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The Iowa State University swine teaching farm’s 2014 National Barrow Show experience was more than priceless — it was headline-setting. The grand champion Duroc boar sold for $85,000 during an auction at the show last week. (See more in this ISU news release [http://www.news.iastate.edu/news/2014/09/11/durocboar] The ISU crew also brought home the champion Duroc truckload and the reserve champion crossbred truckload along with some high individual animal placings. And the humans who competed at the NBS judging show fared well, too. The team finished second and Austin Lane was high individual and placed 7th in reasons. This is the third year in a row that an ISU team member took top honors. Matt Romoser finished 6th overall and in reasons, and Kyle Ruth was 8th in reasons.

NEWS
Terry Steinhart is NACAA distinguished service award winner
ISU Extension and Outreach swine program specialist Terry Steinhart received one of the highest honors available to members of the National Association of County Agriculture Agents this summer. The Distinguished Service Award is presented to the top two percent of the NACAA membership as selected by their peers and the director of extension at their respective state university. During his 34-year career with ISU
Extension and Outreach, he has led the way in livestock programming in southeast and south central Iowa. First as county extension director and then as swine field program specialist, he helped enhance the visibility and reputation of extension through a diverse portfolio of educational efforts. Our congrats to Terry for a great career! Read more in this IPIC release [http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/news/SteinhartNACAA2014.html](http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/news/SteinhartNACAA2014.html)

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Iowa farm named 2014 Pork Industry Environmental Steward
The Bruce and Jenny Wessling farm near Grand Junction has just been named one of two winners of the 2014 Pork Industry Environmental Steward award by cosponsors Pork Checkoff and National Hog Farmer magazine. The other winning farm belongs to David and Sharon Stephens of Malta Bend, Missouri. The farms were evaluated on manure management systems, water and soil conservation practices, odor-control strategies, farm aesthetics and neighbor relations, and wildlife habitat promotion. Each applicant also submitted an essay on the importance of environmental stewardship on his or her farm. They'll be recognized at the 2015 National Pork Industry Forum in March. See more information in this release on the Pork.org website [http://www.pork.org/News/4796/PorkCheckoffAnnounces2014PorkIndustryEnvironmentalStewards.aspx](http://www.pork.org/News/4796/PorkCheckoffAnnounces2014PorkIndustryEnvironmentalStewards.aspx)

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Help wanted sign out at National Pork Board
The National Pork Board announced earlier this month that CEO Chris Novak is leaving the organization to lead the National Corn Growers Association. Novak has been a leader of the pork industry through the Pork Checkoff for six years. John Johnson, chief operating officer, has been named interim CEO. Novak’s last day is Oct. 3. Read more about Novak’s successes and the future of the National Pork Board at [http://www.pork.org/News/4789/NationalPorkBoardCEOSteppingDown.aspx#.VAYcFJS-1cY](http://www.pork.org/News/4789/NationalPorkBoardCEOSteppingDown.aspx#.VAYcFJS-1cY). NPB also is looking for a new director of producer learning and development (apps due 9/17), and a new director of producer and public health (apps due 10/1) [http://www.pork.org/AboutUs/2370/EmploymentOpportunities1.aspx#.U_udJmOOT1Q](http://www.pork.org/AboutUs/2370/EmploymentOpportunities1.aspx#.U_udJmOOT1Q)

Feel free to share the information and URLs to those who may be interested in any of the three positions.

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PRODUCTION TIP
Safety in the your workplace
Pork production safety is everyone's responsibility, from manager to part-time employee. 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 future. Find out more about pork production safety on the National Pork Board website and register to download the “Employee Safety Toolkit” at this URL
IT'S A DATE
Continuing. PQA Plus® and TQA® producer certification sessions. See the IPIC website at 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.

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October is Pork Month!

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Nov. 13-14. 2014 Swine Disease Conference for Swine Practitioners. Scheman Building, Iowa State Center, Ames. Cost is $235 when registered by Oct. 31; increases $50 per person after that date. See the agenda, list of topics and speakers, and links to register and a networking event.
www.extension.iastate.edu/registration/events/conferences/swine/

DID YOU KNOW?
Laser use may lower PEDV risk in pits
Michigan State University is recommending the use of lasers to measure manure pit depth to avoid unnecessary manure contact and PEDV risk. Because the virus can stay viable in stored manure at 40 degrees Fahrenheit for up to 28 days, using a stick to measure depth could reintroduce the virus to piglets. A laser will measure the freeboard between the manure and the slats and is accurate despite dust and cobwebs. Learn more in this article on the MSU website
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/measuring_manure_depth_in_the_pedv_era

FOR THE RECORD
ISU Library provides new digital collection of extension info
“Reflections on ISU Extension” is now available through the ISU Library’s Special Collections Department. This digital collection focuses on early ISU Extension work -- which started several years before the 1914 Smith Lever Act established cooperative extension. This project was created to help celebrate the centennial of the Smith Lever Act. Read more about the beginning of extension in Iowa in this news piece on the ISU Library website http://www.lib.iastate.edu/news-article/100844 or go directly to the “Reflections” collection here http://www.add.lib.iastate.edu/preserv/cdm/isuext.html If you’d rather look through the additional (Iowa) extension collections in the special collections department, see this page
http://www.add.lib.iastate.edu/spcl/arch/inventories/16extension.html