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Retired ISU extension economist William Edwards and economics professor Mike Duffy are the 2014 recipients of the Iowa Master Farmer Exceptional Service Award. Presented by Wallaces Farmer, the award is designed to recognize individuals who are not farmers, but who have devoted their careers to helping farmers solve problems. Mike started working for ISU as an extension farm management specialist in 1983 and has been on campus as a faculty member since 1985. His name is almost synonymous with the ISU land value survey, which he's led since 1986, and has been active with beginning farmer programs including the Beginning Farmer Center at ISU. Mike will retire April 30. William was with ISU from 1979 to his retirement last year, and has been the driving force behind the Ag Decision Maker website and newsletter. He also spent two years in the Peace Corps and enjoyed leading travel courses for undergraduate agribusiness students. IPIC has worked with Mike and William on a variety of programming opportunities through the years, and we extend our congratulations to both for this well-deserved honor. You can read more in this article on the Wallaces Farmer website http://farmprogress.com/story-duffy-edwards-receive-iowa-master-farmer-exceptional-service-award-9-110275-nl_3_nlr_13?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=24+March+2014
NEWS
It’s never too early for a PEDV plan
University of Missouri Extension swine specialist Tim Safranski advises producers to establish a veterinary-client-patient relationship before PEDV arrives. Even if you have a regular vet, work with him or her now on an operation-specific plan. If you wait until an outbreak, Safranski says, it’ll be too late. Read more about his recommendations for a VCPR for your operation

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ISU alums lead AASV
Three of four leadership positions in the American Association of Swine Veterinarians for the coming year are alums of the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Matt Anderson is AASV past president, Michelle Sprague is president and Ron Brodersen is president-elect. All positions began at the association’s 45th annual meeting earlier this month. Read more about each in this release on the AASV website https://www.aasv.org/news/story.php?id=7080

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Nicaragua exports pork to El Salvador
For the first time, Nicaragua has exported pork to nearby Central American country El Salvador. Following certification of its first operating plant in December 2013 by the Ministry of Agriculture, Stockbreeding and Forestry, the country was able to arrange a purchase agreement with El Salvador. Limited now to just one container per month, the amount could increase. You can read a short article on the Pig 333 website here http://www.pig333.com/latest_swine_news/nicaragua-exports-pig-meat-for-the-first-time_8433/ Or if you’d like, read the same information on the Radio Nicaragua website in Spanish here http://www.radionicaragua.com.ni/noticias/ver/titulo:6900-nicaragua-exporta-primer-contenedor-de-carne-de-cerdo-hacia-el-salvador

PRODUCTION TIP
Producing for the market
We’ve all heard the phrase “The customer is always right.” It’s a proud thought, and one that today’s pork industry representatives continue to follow today. Whether a commodity pork producer, a niche producer, a packer, processor or retailer, all play an important role in the pork supply chain.

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April 3-4. ISUEO Ag and Natural Resources and IPIC professional development sessions. Ames.


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Probiotic use: less manure, better health?
A recent study by USDA-ARS Agroecosystem Management Research Unit here in Ames looked at diet combinations of three probiotics and two fiber levels for pigs, and found interesting results. Because hard-to-digest fiber in diets increases manure production, but this study investigated the use of bacteria as probiotic to assist in fermentation rates of fiber, leading to less manure. Pigs received either a typical fiber level or high fiber level diet, along with one of three different bacterial supplements as probiotic. Of the pigs receiving high-fiber diets, one bacterium supplement (Bacterium D) showed virtually no change in manure production, one (Bacterium C) showed slightly more production, and the third (Bacterium B) showed a 20-percent reduction in manure output. Pigs in this third group also gained more weight and better blood cholesterol and glucose levels. Based on this and other work, ARS has submitted a patent application for Bacterium B. Read the ARS magazine article about this study here http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/AR/archive/mar14/pigs0314.htm

FOR THE RECORD
Karriker is Howard Dunn award winner
Locke Karriker received the 2014 Howard Dunn Memorial Award at the annual AASV meeting this year. The award recognizes an AASV member who has made important contributions and provided outstanding service to the association and the swine industry in general. In addition to teaching and research duties, he also mentors swine medicine students and is director of the Swine Medicine Education Center. Read more on the AASV website https://www.aasv.org/news/story.php?id=7082

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