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IPIC (interim) director Rodney “Butch” Baker is one of six professionals who have been named by National Hog Farmer as 2013 Masters of the Pork Industry. The magazine began this “Masters” tradition in 2006, dedicated to recognizing the men and women whose insight, experiences and expertise put them in positions of leading the way in the pork industry. Butch has worked in private industry, for him and for others, and for Iowa State University the past seven years. He enjoys teaching and helping veterinary students learn about the business part of life after college. Our congratulations to Butch for this well-deserved honor and industry recognition. You can read the NHF article about Butch here http://nationalhogfarmer.com/business/2013-master-pork-industry-rodney-butch-baker-dvm
Others honored this year include South Dakota State University extension swine specialist Bob Thaler, Iowa Select Farms founder Jeff Hansen and former National Pork Board vice president Jim Meimann. See the entire list and links to individual honorees on the NHF website here http://nationalhogfarmer.com/business/national-hog-farmer-announces-2013-masters-pork-industry

NEWS
Iowan is National Pork Board treasurer
During the annual meeting of the National Pork Board during World Pork Expo in Des
Moines earlier this month, Iowa producer Derrick Sleezer was named treasurer for the coming year. He’ll serve along with vice president Dale Norton from Michigan and president Karen Richter of Minnesota, each for a one-year term.

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Nominations sought for Iowa producer awards
Do you know producers who are true environmental stewards? How about those who exemplify expertise in their segment of the production cycle? Consider nominating them for the 2013 Master Pork Producer and Environmental Steward Awards sponsored by the Iowa Pork Producers Association. The Master Pork Producer award program began more than 70 years ago and continues to be a well-recognized honor throughout the industry. Winners will be honored at the 2014 Iowa Pork Congress. Nominations for both programs are due by August 19. Read more about the programs and the process on the IPPA website here http://www.iowapork.org/News/3895/IPPASeekingProducerAwardNominations.aspx

PRODUCTION TIP
Keep fans clean
When washing the barns between groups and at other routine times, it is important to clean fan blades, shrouds, baffles and inlets to improve ventilation and fan efficiency. Dirty ventilation components reduce the efficiency of air movement, decrease motor longevity and increase energy costs.

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Aug. 8-18. Iowa State Fair. 2013 Theme is “Nothing Compares.”

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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/

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DID YOU KNOW?
Changes coming to EU meat inspection
An article on the Meat and Poultry website describes a recent review of meat inspection practices in the European Union and expected results. The European Food Safety Authority released four separate reports on specific topics, and included biological and chemical hazards rankings. Read the article here http://www.meatpoultry.com/articles/news_home/Global/2013/06/EU_meat_inspection_makeover.aspx?ID={79FE4554-9768-48BC-BD1B-F0FE13DA0B5B}

FOR THE RECORD
Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Report
This Friday, June 28, is the next scheduled USDA-NASS hogs and pigs report. FarmweekNow.com (RFD Radio) says the report is expected to show a slight increase in the overall size of the nation’s herd compared with a year ago. The increase of 1 percent is the same as the number kept for marketing and the March-May pigs per litter. September to November farrowing intentions also are estimated at 101 percent of a year ago. See this article http://farmweeknow.com/story-estimates-quarterly-hogs-pigs-report-0-99706

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