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IPIC and Iowa State continue to be in strong demand as expert presenters during the annual Iowa Pork Congress in Des Moines. Take a look at the schedule of seminars, topics and presenters for this week’s event and see how many names you recognize from IPIC/ISU programs you’ve attended: http://www.iowaporkcongress.org/seminars.php And, take special note of the session on Thursday, Jan. 24 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Billy Flowers from North Carolina State University has been selected as the 2013 Lauren Christian Endowed Lectureship recipient and as such will give part 1 of that lecture, followed by ISU’s Jason Ross with part 2. Flowers also will give his lecture as part of the animal science departmental series on Friday, and will be honored at a dinner in Kildee Hall Thursday evening. Be sure to stop by the IPIC/ISU area at the Pork Congress trade show – look for space1127 on the north end.

NEWS
Iowa Farm Animal Care network is launched
A first-of-its kind effort to provide a centralized resource where Iowans can receive information about appropriate farm animal care is now available thanks to a collaborative effort of a unique coalition of farmers, animal well-being experts,
veterinarians and industry leaders. The Iowa Farm Animal Care Coalition (IFAC) is designed to answer Iowans’ questions about farm animal care and assist farmers in farm animal care resources to help ensure all Iowa farm animals benefit from the latest science-based animal care standards. IFAC has a four-person advisory committee and an independent team of experts (On-Farm Evaluation Team) to provide information on farm animal care to consumers, referrals to farmers, access to animal care experts from ISU and the Iowa state vet’s office, and offers a website (http://www.iowafarmanimalcare.org/) and toll-free help line (800-252-0577) for use by the public.

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Animal ID rule getting positive vibes
The new livestock traceability rule (sometimes known as animal ID) is workable and a good deal for producers and animal health folks, according to the Livestock Marketing Association. The new rule, announced Dec. 20, is different from USDA’s original proposal. Allowing the use of brands, tattoos and brand registrations as official forms of identification when accepted by both the shipping and receiving states (or tribes) is one of those differences. The rule applies to interstate (between states) movement of animals. Read more about the final rule and animal disease traceability in general on the USDA-APHIS website http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/

PRODUCTION TIP
Safety is always in season
Snow and especially ice can be hazardous, so always think about safety. Think safety when moving pigs and mortalities outdoors and checking roofs, inlets, fans and other outdoor equipment. Think safety before climbing bins, a task that should be done on better days. Think safety to avoid slips and falls leading to accidents and downtime. Be smart and be safe on the farm.

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.

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
Jan. 23-24. Iowa Pork Congress. Iowa Events Center, Des Moines. See more information on the event website http://www.iowaporkcongress.org/

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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?
Iowa 4-H'ers learn FSQA
Since 2006, IPIC has provided a web listing of Food Safety Quality Assurance dates and locations for the state’s 4-H members enrolled in meat animal projects as submitted by county and state youth staff. The goal of the program is to help youth and their parents better understand their roles as providers of safe food. According to Iowa 4-H statistics, more than 15,000 Iowa 4-H’ers have livestock projects, producing approximately 17 million pounds of meat annually. To see the current listing go to http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/fsqa13.html Note that the page is updated as new dates and locations are received. Have a question about FSQA? Contact your county extension office or your livestock program specialist. http://www.extension.iastate.edu/content/county-offices

FOR THE RECORD
2013 Animal Industry Reports now available
Hot off the press – figuratively speaking – are the articles from the Iowa State University 2013 Animal Industry Report. The seven sections (animal health, animal products, beef, companion animal, dairy, poultry and swine) collectively offer nearly 90 individual articles on a wide range of research and teaching topics. Each article is available for download from the ISU animal science department website here http://www.ans.iastate.edu/report/air/

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