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THOUGHTS FROM 109 KILDEE
Congratulation and recognition
We like to share information about former and current colleagues and students when they're recognized by others. Our congratulations to Joe Cordray for receiving the American Meat Science Association Signal Service Award at the annual Reciprocal Meat Conference in Kansas City in June. The award is given to members in recognition of devoted service and lasting contributions to the meat industry and to the association. Also, former student Clint Schwab is now serving as interim CEO for National Swine Registry. Clint received his M.S. and Ph.D. here at ISU a few years ago. Congratulations to Clint!

NEWS
Nutritional aspects of sow longevity – what you need to know
Michigan State University researcher Dale Rozeboom has just published a technical paper on this topic on the Engormix.com website. In the article, he describes the importance of appropriate nutrition choices throughout the sow (breeding female) life, including consequences of wrong or mistimed choices that can impact the productive lifespan of the animal. The article (in its entirety) is found here http://en.engormix.com/MA-pig-industry/genetic/articles/sow-feed-intake-during-lactation-t1712/103-p0.htm This site provides a registration that allows regular email connections and notices of articles, but the registration is not required to visit the site nor to read the articles.

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Pre-proposals sought for Leopold Center funding
The Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State is seeking pre-proposals for its summer 2011 grant program. These 2-3 page concept papers focusing on one of the center’s four initiative areas are due Aug. 15, with notifications to submitters by late September. Who’s eligible to submit? The center’s website says, “Investigators representing any Iowa nonprofit organization/agency and/or educational institution (i.e., soil and water conservation districts, schools and colleges, and regional development groups). Farmers, landowners, and farm-based businesses are encouraged to participate in the pre-proposal process.” There’s no cost to submit a proposal and center staff are available to assist with questions about ideas and the submission process. See the website for more information on this program http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/research/rfp/2011.html

PRODUCTION TIP
Watch for mycotoxins in stored corn
The single largest feed ingredient in pig diets is corn. While weather and other factors might conspire to keep corn a somewhat scarce commodity this summer, those farms with corn stored in bins or those needing to purchase...
corn need to monitor the quality of their grain. Mycotoxins can be produced in stored grain above 50 degrees F. You can read and download this eight-page factsheet from ISU’s John Patience and Steve Ensley: “Mycotoxin Contamination of Corn: What it is, what it does to pigs and what can be done about it.” It’s numbered IPIC12 and is found on the IPIC website here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/publications/IPIC12.pdf

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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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Aug. 14. Premier 4-H Swine Exhibitor Contest. Iowa State Fair Grounds, Des Moines. This contest is for 4-H Iowa State Fair swine exhibitors who have completed 11th or 12th grade. It begins at 4:30 p.m. in the swine barn. New this year: cash prizes will be paid from 1st thru 5th place ($1500, $1000, $500, $300, $200) a lucky participant will win a free iPad. Choose “Swine” and “SampleQuestions.pdf” under “Premier Exhibitor Info” on the right side of the page for more information about this specific contest.

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July 24, 2012. Lauren Christian Pork Chop Open. Veenker Memorial Golf Course, Iowa State University, Ames. (Just so you can get this on your calendar 😊) See “For the record” below.

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DID YOU KNOW?
New look for ipic.iastate.edu
The more things change, the more they stay the same. The IPIC website is sporting a slightly new look, but retains the content and organization that you’re familiar with. All URLs and link remain the same, and as always, we look to you for your input on what to include, what to feature, how to incorporate new info and ways to help you stay current with pork/swine industry news. The biggest change? Look in the upper left-hand corner of any page on the site (ipic.iastate.edu) and you’ll see the “new” name for ISU Extension: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Newly hired vice president for extension and outreach Cathann Kress announced the change in name shortly after her July 1 start date at ISU, saying the name needs to reflect more clearly what the organization is and does, as part of Iowa State.

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FOR THE RECORD
Lauren Christian Pork Chop Open
Start with more than 100 enthusiastic golfers and colleagues, add boatloads of water and high hopes, mix in a heat index of 100+ degrees, and what do you have? Why, the 2011 Lauren Christian Pork Chop Open, of course! Twenty-three teams braved the elements (a term usually reserved for winter) and helped raise funds for the Lauren L. Christian Endowment at ISU. All were treated to ice cream and smoked pork loin sandwiches following golf, which helped a bit with the cooling-off required for that day’s activities. Scholarship winners were recognized, Gordon Jones spoke on behalf of the Christian family, door prizes were awarded and the winning golf teams announced. Low score was 58 this year. Thanks to everyone who golfed, helped provide financial support or just enjoyed being part of the day. To make sure everyone has this event on their calendar for next year, we’ve already reserved Veenker Memorial Golf Course for Tuesday, July 24, 2012. This avoids national animal science meetings and the National Pork Industry Conference. See you here in Ames next year!

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