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IPIC and Iowa State continue to be in strong demand as expert presenters during the
annual Iowa Pork Congress in Des Moines. Take a look at the schedule of seminars,
topics and presenters for this week’s event and see how many names you recognize
from IPIC/ISU programs you’ve attended: http://www.iowaporkcongress.org/seminars
And choose from free certification sessions that fit your need: confinement site manure
applicator, pork quality assurance plus, and transport quality assurance. Be sure to
stop by the IPIC/ISU area at the Pork Congress trade show – look for space 1127 on
the north end.

NEWS
Gestation housing choices need thoughtful consideration
IPIC associate director and ISU extension swine veterinarian James McKean says pork
producers who’re thinking about a change in their gestation housing facilities have a
variety of options. With those options, however, come a series of related considerations
that will take time to think through. Read more in this ISU news release
http://www.news.iastate.edu/news/2014/01/17/gestationcrates
ABE faculty member on dean's professorship list
Matt Helmers, associate professor of ag and biosystems engineering here at Iowa State, has been named to Dean's Professorship in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. CALS Dean Wendy Wintersteen created the professorship to support faculty excellence as part of the Endowed Deanship in Agriculture and Life Sciences. Matt came to ISU in 2003 and focuses his research and extension activities on protecting and enhancing water quality, including helping manage the Iowa Learning Farms program and chairing the team that assessed nitrogen issues for the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy. With this professorship, he'll enhance his efforts through technology demonstration and grad student education. Read more in the CALS news release [http://www.cals.iastate.edu/news/releases/helmers-named-dean-s-professorship-agriculture-and-life-sciences](http://www.cals.iastate.edu/news/releases/helmers-named-dean-s-professorship-agriculture-and-life-sciences)

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Seafood diet for piglets
In a twist on sustainable agriculture production, researchers in Denmark are looking at whether a mussel/starfish-based diet for piglets can provide necessary nutrients for the pigs while also reducing pollution impact in nearby fjords. Aarhus University and the Danish Shellfish Centre cooperated in the 6-week study, which used weekly diets for the six test pigs. Animal science associate professor Jan Værum Nørgaard explains the project, "We work from the concept of so-called compensatory farming, where the nutrients leached into the fjords from households, industry and agriculture can be returned onto land in the form of, for example, pig feed using proteins from mussels and starfish." Read more in this article on the Aarhus University website [http://anis.au.dk/en/current-news/news/show/artikel/soestjerner-og-muslinger-undersoeges-som-mulige-proteinkilder-for-hoens-og-svin/](http://anis.au.dk/en/current-news/news/show/artikel/soestjerner-og-muslinger-undersoeges-som-mulige-proteinkilder-for-hoens-og-svin/)

PRODUCTION TIP
Take care with AI
The greatest majority of pig matings in the USA and world are done by artificial insemination (A.I.). Purebred producers and genetic companies work diligently to select, house, collect, extend, package and deliver the “male” to the sow farm on a routine basis. To ensure healthy and viable matings from there, the sow farm must properly store (temperature of 63° F, avoid UV light, rotate and discard by age) and deliver the semen to the sow. Monitor your delivery, storage, mating and sanitation procedures to ensure breeding success.

IT'S A DATE
Continuing, PQA Plus® and TQA® producer certification sessions. See the IPIC website at [www.ipic.iastate.edu/events.html](http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/events.html) for date, location and contact information.

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Continuing. Food Safety Quality Assurance trainings for Iowa 4-H and other youth. See the IPIC website at www.ipic.iastate.edu/events.html for date, location and contact information.

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Feb. 24-28. 2014 Iowa Pork Regional Conferences. 1 to 4:30 p.m. at all locations. Preregister and attend for free. See more info at http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/news/RegionalConference2014.html

DID YOU KNOW?
Ag career day show full of employers
The spring semester Agriculture Career Day at Iowa State is drawing quite a crowd. Set for Feb. 5 in the Memorial Union, the follow-up to last fall's ag job fair is limited to 110 organizations and already is full. CALS career services director Mike Gaul says about 10 percent of those are new to the event, making an excellent mix for students. The event is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See the list of participating employers http://www.career.cals.iastate.edu/ag-career-day

FOR THE RECORD
Thirty Iowans named to pork delegate body
Thirty Iowa pork producers have been named to the National Pork Producers Delegate Body by ag secretary Tom Vilsack and will serve a one-year term in that capacity. As part of their responsibility, they'll attend the National Pork Industry Forum in Kansas City in early March. Development of a new strategic plan for National Pork Board is one item on that agenda. See the list of all delegates here http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateU&navID=LatestReleases&page=Newsroom&topNav=Newsroom&leftNav=&rightNav1=LatestReleases&rightNav2=&resultType=Details&dDocName=STELPRDC5106064&dID=194300&wf=false&description=Secretary+Vilsack+Appoints+National+Pork+Producers+Delegate+Body
See links to the agenda, delegate information and Pork Checkoff https://www.porkindustryforum.com/

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