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Livestock Information Event on Feb. 4
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach – including Iowa Pork Industry Center – and Iowa Farm Bureau Federation are sponsoring the, “Managing Through Stress: A Livestock Information Event” on Monday, Feb. 4. This opportunity runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning with a morning general session delivered to the 14 local sites via the Web. Farmers will hear from leading experts on livestock and feed price outlook and strategy, weather outlook, financial strategies and managing the stress of farming in challenging times. Speakers include Chad Hart, Lee Schulz and Elwynn Taylor of ISU and Sterling Liddell of Rabobank. After lunch, each site will have local presentations geared toward the challenges faced by a specific species of livestock – beef, swine or dairy, presented by ISU Extension and Outreach livestock specialists. There’s no cost to attend and no preregistration is necessary. For more information, contact IFBF commodity services manager Ed Kordick at ekordick@ifbf.org.

NEWS
Latest Hogs & Pigs Report shows slight changes
The U.S. breeding herd is 29,000 head larger than on Sept. 1, yet fall farrowing numbers were down 1 percent from a year ago. Yet, with a new record of 10.15 pigs per litter average the fall pig crop was up 0.3 percent. Ron Plain of University of
Missouri says in general, he expects the number of litters farrowed this winter to be unchanged and down slightly in the spring. Even with higher slaughter, hog prices may be slightly higher this year. Read more in Plain’s report here http://agebb.missouri.edu/mkt/bull8c.htm

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Denmark Cooperative offers financial aid to producers
Political demands of pork production in Denmark have led to recent declines in hog slaughter and fewer producers. Now the Danish Crown cooperative wants to help improve supply and demand by offering financial assistance to co-op owners for new construction and sow stall conversion. The cooperative has a goal of increasing production by 10,000 pigs/week (520,000/year) and hopes its financial support will help accomplish that goal. To that end, subsidies have been established for new building construction and sow housing conversion, based on specific number of head per facility and per cooperative member. All funds are on a first come, first-served basis. Read more in this article on the Danish Crown website http://www.danishcrown.com/News-and-Press/News/Danish-Crown-backs-investment-in-new-pig-housing.aspx

PRODUCTION TIP
Be wary of weather
Winter began Dec. 21, one day after the first “big” snowstorm of the season in Iowa. However, we know that adverse winter weather can strike at any time. Remember to keep feed and supply deliveries current in order to ensure availability during times of closed roads or power outages. Also, plan on alternative options for delayed marketings of pigs or the delivery of new pigs. Being wary of what winter can bring helps in being prepared.

IT’S A DATE
Continuing. PQA Plus® and TQA® producer certification sessions. See the IPIC website at www.ipic.iastate.edu/events.html for date, location and contact information.

Continuing. Food Safety Quality Assurance trainings for Iowa youth. See the IPIC website at www.ipic.iastate.edu/events.html for date, location and contact information.

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January – February 2013. Iowa Confinement Site Manure Applicator Workshops. See interactive map and list of dates and locations here http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/certification/confdates.html

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Jan. 23-24. Iowa Pork Congress. Iowa Events Center, Des Moines. See more information on the event website http://www.iowaporkcongress.org/
Feb. 4. Managing Through Stress event. Sponsored by ISU Extension and Outreach and Iowa Farm Bureau Federation. There's a morning general session with web delivery, lunch and afternoon species-specific sessions at 14 Iowa locations. No cost, no preregistration necessary. See more information http://www.extension.iastate.edu/node/15138

DID YOU KNOW?
Countdown to Iowa Pork Congress 2013
The 2013 Iowa Pork Congress is less than three weeks away! Members of the Iowa Pork Producers Association can attend at no charge and it's just $5 for non-members who preregister by this Thursday, Jan. 10. Take care of that now to be among the thousands of industry-related professionals attending the variety of educational seminars, certification sessions and trade show. IPIC is among the nearly 300 trade show exhibitors and we look forward to visiting with you. See the list of seminars here http://www.iowaporkcongress.org/seminars.php, search for exhibitors http://s15.a2zinc.net/clients/IPPA/IPC2013/Public/ExhibitorSearch.aspx?ID=116&sortMenu=106003, and visit the new product suppliers http://www.iowaporkcongress.org/showcase.php See you in Des Moines at the Iowa Events Center Jan. 23-24!

FOR THE RECORD
Temple Grandin on undercover videos
This "Perspectives" portion of the Meat and Poultry website focuses on informational videos for processors and others in the industry. The latest video features Temple Grandin, talking about various undercover videos from a variety of sources. She explains the importance of knowing what's actually being shown in these videos. To watch this specific video, look for "Caught on Video" on this page on the Meat and Poultry website. http://www.meatpoultry.com/Videos/ProcessorsChannel All available videos are listed in the right side column on the page.

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