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So many things to say and so much going on this week, it’s almost like a whirlwind of activity and accommishments here on campus. First, congratulations to Steve Lonergan who received the 2012 Distinguished Research Award from the American Meat Science Association at its 65th Reciprocal Meat Conference last week. Second, only a few days remain until the Iowa Swine Day program on Thursday. You can register online through noon tomorrow and at the door after that time. Just $35 gets you a day full of swine-related information from respected experts, plus noon pork meal and a copy of the proceedings. What more could you want? Third, tomorrow through Thursday brings both the Iowa State 4-H & Youth Conference AND Roundup (animal science-dedicated programming) to the ISU campus and the animal science department. Lots of informational opportunities, socializing and learning about ISU as a post-secondary educational institution will be offered during the next few days. Finally, don’t forget to register for the 2012 Lauren Christian Pork Chop Open set for July 24 at Veenker Memorial Golf Course. Deadline for golf team registration is July 10 or when the field of 32 teams is reached. This brochure provides all the info you need, including how to register -- $85 per person gets you golf, cart, noon and post-golf meal, and beverages and refreshments throughout the day.
http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/events/LCPCObrochure12.pdf

NEWS
Progress on PRRS – are we winning?
What’s being done in the battle against the PRRS virus? Derald Holtkamp from ISU’s Veterinary Diagnostic and Production Animal Medicine department will provide an update at Iowa Swine Day on Thursday of this week. PPRS continues to be a financial issue for pork producers, but there is progress in the fight to eliminate it. Learn about management options available now because of research, innovations and activities from the past five years. Register for $35 at the door beginning at 8 a.m. in the Scheman Building on the Iowa State campus. The program agenda, speaker and topic list, and conference information is available here
http://www.aep.iastate.edu/iowaswineday/homepage.html

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New leader at ISU Leopold Center
Effective June 1 Mark Rasmussen began work at the new director of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at ISU. He was appointed in January after having served as microbiologist and director of the division of animal and food microbiology at the USDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine in Laurel, Md. Previously, he’d
worked at the USDA National Animal Disease Center here in Ames for 18 years, and has held research position in private industry and farmed full time in Nebraska. You can learn more about Dr. Rasmussen in this Leopold Center news release announcing his hire earlier this year http://www.leopold.iastate.edu/news/01-05-2012/isu-names-microbiologist-direct-leopold-center-sustainable-agriculture

PRODUCTION TIP
Mortality management
Every livestock farm will have periodic mortality losses. Having a working plan to properly manage routine and emergency mortalities is vital. As one component of good stewardship, the disposal method may vary by cost and the access to local resources, labor and environment. ISU Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering professor Tom Glanville has an excellent website devoted to mortality management through composting. See it here http://www3.abe.iastate.edu/PigsGone/

IT’S A DATE
Continuing. PQA Plus® 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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Continuing. FSQA training and testing sessions for Iowa 4-H’ers. See the IPIC web site here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/FSQA12.html for date, location and contact information

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June 28, Iowa Swine Day. Scheman Building, ISU campus. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration is $35 per person. See more information and registration links here.

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June 29. IPIC advisory board meeting. Kildee Hall.

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July 3. Swine risk management update. 9:30 a.m. at Sheldon OR 1:30 p.m. in Emmetsburg. See IPIC events page http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/events.html for more information.

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July 24. Lauren Christian Pork Chop Open. Veenker Memorial Golf Course. Cost remains the same as the past few years: $85 per person or $340 per four-person team, and includes lunch, refreshments and the evening picnic meal. Sponsorships and donations are available, including golf hole and prizes. See the registration brochure here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/events/LCPCObrochure12.pdf. Need more information? Let us know: ipic@iastate.edu

DID YOU KNOW?
PNMWG to meet in July
The Pork Niche Market Working Group will meet at the Iowa Pork Producers Association office in Clive next month. Pete Lammers is heading up the group and says everyone interested in learning more about the group and its activities is welcome to attend. There’s no cost to attend and lunch will be provided. However, space is limited, so RSVP before July 6 to ensure your spot at the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. meeting. Email Pete at pjlamme@ilstu.edu to RSVP.

FOR THE RECORD
Big numbers from 2012 World Pork Expo
Held earlier this month, the world’s largest pork-specific trade show attracted nearly 20,000 pork producers and industry leaders from 38 countries to the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. Again this year, the World Pork
Expo Junior National set a record for the number of pigs exhibited in the pedigreed barrow and gilt shows hosted by the National Junior Swine Association and Team Purebred. More than 700 junior exhibitors from 26 states competed with 2,177 head, a 25 percent increase from 2011. WPX set another record by grilling the world’s largest pork burger -- 260 pounds of pork and a 40-pound bun. Sponsors Hog Slat, Newton Grove, N.C., and the NPPC donated half of the pork burger to be served as pork sandwiches in Des Moines-area homeless shelters; the rest was enjoyed by Expo-goers during Music Fest. And finally, the 2013 event will celebrate 25 years. Plan now to attend June 5-7 at the fairgrounds to help celebrate its silver anniversary.

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