THOUGHTS FROM 109 KILDEE
- Congratulations to the Colin Johnson family

NEWS
- Drought response webinar for swine producers
- Grad student wins paper competition

PRODUCTION TIP
- Fall manure application considerations

IT'S A DATE
- PQA Plus® and TQA® producer certification sessions
- PQA Plus Advisor Trainings
- Farming for the Future

DID YOU KNOW?
- Fungus for feed

FOR THE RECORD
- Update paper: drought impact on prices and production

THOUGHTS FROM 109 KILDEE
Congratulations to the Colin Johnson family
We like announcing awards, recognitions and accomplishments of those who’re part of the IPIC/ISU/animal science extended family and this issue is no exception. In fact, we can announce and congratulate one of our own for a very special accomplishment. On Friday of this past week – Aug. 17 – IPIC program specialist Colin Johnson, wife Dawn and sons Dane and Levi welcomed daughter Ella Grace to their fold. Ella was born at 7:10 a.m. weighing 7 lb., 10 oz., and measuring 21 inches in length. We look forward to seeing Ella and the rest of the flock when she makes her way to the ISU campus on her first official college visit. What a wonderful adventure for the Johnsons!

NEWS
Drought response webinar for swine producers
A free drought response webinar for swine producers is set for Wed., Aug. 29 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at various county extension office locations around Iowa. No preregistration is required. Iowa State crop marketing specialist Chad Hart will assess the current and future crop outlook, and Iowa State livestock marketing specialist Lee Schulz will share information on the situation facing pork producers and the pork market outlook. Matt Swantek, Iowa State swine program specialist for west central Iowa, will answer questions regarding feed options and discuss feed alternates, and both attendees and presenters will discuss ideas for saving feed and managing herds such as cleaning up disease by closing the herd, streamlining the sow herd size, increase wean age and management of culls and cull strategies. Local discussion is encouraged with a question and answer session to wrap up the program. Current locations for the webinar are Sioux, Cherokee and Carroll in western Iowa; Cass in the southwest; Fayette in the northeast; Mahaska and Washington in the south/southeast; and Humboldt in north central Iowa. Read more in this news release http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/drought-response-swine-producers-webinar-aug-29

---

Grad student wins paper competition
Animal science graduate student Shannon Cruzen won first place for her paper, “Gilts selected for low residual feed intake have potential for decreased protein degradation” in the graduate student paper competition at the 2012 International Congress of Meat Science and Technology held in Montreal earlier this month. The prize included $1300. Other authors were Amanda Harris, Katrin Hollinger, Josh Selsby, Nick Gabler, Steven Lonergan, and Elisabeth Lonergan. You can read the paper here http://www.icomst2012.ca/proceedings/Abstract_CD/docs/icomst2012paper151.pdf

...............................PRODUCTION TIP.................................
Fall manure application considerations
This year’s dry conditions have raised a number of issues and concerns related to manure application, water quality impacts, nutrient availability, and more. The Iowa Manure Management Action Group has compiled list of most frequently asked questions and answers from ISU Extension, Iowa DNR and commercial manure applicator experts. This 4-page pdf document also provides links to additional information, including some email addresses and website links: http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/info/fallmanureapplicationissues.pdf

...............................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.

---

---
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. More information on the CSIF website here http://www.supportfarmers.com/Programs/farming-for-the-future-conference

...............................DID YOU KNOW?.................................
Fungus for feed
An ethanol production “leftover” could mean even better utilization of corn in pig diets. Initial studies being conducted here at ISU show that a fungus grown in the leftovers of ethanol production could supply a good energy feed. In separate feeding trials, both nursery pigs and chickens have eaten high-protein fungi that Hans van Leeuwen and other Iowa State researchers have produced in a pilot plant that converts ethanol leftovers into food-grade fungi. The production process also cleans some of the water used to produce ethanol, increasing the amount of water that can be recycled back into biofuel production and saving energy on water cleanup and co-product recovery. And, so far so good. Assistant animal science professor Nick Gabler says pig performance wasn’t impacted when dried fungi were substituted for corn or soybean meal. Researchers are still studying the effects of the feed on amino acid availability, tissue growth, and intestinal health. Read more in this ISU news release http://www.news.iastate.edu/news/2012/08/13/mycomeal

...............................FOR THE RECORD.................................
Update paper: drought impact on prices and production
The latest USDA updated crop estimates (released Aug. 10) show corn yields at 123.4 bushels per acre and a drop in projected harvested acres translate to a 17-percent decrease from just a month earlier. Soybean production estimates are down nearly 12-percent from July. Such drastic changes led CARD director Bruce Babcock to take another look at drought impact on crop prices and biofuel
production, especially in light of other related economic variables like gasoline price. See his revised assessment in this policy brief on the CARD website http://www.card.iastate.edu/policy_briefs/display.aspx?id=1169

NEWS NOW from the Iowa Pork Industry Center www.ipic.iastate.edu
Editor Sherry Hoyer, phone 515-294-4496, shoyer@iastate.edu
Find and follow IPIC on Twitter at http://www.twitter.com/IowaPorkCenter @IowaPorkCenter

--To subscribe to NEWS NOW, send your name, e-mail address and the message "NEWS NOW subscribe" to shoyer@iastate.edu
--To unsubscribe, reply to this message with the words "NEWS NOW Unsubscribe" in the subject line.
--To change your e-mail address, please include both your former address and new address.
--To request further information or suggest topics for this newsletter, e-mail shoyer@iastate.edu

Information from this newsletter may be shared and reprinted at no cost, as long as this newsletter is credited as the source.