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Congratulations and acknowledgements

Congratulations to Tom Baas of IPIC and ISU animal science who was honored with the National Barrow Show Distinguished Service Award during that recent event. The award is given by the National Barrow Show (Hormel Foods) and the National Association of Swine Records.

The ISU livestock judging team finished in third place among 14 teams at the National Barrow Show. The team placing was impressive – just three points separated ISU from first place. The team won the questions division, and earned second place in reasons led by Hunter Shoemaker (2nd), Troy Sloan (7th) and Colby Taber (8th) place respectively. In addition, Shoemaker captured the High Individual award, besting the field of 117; also in the top 10 were teammates Colby Taber (4th) and Troy Sloan (7th).

Other team members are: Adam Darrington, Derek Brown, Chelsey Branderhorst, Kyle Greiman and Harrison Frey.

And, three swine faculty members were presenters at the 2012 Allen D. Leman Swine Conference in St. Paul: Ken Stalder - Productivity and Longevity of the Breeding Herd; John Patience - Growth and development implications of marketing pigs at heavier weights; and Jason Ross - Identification of measures predictive of age at first puberty.
NEWS
Fewer farms, more pigs
Sound familiar? Actually, this phrase is being used to describe recent and ongoing changes in Italy’s pork production industry. In fact, since the turn of the century, the number of farms raising hogs declined from nearly 157,000 to just over 26,000. In that same time, the number of hogs increased by 8.5%. Those additional hogs had to be raised somewhere, meaning the average number per farm increased by over 500%. There is a big difference, though, in number of head per Italian farm when compared with U.S. production. The average Italian farm now has 356 head. Read more in this Pig Progress article http://www.pigprogress.net/news/italy%E2%80%99s-swine-industry-reorganises-less-farms-more-pigs-9285.html?cmpid=NLC|Pig%20Progress|06-sep-2012|Italy#8217;s---

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SWP student brings swine experience to IPIC
Hello! I’m Colton Jones, a senior here at Iowa State studying Agricultural Business. I grew up in Audubon, Iowa where I worked for the swine management company AMVC. In addition to working as a technician at a farrowing unit, in the summer I also managed several 1000-head finishers. I haven’t always had a passion for agriculture, but I developed it after a year of working for Iowa Select Farms. I also was the Checkoff Intern at IPPA this summer. When I graduate I hope to work either as a salesman in the swine industry or in communications. I’m looking forward to being part of the Science with Practice program and working with Sherry Hoyer here at IPIC.

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Deep pit pumping needs careful attention
Last year there were several documented cases of manure pit fires and explosions in Iowa. Not all of these incidents happened during agitation and pumping, nor did all of the pits have foam present when the fires or explosions happened. ISU extension agricultural engineers say these events highlight caution needed when agitating and pumping manure from pits beneath buildings. A video describing safety procedures for deep pit pumping is at the bottom of this page, which also includes a list of steps to minimize risk of injuries and flash fires http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/caution-urged-when-pumping-manure-deep-pits

PRODUCTION TIP
Keep contamination away from feed
Molds, aflatoxins and mycotoxins contaminated grains or feeds should be avoided at all possible costs with the breeding herd feed program. Disruption of pigflow -- whether you’re talking numbers or weight -- wreaks havoc with the entire production system. See this publication for a good refresher: “Mycotoxin contamination of corn: What it is, ...
what it does to pigs and what can be done about it?” (IPIC 12)

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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October. Pork Month.

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Nov. 19. Pork Quality Assurance Plus Advisor training – initial and recertification. See
more info and download the appropriate forms. Kildee Hall, ISU campus, Ames.

DID YOU KNOW?
Iowa operation is 2012 Environmental Steward winner
Reed Family Farms of Ottumwa is one of four recipients of the 2012 Pork Industry
Environmental Stewards award. Now in its 18th year, the award recognizes producers
who demonstrate a firm commitment to safeguarding the environment and their local
communities. National Hog Farmer and the Pork Checkoff sponsor the program, and
winners were selected by a panel represented by pork producers and environmental
organizations. Ryan and Lana Reed finish nearly 4,800 pigs per year on their family
farm, and their three children signify the family’s sixth generation to farm in Wapello
County. Read more and see photos on the NPB website here
http://www.pork.org/News/1436/PorkCheckoffAnnounces2012EnvironmentalStewards.aspx

FOR THE RECORD
Confinement site manure applicator training
Confinement site manure applicators should plan to attend the required two hours of
annual training by contacting their County Extension office to determine the training
schedule or to make an appointment to view the training video. Confinement site
applicators are required to attend two hours of training each year to maintain their 3-
year license. If you do miss a year of training during your three-year certification period,
you’ll be required to take and pass the remedial exam prior to renewing your next
certificate. A confinement site manure applicator handles, hauls and land-applies
manure from their own farm, a confinement site facility with more than 500 animal units
in confinement. You can find more information at
http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/maccsa.html
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