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With this issue, NEWS NOW begins year 13 of sharing information, fun facts and quick looks at the pork industry from your operation to the world. Word of mouth, electronic forwarding and the posting of issues on the IPIC website (http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/newsreleases.html#newsnow) all contribute to growing the subscription list. It’s a way to keep in touch with our various client and audience groups throughout Iowa, the U.S. and the world, requiring only a valid email address for continued receipt of the 25 issues annually. If your email address changes, please send me the old as well as the new one so I know the specific one to delete from my list. As always, feel free to send your questions, suggestions, comments and ideas. Communication works best as a two-way street and I look forward to hearing from you.

NEWS
Roslin Institute creates Pig 26
Using a new technique knowing as "gene editing," scientists at Edinburgh, Scotland's Roslin Institute have produced a piglet that's immune to African swine fever. Pig 26 was created four months ago through a process that involved snipping animal DNA and inserting new genetic material. Researchers said this process has several positive
aspects: it copies a natural genetic mutation meaning it’s impossible to see a modification in that animal’s DNA; to has a success rate of 10 to 15 percent compared with less than one percent with existing methods; and it can be done with a fertilized egg, meaning cloning techniques aren't required. Read more about Pig 26 in this article on the UK Daily Mail website http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2309854/GM-pig-born-Scientists-created-Dolly-sheep-produce-pig-immune-disease.html#comments

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Ukraine pork production to increase
An article on the PigProgress website a few weeks ago indicates that the number of pigs on Ukraine farms is expected to increase by a little more than two percent this year. (You can read this article here http://www.pigprogress.net/Growing-Finishing/General/2013/2/Ukraine-to-increase-pig-population-in-2013-1185553W/) This is interesting, if only for the fact that news about the Ukraine pig farming crisis nine months ago led to fewer pigs and higher pork product price. You can see that article, also on PigProgress, here http://www.pigprogress.net/Home/General/2012/5/Ukraine-Pork-crisis-gets-worse-PP008744W/

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Free webinar on non-productive sow days
Interested in learning how to decrease your operation’s costs and increase income? A free webinar sponsored by National Hog Farmer and Merck Animal Health may be just the ticket. “Reduce Your Non-Productive Days to Reduce Input Cost and Produce More Pigs” is available at no charge. Check out the Tuesday, May 14 event and register here https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&eventid=611478&sessionid=1&key=1A721F878F0A8FAF4626BF897E0F1373&partnerref=nhfmerck1&sourcepage=register The program begins at 1 p.m. central time.

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Minimize stress
Transportation can be stressful for pigs and people, but it’s crucial to minimize stress in order to lower morbidity and improve everyone’s well being. Minimizing stress starts long before animals are moved. It’s important to walk through pens daily and handle the pigs to get them used to positive interaction.

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June 27. Iowa Swine Day. Scheman Building, Iowa State Center, Ames. Cost is $60 when registered by June 14. See details and registration links http://www.aep.iastate.edu/iowaswineday/homepage.html

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Sept. 9-12. SafePork 2013. Portland, Maine. Early registration (July 15 deadline) is $450 per person, increases to $575 after then. IPIC associate director James McKean is conference chair and Annette O’Connor from ISU’s VDPAM is scientific chair. See conference information here http://www.safepork2013.com/

DID YOU KNOW?
Who makes the “Best Breaded Tenderloin” in Iowa? Iowa Pork Producers Association invites nominations for the 2013 edition of this tasty contest. Any café, restaurant or tavern that serves breaded pork tenderloins is eligible to be nominated. Restaurants must receive three nominations to enter the first round of judging. Restaurant owners and operators are prohibited from nominating their own establishment. Nomination deadline is June 11. See the rules and the online nomination form on the IPPA website here http://www.iowapork.org/AllAboutPork/3877/2013IPPATenderloinContest.aspx

FOR THE RECORD
U.S. hog production changes
The March 28 quarterly Hogs and Pigs report from USDA some ups and downs. The March 1, 2013 inventory was 65.9 million head, an increase of 1 percent from a year ago but a decrease of 1 percent from Dec. 1, 2012. Breeding inventory was up slightly from both last year and the previous quarter. Market hog inventory was down 1 percent from last quarter but up 2 percent from last year. You can read the entire report here http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/HogsPigs//2010s/2013/HogsPigs-03-28-2013.txt

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