew point and reduce sprinkler use when the dew point is low (65 degrees F) to avoid excess humidity.

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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/FSQA11.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 28-30. Iowa State 4-H Youth Conference, “Aiming for Adventure.” ISU campus, Ames. IPIC will offer two pork-related workshops to conference goers. See more on the conference website here http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/StateConference/

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June 30. IPIC Advisory Board meeting. Kildee Hall, ISU campus. Ames.

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July 19. Lauren Christian Pork Chop Open. Veenker Memorial Golf Course and Moore Memorial Park, Ames. Register yourself or your team for golf ($85/person OR $340/team) or the evening meal and program ($25/person) using this form: www.ipic.iastate.edu/events/LCPCObrochure11.pdf

DID YOU KNOW?
Advanced swine reproduction seminars set
Pork producers who manage or own a sow herd will want to attend an advanced swine reproduction seminar cosponsored by ISU Extension, Iowa Pork Industry Center and Iowa Pork Producers Association in either northwest or northeast Iowa. Both sessions will run from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and feature presentations by Mark Knauer of NPB, Rodger Main of ISU’s Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, and Nicky Sleezer of Sleezer Fertility Center. ISU Extension swine program specialists Dave Stender (northwest) and Mark Storlie (northeast) also will present info. The northwest location is the Plymouth County Extension Office in LeMars on June 27; the northeast location is the Waverly Civic Center on June 28. Registration fee of $25 per person includes noon meal and materials. Lunch is not guaranteed for those not preregistered. Contact Stender to preregister for the LeMars site by phone at 712-225-6196 or e-mail dstender@iastate.edu; contact Storlie for the Waverly site by phone at 563-425-3331 or email mstorlie@iastate.edu.

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To be included in the next USDA ag census, sign up here https://www.agcounts.usda.gov/cgi-bin/counts/ Remember that all information you provide is kept confidential by law, and is not provided to any other government or entity. This online form asks for your contact information, ethnicity, race, sex and any comments you have. If you’ve received a survey code, you’re asked to provide that, too. This info is used for the census of all ag operations conducted by USDA’s NASS (National Agricultural Statistics Service) every five years.

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