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Thank you from IPIC
Few students are around the halls and buildings of campus this week, choosing instead to spend the break week away from courses, classes, homework, tests, and assignments. They’re among family and friends and enjoying a brief respite from the daily demands of college student life. At IPIC we continue to work with and for our clients, consumers, customers and colleagues, helping with information, referrals and resources to make the pork industry better. As we do so, we thank each of you for being part of our world, for providing the reasons we’re here, and for being our champions when that’s appropriate. Our hats are off to you, figuratively and literally, for standing with us and behind us as we work with representatives of Iowa State University and the state’s pork industry. As always, let us know how we can help you.

NEWS
Danish voters have spoken
It’s November, time to vote, and the results are in. The winner? By a clear margin of 44 percent (nearly 28,000 of 63,000 votes cast) Denmark’s Food and Agriculture Minister Dan Jørgensen says, “Steget flæsk med persillesovs og kartofler, or thick fried slices of pork served with boiled potatoes and parsley sauce” is that country’s new national dish. The national dish competition, announced in September, was the culmination of Jørgensen’s “food revolution,” an effort to get Danes to focus on eating healthier and
more local foods. Are you hungry yet? For more information and a English-language recipe, see TheLocal.dk website here http://www.thelocal.dk/20141120/denmark-declares-its-first-national-dish

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National Pork Board okays funds for new center
At a regular meeting last week, National Pork Board directors approved a $15 million investment in a new national Swine Health Information Center that would cover the first five years of operation. The center would be directed by a board of representatives from NPB, National Pork Producers Council, American Association of Swine Veterinarians, and pork producers from an at-large basis. The center would not duplicate existing efforts by any of the three organizations, nor would it be specifically responsible for any disease response plan. Instead it would work on finding and filling gaps in resources and knowledge with swine disease diagnostics related to emerging diseases. See more information in this release on the NPB website http://www.pork.org/national-pork-board-funds-new-swine-health-information-center/

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PRODUCTION TIP
Keeping accurate records is vital
Compiling accurate records can be an ongoing struggle, but without accurate information you won’t have accurate results. One key factor when analyzing closeouts is accounting for “explainable” sources of variation between groups, and then adjusting for those causes. Make notes throughout the growing period to document issues with feed quality and delivery, weather changes, health challenges, and treatment or management adjustments. Better yet, quantify these variables with daily recordings. If you need assistance, contact your swine program specialist http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ag/swine

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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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Jan. 6. Iowa Commercial Manure Applicator training. 9 a.m. to noon in Iowa county extension offices, plus one Minnesota location and two Wisconsin locations. Must register by Dec. 30. See the list here.

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Jan. 28-29. Iowa Pork Congress. Iowa Events Center, Des Moines. See IPIC and other ISU folks in booth 1127.
January to February 2015. Iowa Confinement Site Manure Applicator Workshops. See the brochure with list of dates and locations. Call the ISU County Extension and Outreach office where you plan to attend for exact locations and times, and weather-related changes to the schedule.

DID YOU KNOW?
New name for extension pest(icide) program
One week from today, one well-known extension program will have a new name. To better describe educational endeavors and intended audiences, look for the Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP.) Known for years as the Pest Management and Environmental Program -- or PME -- this program name change happens as the national Land-Grant University Pesticide Safety Education Program celebrates 50 years. Program staff trained nearly 26,000 certified applicators during the past year and look forward to continuing their efforts in the coming years. Take a look at the website here http://www.extension.iastate.edu/psep/

FOR THE RECORD
New Science of Manure blog
It’s just a few weeks old, but “The Manure Scoop” blog by Dan Andersen already has a dozen posts of science-based information on the nutrient management portion of livestock operations in Iowa. As an assistant professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering at ISU, Dan is using this avenue of sharing knowledge, experience and expertise on manure issues. Content ranges from management and treatment to land application and new technologies, and you can sign up to receive notice of his posts on the site http://themanurescoop.blogspot.com/ He’s also available on Twitter as @DrManure (go here to follow him https://twitter.com/DrManure) and is willing to answer whatever questions you have.

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