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Twice a year the ISU Extension and Outreach swine program specialists meet for professional development on campus. This week the group will gather here in Kildee Hall to learn more about the timely and important topics facing the pork industry. From updates on PRRS, 4-H and IPPA to grain and livestock updates to feed efficiency, antibiotics and PQA Plus, our team appreciates the opportunity to learn from ISU and affiliated industry experts. The two-day training includes time for program planning on local, county, regional and state levels, with continuing successful partnerships.

NEWS
Antimicrobial use and resistance symposium

The National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA) is sponsoring the “A One Health Approach to Antimicrobial Use & Resistance: A Dialogue for a Common Purpose” symposium next month in Columbus, Ohio. According to the NIAA website, “The use of antibiotics in animal agriculture has elicited increasing concern among the general public, policy makers and consumers who are increasingly aware and interested about where their food comes from” and this event will building upon information and consensus from the previous (October 2011) event. Cost is $395 and everyone interested in the topics is invited to attend. Links to the program agenda, registration,
partners, lodging and travel information, and a white paper about last year’s program are on the website.

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Plenty of pork for the rest of the year
Steve Meyer of Paragon Economics says the amount of pork in freezers is somewhat concerning, but not in the way you might think. In an article on the National Hog Farmer website, Meyer says the 4th-highest level yet occurred on Sept. 30, just before what traditionally are the highest slaughter levels of the year. The October USDA report shows more than 630 million pounds of pork in freezers, and that number is 28 percent higher than a year ago.

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Manure applicator certification reminder
If you’re a commercial manure applicator who was certified in 2011, and you haven’t yet either attended training or taken the certification exam: this reminder is for you. You must meet certification requirements before doing any manure application work this fall. Because you were certified in the previous year (not 2012) there is no 30-day exemption for training. If you are a new never-been-certified commercial applicator, you may handle, haul or land-apply manure for the first 30 days of employment without being certified, but you must be working toward your certification requirements. Do not delay this process because some extension office have pre-set days each month for training both commercial and confinement site operators and those days might not work for you. Call your county extension office for training dates or to make an appointment to watch the training video. Confine
ment site applicators should plan to attend the two hours of annual training required to maintain their three-year license by contacting their county extension office to determine the training schedule or to make an appointment to view the training video. If you miss a year of training during your three-year certification period, you will be required to take and pass the remedial exam prior to renewing your next certificate.

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PRODUCTION TIP
Maintain air inlets for better ventilation
Remember to check building air inlets as part of your fall maintenance schedule. Summer winds and the small debris they carry tend to clog screens and make it difficult for proper ventilation in the cool fall evenings and mornings. And remember, respiratory problems tend to strike barns because of over and under ventilation of the barns. Keeping the inlets clean and clear aids in better ventilation in a more efficient manner.

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October. Pork Month. Enjoy pork this and every month!
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DID YOU KNOW?
Summer internship at CSIF
The Coalition to Support Iowa Farmers is offering an internship for the coming summer and is currently accepting applications. The intern will have responsibilities for numerous projects and communication efforts from May to August 2013, with the primary focus on assisting CSIF in achieving its mission “to advocate and help implement on-farm best management practices that assist Iowa's farm families in raising livestock responsibly and successfully.” Applications are due by December 1, 2012 to CSIF at P.O. Box 9127; Des Moines, IA 50306 or to Rita Cook at rcook@supportfarmers.com. You can read more about the job and application requirements on the CSIF website here http://www.supportfarmers.com/news-articles/summer-2013-internship-offered

FOR THE RECORD
IPIC website draws interest
According to the website statistics program used by ISU Extension, the IPIC site drew 5,353 unique “visitors” in September. What this most likely means is that many unique computers or other web-accessible devices visited the site. In any case, those visitors averaged 430 visits and 325 page views per day. The most downloaded file? The Berkshire Production Marketing Report, of course. This report has been at or near the top of the download list for most of the time it’s been available. How’s that for providing important information on a continuing basis?

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