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• The ISU Livestock Judging Team completed its fall season with a sixth place finish at the North American Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. The team finished third in cattle, third in swine, fifth in reasons and ninth in sheep among a field of 30 teams.

• Block & Bridle is conducting its annual holiday summer sausage and cheese fundraiser. Orders are being taken through Dec. 7, although Christmas shipping orders will be sent Dec. 6. See the form here http://www.ans.iastate.edu/clubs/bbclub/form/2012CheeseSausageFrm.pdf or email the group directly at isussandc@gmail.com

• Plans are well in hand for the 93rd National Block & Bridle Convention to be held on the ISU campus April 4-6, 2013. See details and links to Facebook and Twitter for the event on this website https://sites.google.com/a/iastate.edu/2013-block-bridle-national-convention/

• Two ISU CALS students are spending 12 hours each here in the office as part of a job shadow assignment for AgEdS 116. Sophie Benjegerdes and Kelsey Warner have not only learned more about the programming and communications opportunities at IPIC, they’ve also worked with the PorkBridge and SowBridge programs, created bulletin board display items and visited with current Science With Practice student Colton Jones. Some NEWS NOW items also are products of this assignment. I appreciate their help and hope they gain a better
understanding of the myriad of ways we reach out to and work with both our internal and external partners in the swine industry. Thanks to both of them!

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NEWS
Strategies for swine producers
The 2012 drought and its potential impact on feed supply and prices has increases the risk of serious repercussions for swine producers. ISU Extension and Outreach swine program specialists are planning a strategy workshop in northwest Iowa to help produces understand issues and available options until an adequate corn crop can be acquired. In addition to feed, herd health and improvement ideas also will be presented. The workshop is set for Monday, Dec. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Sheldon at Northwest Community College, Building A, room 116-119. The workshop ends with a panel discussion from 3:30 to 4. No charge to attend. See contact info in “It’s a date” section below.

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Reduce pig mortality by being there
Having a team of trained and conscientious farrowing room workers can help save sows, piglets and money, according to a Nebraska veterinarian who works with a 5,000-sow operation. In an article on the Pork Network website, Larry Coleman explains his system of having farrowing room attendants assigned to specific duties like checking farrowing sows on regular internals, assisting with delivery if needed and immediate newborn care. Read more here http://www.porknetwork.com/pork-news/latest/Farrowing-room-attendants-reduce-piglet-mortality-176436721.html

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Pork Checkoff releases progress report
The “2012 Pork Progress Report” explains the evolution of pork production, including advancements in technology, feeds and food, animal and worker safety. It’s available in an online format here http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/91bb89fd#/91bb89fd/1 This page also has a link to download the 38-page publication as a .pdf document.

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Understanding feed budgets pays dividends
Understanding your feed budgets is different from using them. Those who use feed budgets understand their ingredient needs for the next 6 months, AND know what their marketing positions should be to optimize returns. Do you use a feed budget? To learn more about feed budgets and how to maximize their use in your operation, contact your
ISU swine program specialist. [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ag/swine](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ag/swine)

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DID YOU KNOW?
Great gift idea from ISU
The Iowa State Meat Science Club is selling semi-boneless hams for Christmas, but you’ll want to hurry. The deadline is Dec. 7 or until sold out. Hams will be available to pick up at the Meat Lab Sales counter, located at the north corner of the Kildee Hall atrium, on Dec. 11 and 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. each day. Whole hams (12-15 pounds) are $3.50 a pound and half hams (7-9 pounds) are $4 a pound. You can place an order or ask questions by calling 515-294-8294 or emailing ISU.Meat.Science.Club@gmail.com Club members trim and prepare each semi-boneless ham. Watch the process on a YouTube video released by ISU News Service at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXKfqGxOZol&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXKfqGxOZol&feature=youtu.be).

FOR THE RECORD
2012 Census of Agriculture
The U.S. Census of Agriculture is a complete count, taken every five years, of America’s farms and ranches and the people who operate them. USAD-NASS plans to begin mailing materials in mid-December. Responses are required – and protected – by federal law. Those who respond by Feb. 4 will avoid follow-up contacts. Learn more about the census, including what’s collected and how that information is used, on the primary website here [http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/)

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