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New Science With Practice student at IPIC
Hi! My name is Kelsey Faivre and I am a sophomore at Iowa State University working on a degree in Agriculture Communications. I am excited to be working with Sherry Hoyer at the Iowa Pork Industry Center through the Science with Practice Program. I grew up in DeKalb, Illinois, on a corn and soybean operation and started raising beef cattle through 4-H and FFA. Here on campus, I am involved as a College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Ambassador and a member of Block and Bridle. I aspire to work in communications and represent the agriculture industry, so I am thrilled to have the opportunity to gain experience at IPIC.

NEWS
State organizations launch Iowa ag literacy foundation
The newly formed Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation is a coordinated approach to promoting awareness and knowledge of agriculture in Iowa schools. Although it began in an Iowa Farm Bureau strategic planning process two years ago, the foundation is governed by an eight-member board of directors: IFBF, Iowa Pork Producers Association, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Silos and Smokestacks Foundation, DuPont Pioneer, and the Iowa Department of Education. This is intended to be a long-
term effort and new partners are welcome. Check out the foundation website to learn more about what’s in the works and how you can be part of helping Iowa youth learn more about agriculture http://www.iowaagliteracy.org/

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Set a reminder for 10/10 at 10 a.m.
That’s when you’ll be able to order tickets to the second Iowa State University Bacon Expo. Set for Saturday, Nov. 8 from 1 to 5 p.m., this event promises fun, education and bacon -- lots of bacon -- in a family-themed way at the Hansen Ag Student Learning Center south of campus. Just 1,800 tickets at $8 each will be available via http://www.midwestix.com/ Need more info? Check out this news release on the ISU CALS website http://www.cals.iastate.edu/news/releases/bacon-expo-tickets-sale-oct-10

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Addressing feed changes for immunocastrated pigs
As the interest in and research on immunocastration continues, the need to address changes in nutritional needs of immunocastrated pigs becomes more important. A short article in this month's Pig International magazine offers three suggestions. Author Ioannis Mavromichalis explains: simple (feed all pigs with a single phase-feeding program; accurate (feed males as such, and switch to castrate-suitable diet after the second injection) and intermediate (use sex-suitable diets for all pigs until castration phase, then feed all pigs with the gilt diet.) Learn more about each option in the article here http://www.piginternational-digital.com/201405/USA/15/#&pageSet=15&page=1

PRODUCTION TIP
Rodent control is vital
As fields are harvested and the weather turns cooler, rodents start looking for alternative housing. Keep biosecurity measures in place by cleaning up around buildings, and keep bait stations stocked as these visitors begin looking for new winter residences indoors and away from winter weather extremes.

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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October is Pork Month! Follow the IPIC Twitter account for info @IowaPorkCenter (https://twitter.com/IowaPorkCenter)

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Oct. 28. PQAPlus Advisor training. Application deadline is Oct. 15. Download the application here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/events/PQAP2app042414.docx

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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/

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DID YOU KNOW?

Insects as feed

Will insects help pork producers feed the world? Vincent Ter Beek, editor of Pig Progress magazine, lays out an intriguing description of current research into using insects as a protein source — in pig feed. Items on potential future menus: black soldier flies (and larvae) -- fat and protein, and houseflies and mealworms — protein. With discussions now underway, it's possible that insect processed animal protein (PAP) could be approved for use as early as next summer. Read more about the topic on the Pig Progress website http://www.pigprogress.net/Home/General/2014/9/Insects-in-pig-feed-1592213W/

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These numbers aren't the combination to a lock, but they are important. Here's how and why:

For 3 years in a row now, CALS at ISU has set a new enrollment record. This semester's enrollment is 5205 (up 222 from last fall.)

There are 922 animal science undergraduate students.

There are 75 animal science graduate students.

You can check out all the fall semester numbers by majors in this 10-page pdf resource on the Iowa State website http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/stats/major/majorsf14.pdf

More parking spaces, anyone?

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