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Good things happening at ISU
More than 300 people attended the dedication of the Jeff and Deb Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center this past Friday. The center has been open and in use by ISU and a variety of external groups and organizations since January of this year. Named in honor of the Hansens for their $2 million gift, the building has an indoor arena with seating space for 1,000 people, four classrooms, a conference room and ample parking. The rest of the $5.7 million was contributed by more than 1,000 donors through private gifts. The Center is near the site of the old dairy farm. See more about the center here [http://www.ans.iastate.edu/HASLC/](http://www.ans.iastate.edu/HASLC/)

And, Bruce Babcock (former CARD director) and Mark Hanna received the Dean Lee R. Kolmer Award for Excellence in Applied Research at the CALS fall convocation last week. Babcock was recognized for his work in designing crop insurance programs used by many Iowa farmers, and Hanna was honored for his research to find practical solutions to challenges faced by crop producers. You can read more about both recipients in this CALS news release [http://www.cals.iastate.edu/news/releases/awards-applied-research-presented-iowa-state-university-faculty-and-staff-members](http://www.cals.iastate.edu/news/releases/awards-applied-research-presented-iowa-state-university-faculty-and-staff-members)

NEWS
ISU farm ready for National Barrow Show
The ISU swine teaching farm has a long and rewarding history of preparing animals for the National Barrow Show and this year is no exception. Farm herdsman Greg Krahn issued an invitation for interested folks to come to the farm this Thursday evening at 6 to see this year’s entries. He said the whole farm crew and several other interested Block & Bridle students have been working hard to prepare the two truckloads, one gilt, and several boars for this weekend’s event. Stay tuned for results from the show.

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U.S. pork prices predicted to continue rising
The USDA’s Economic Research Service says pork prices continued to remain high in July, up nearly 11 percent from a year ago. Although the PEDv result of fewer pigs for market has helped maintain that trend, two other reasons also are responsible. First, European pork imports are higher priced, and second, slaughter weights have increased this year. Net predictions: pork prices will be 6.5 to 7.5 percent higher this year and 3 to 4 percent higher in 2015. Read more in the ERS summary report for July 2014 [http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-price-outlook/summary-findings.aspx](http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-price-outlook/summary-findings.aspx)

PRODUCTION TIP
On being green
As the original recyclers, pork producers will soon be applying manure to fields. Using manure as a fertilizer provides nutrients for future crops. Be sure to test manure before application, and always use proper safety precautions. For more information visit a great ISU resource, the Iowa Manure Management Action Group (IMMAG) website [http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/](http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/)

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

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Sept. 18. IPIC retreat. Jeff and Deb Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center.

DID YOU KNOW?
Danish pork makes its way to Nepal
Until recently it was impossible for people from Nepal (in the Himalayas) to buy fresh pork from the world’s largest pork exporter -- Denmark. Thanks to a fact-finding visit to Denmark’s Danish Crown earlier this year by meat wholesaler Sanu Khadg, all that has changed. In July, a pork-filled container traveled from Denmark to Kathmandu for the first time. Because Nepal has no ports, a container can be shipped only to Calcutta, India where it is loaded onto a lorry (truck) for transport to Nepal. This transportation option limits container size to 20-ft. and the land trip from Calcutta to Kathmandu and back takes two weeks. Read more in this article on the Pig Progress website http://www.pigprogress.net/Pork-Processing/Markets/2014/8/Danish-pork-makes-its-way-to-in-Nepal-1580098W/

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International Bacon Day

Yes, there is such a thing. No, it's not an official holiday, but that doesn't stop people from celebrating the goodness that is bacon. According to this website (http://www.dates.abouttravelingtheworld.com/special-holidays/bacon-day/) Bacon Day is always the Saturday before Labor Day each year — or August 30 this year. For those of us who don't need a calendar to tell us when to partake, the wikipedia entry for International Bacon Day offers resources and links to additional bacon information: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Bacon_Day Looking for more ways to enjoy this favorite food? Take a glance through these suggestions: http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2014/08/29/international-bacon-day-is-food-holiday-weve-all-been-waiting-for/