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Drought Resources Webinar
A webinar focused on crop and livestock issues related to continuing drought conditions is set for this Wed. afternoon, (July 25) from 1 to 3 p.m. Offered by ISU Extension and Outreach, a number of county extension office will host the program that’s available to the public at no charge. Program content includes primary areas of livestock, crops and farm finance, and the entire program will be recorded and available for public access following the event. Extension agriculture and program specialists will facilitate the session at each county extension site, and there will be time for questions and answers following the individual presentations. To read more about the program, specific content and confirmed locations, see this extension news release http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/webinar-examines-livestock-and-crop-options-during-drought Find your ISU swine program specialist here http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ag/swine You’re welcome to contact IPIC directly ipic@iastate.edu or 800-808-7675 (Iowa only) or 515-294-4103.

NEWS
PQA Plus Advisor Trainings set
Those who need initial certification as Pork Quality Assurance Plus Advisors AND those who need recertification in that program are invited to attend an August 23 session in Ames. IPIC is hosting a daylong program for those needing initial certification and a morning session for the recertification segment which will run concurrently with the initial session. For the initial certification, people should download, complete and submit the two-page application form available online at www.ipic.iastate.edu/PQAPapp082312.docx. The $75 fee will be due from approved participants by the time of the session. For recertification, people should download, complete and submit the preregistration form available online at www.ipic.iastate.edu/PQAPRecert082312.docx. The $50 fee is due by the time of the session. There’s a limit of 30 for each training, so don’t delay submitting the appropriate form. Both also are available by fax by calling Sunny Hsu at IPIC at 515-294-4103.

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New NE Iowa Ag Engineer
To hear Dan Huysers tell it, nearly every professional experience he had and every Iowa State University Extension and Outreach faculty and staff person he met guided him to his current position as an ISU Extension agricultural engineering program specialist. He credits his experience in a wide variety of agriculture-related positions as an asset in his new role as an engineering program specialist based at the Borlaug Learning Center in Nashua. From animal care and feeding to building construction and ventilation practices, Dan says he’s looking
forward to working with people to help make their operations run efficiently and effectively. Read more about Dan in this news release http://sn.im/huysgerengineer

PRODUCTION TIP
Pig Mortality
There can be numerous causes for pig mortality, so it’s important to train your animal caretakers to properly identify causes. It’s vital to good recordkeeping for your operation that all caretakers on a farm are consistent in their identification and recording approach. For accurate records and future diagnosis, take some time to educate employees and co-workers on the causes of mortality.

IT'S A DATE
Continuing. PQA Plus® and 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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Aug. 23. Pork Quality Assurance Plus Advisor training. Both initial certification and recertification offered. See “NEWS” item for more information, including costs and application form links.

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Aug. 24. Farming for the Future. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Scheman Building, Iowa State Center, Ames. Sponsored by Coalition to Support Iowa’s Farmers. No cost if preregistered by Aug. 17. More information and link to registration on the CSIF website here http://www.supportfarmers.com/Programs/farming-for-the-future-conference

DID YOU KNOW?
New FSIS Residue Testing Procedures
With the announcement by the USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of new methods with increased efficiencies for testing residues in meat products, pork producers are urged to review their operational and management decisions regarding drug usage. Pork has had minimal violative antimicrobial residues for many years, and knowing about this new testing procedure and program will help producers maintain that level of results. Through its national residue program, FSIS tests for the presence of chemical compounds, including approved and unapproved veterinary drugs and hormones. The new high-efficiency multi-residue methods for veterinary drugs will allow screening for a range of compounds including legal and illegal drugs. For example, previously, FSIS would have collected 300 samples from 300 cows and tested for one chemical at a time. Now, one sample can be tested for up to 55 pesticide chemicals, nine kinds of antibiotics and various metals, and eventually will be able to screen for more than 50 other chemicals. “This is why it’s important for producers to read and follow all withdrawal times; properly clean out feeders, water lines — and in some cases, floors — after the use of medicated feeds or water, and be sure to consult with your veterinarian if questions arise,” IPIC associate director James McKean said. “Paying attention to these practices helps ensure the supply of safe meat products to consumers, and it’s also consistent with the ‘We Care’ and ‘PQA Plus’ initiatives of the pork industry.”

FOR THE RECORD
New ISU Swine Farms Manager
According to the old adage, there’s no place like home. For new ISU swine farms manager Jacob Myers, that statement rings true. Although just a few years older than most of his employees, Jacob said he’s excited to be able to work with a younger generation in developing their pork industry skills. As a 2005 Iowa State graduate in
animal science, he was pleased to return to his alma mater in a capacity that builds on his experience and education. You can read more about Jacob in this news release http://sn.im/newswinefarmmanager

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