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Just a few golfing spots remain for the 2011 Lauren Christian Pork Chop Open. This annual event provides a
great opportunity for some recreation with colleagues (some more determined than others to bring home the low
score😊) and support the Lauren Christian Endowment. This fund helps provide financial support for
undergraduate and graduate ISU animal science students, and pork educational opportunities through ISU. The
2011 event is set for Tuesday, July 19, beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m. at Veenker Memorial Golf Course.
The shotgun start is at 10 a.m., and registration includes brat and burger lunch at the course, followed by the
evening activities at Moore Memorial Park, adjacent to Veenker. Not a golfer? You can still take part in the
evening activities at a cost of $25 per person. If you're interested in learning more about how you can take part, or
help, contact IPIC at ipic@iastate.edu

NEWS
Article provides food for thought on GE animals
A new commentary from the Council for Agriculture, Science and Technology (CAST) based in Ames, Iowa,
focuses on food safety and environmental impacts of food products from genetically engineered (GE) animals.
Though humans and animals have been eating GE food from plants for a long time, the idea of animal-based GE
food is frightening to some. This paper looks at how GE animals currently are regulated and what types of data
are needed to demonstrate the safety of GE organisms. The authors also look at the opportunities for public
participation in the regulatory process and the implications for the future of this technology. This 8-page paper,
“The Science and Regulation of Food from Genetically Engineered Animals” is available by download only at no
cost from the CAST website here http://sn.im/scienceregsgfoodcast Choose “online/downloadable” from the
upper right, then “download now” for this pdf document.

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Belgian center to track antibiotic use
A new “knowledge center” in Belgium will collect, track and analyze antibiotic use in livestock for a five-year
period. The Antimicrobial Consumption and Resistance in Animals (AMCRA) will be based in the Veterinary
Medicine portion of the University of Ghent. Designed to objectively track the data throughout the industry, the
new program is seen as inclusive, and has backing of veterinarians, farmers’ union and federal agencies that
cover food safety and consumer protection. According to a short article on the Agribusiness of Hungary website,
“AMCRA is an unprecedented, unique and industry-wide initiative with a mission to collect and analyze all
information related to the use of and resistance to antimicrobial agents in animals in Belgium and to communicate
the outcomes in a neutral and objective manner.” You can read that article here
http://www.agribusiness.hu/product/9424/ and you can read another article on the WattAgNet.com website here
http://www.wattagnet.com/24244.html
PRODUCTION TIP
Weaning time takes good management
Weaning time is a potentially stressful event for both the sow and the piglets. Tips for managing the weaned pig include assisting and teaching good feeding behavior. By 36 hours after placement in the nursery, most pigs will have found water and started to exhibit feeding behavior. This is a critical time to identify pigs that lack such behavior or are becoming dehydrated, so maintain appropriate levels of management and supervision of pigs. For those piglets having difficulty, this may involve hand feeding pellets or using a gruel until the desired actions are evident and part of daily activity.

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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July 12. PQAPlus® Advisor Recertification session. For those who were certified during the initial training period in 2007-2008. Cost is $50 per person. See the news release at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/pqa-plus-advisor-recertification-session-july-12 for more info, including a link to the registration form.

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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?
Iowa environmental stewards wanted
Iowa Pork Producers Association wants your help in identifying farmers who “display exceptional environmental stewardship in the areas of soil and water conservation, air quality, community and neighbor relations, wildlife habitat and other production innovations.” If you know of someone – or more than one person – who meets these criteria, please consider nominating them for the 2011 Environmental Steward awards. The winner will be recognized at the 2012 Iowa Pork Congress, highlighted in IPPA publications and at industry events, and receive a $1,000 cash prize. This person also will be nominated for the National Pork Industry Environmental Steward Award. And, the person who nominates this winner will receive $100. Nomination forms and instructions are available on the IPPA website at www.iowapork.org All nominations must be postmarked by August 1. For more info contact IPPA at 800-372-7675 or email Tyler Bettin at tbettin@iowapork.org.

FOR THE RECORD
IPIC job opening
You might remember reading here that our longtime administrative specialist Jane Runneals resigned earlier this year to pursue other interests. That position is now open and we invite you to encourage anyone interested to read through the position description and submit an application. The closing date is this Friday, July 15, so don’t delay. Go to this URL on the ISU jobs page for information on the position itself and how to apply: https://www.iastatejobs.com/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails_css.jsp?postingId=374593

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