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Time for more well deserved recognition for folks associated with IPIC. First, ISU animal science senior Karl Kerns has been awarded the 2013 Murray Wise Associates Agriculture Entrepreneurship Scholarship. He was selected for the $10,000 award because of his interest and aptitude for entrepreneurship, his involvement in the ISU Agriculture Entrepreneurship Initiative program and his service as a member of the student advisory team. Karl’s dad, Steve Kerns, is a member of the IPIC advisory board and helped provide Karl with his early livestock production experience. Our best wishes to Karl as he completes his undergraduate degree this school year.

And congratulations to Mark Honeyman, animal science professor and coordinator of the ISU Research and Demonstration Farms. He was named the winner of the Dean Lee R. Kolmer Award for Excellence in Applied Research for creating and leading a research project on alternative swine and beef cattle production systems in Iowa and for his work with the research farm network. He’s also associate director of Iowa State’s BioCentury Research Farm, executive director of the ISU Agricultural Endowment, and executive director of the Committee for Agricultural Development.
NEWS

New (and different) PRRS vaccine
It's taken four years, but Ohio State University researcher Renukaradhya (Aradhya) Gourapura has created a vaccine against the viral swine disease PRRS (Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome.) And not only is this vaccine new, it is truly different. By using an inactivated virus rather than a live virus and through nasal application instead of intramuscular injection, this new version can work better and faster, with virtually no side effects. Gourapura said his vaccine is enclosed in biodegradable nanoparticles that improve efficacy and absorption, and that two doses lead to 100 percent protection against the PRRS virus. You can read more about the vaccine, including financial support of the research project, in this Ohio State release http://cfaes.osu.edu/news/articles/ohio-state-researcher-develops-innovative-vaccine-for-profit-draining-swine-virus

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More bacon, please
Bacon cheeseburgers, bacon wrapped shrimp, and -- wait for it -- bacon ice cream. Yum! With the continuing increase in bacon use for a wide variety of food products, pork producers want to cash in. An article in Iowa Farmer Today by Jeff DeYoung shows the importance of feeding appropriate amounts of dried distillers grains (DDGs) at the correct times to ensure belly fat that’s firm enough to make great bacon. Firm bellies, better bacon. Sounds good to me. Read the article here http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/livestock/bacon-s-rise-demands-attention-to-quality/article_20b2efc4-2091-11e3-bcf3-0019bb2963f4.html

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PEDV outbreak origin comments
In an article and interview on Canada’s Farmscape.com, a Quebec City veterinary consultant said contaminated feed appears likely as a source of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea, a viral disease first identified in the U.S. earlier this year. Marie-Claude Poulin did not definitely indicate the outbreak source, but referenced preliminary epidemiological reports and studies in the U.S., saying that while it’s not yet possible to confirm how the disease entered the U.S. pig population, adhering to strict biosecurity protocols is vital. You can listen to the interview and read the transcript here http://farmscape.com/f2ShowScript.aspx?i=24401&q=Contaminated+Feed+Being+Considered+as+Possible+Cause+of+U.S.+PED+Outbreak

PRODUCTION TIP
Pork production safety
Pork production safety is everyone’s responsibility. Your operation’s safety program is in place to provide an environment that encourages safety awareness and compliance in all employees. It’s designed to help minimize accidents, both human and material, by taking a proactive approach to safety. A proactive approach requires the identification of unsafe or hazardous conditions in every area of the operation, today and in the

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October is Pork Month!

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Two new students at IPIC this fall
One is in the Science With Practice program and the other is a fall semester IPIC employee. Welcome to both of them!

Greetings! I’m Liz Sample, a senior in Animal Science at Iowa State University where I have been involved with Block and Bridle and the Horse Judging Team. Growing up in Otley, Iowa, I lived on an acreage with horses. Most of my experience has been equine based but I’m interested in expanding my knowledge in other livestock. I’m currently involved with the Science with Practice program, giving me the opportunity to work alongside Sherry Hoyer in the Iowa Pork Industry Center. I am enthusiastic about my involvement and the information I will receive about the industry while in this position.

Hello! I’m Nicole Patterson, a senior majoring in Agricultural Communications here at Iowa State University. I was raised on a farm near St. Ansgar, Iowa where my family was involved in two wean to finish hog facilities, and a diversified crop operation. While growing up on the farm I developed a passion for the agriculture industry especially in pork and crop production. Upon graduation this spring I am interested in landing a career in the agriculture field specifically in communications and agriculture advocacy.

FOR THE RECORD
ISU ag career fair continues to grow
ISU CALS is holding its largest job fair yet on Tuesday, Oct. 15. More than 230 companies and organizations will participate in Ag Career Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lied Recreation Athletic Center. The event is open to the public. The following day will see an extensive list of on-campus interviews with more than 80 interview schedules listed for nearly 700 individual interviews. The organizations recruiting at the
event is available at http://www.career.cals.iastate.edu/ag-career-day

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