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New Science With Practice student at IPIC
Hello! My name is Cameron Jodlowski, a sophomore at Iowa State University majoring in Agriculture & Life Sciences Education, and I am the Science With Practice student for the Iowa Pork Industry Center this spring semester. I am originally from Atlanta, Illinois where I grew up raising dairy goats on a small hobby farm. At Iowa State, I am involved in the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, Alpha Zeta Fraternity, and Student Admission Representatives. I also work with the National FFA Organization as a National Collegiate Agriculture Ambassador. I am excited to start my work with the IPIC and am looking forward to enhancing my communication skills while learning more about the pork industry.

NEWS
USDA-ARS offers new search engine
The National Agricultural Library (NAL) has a new search engine called PubAg that’s designed to be a user-friendly approach to finding research published by USDA scientists. Available at PubAg.nal.usda.gov, this new portal is for literature searches and full-text access of more than 40,000 scientific journal articles by USDA researchers, mostly from 1997 to 2014. This first phase provides access to 340,000
peer-reviewed agriculturally related scientific literature, mostly from 2002 to 2012, each entry offering a citation, abstract and a link to the article if available from the publisher. Phase II, to be available later this year, will add the rest of NAL’s significant bibliographic records. There’s no fee for access, and no requirement for username, password or any other form of registration to use PubAg.

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New graduate fellowship for ISU students
Thanks to the Iowa Pork Foundation, some ISU graduate students are eligible for the new, “Nelda Christian Graduate Pork Fellowship.” This $2500 fellowship will provide support to a MS or PhD student conducting research that will positively impact Iowa’s pork industry. Applicants must be ISU graduate students majoring in animal science, agricultural economics, food science, microbiology, agricultural engineering or other related disciplines that contribute to the pork industry. They also must specialize in an area that contributes to the swine industry after their graduation, and they must be U.S. citizens. To apply, submit a cover letter that describes current and previous swine experience and training planned use of the funds; financial support the student already receives, and career plans. Also, they will submit a resume and an endorsement letter from their faculty mentor or major professor. Completed applications are due by April 1 of this year, and should be emailed to David Acker, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, ISU, at dacker@iastate.edu. Top ranked applicant’s names will be forwarded to Iowa Pork Foundation for approval, with winner notified during May or June. Winner must be present at 2016 Iowa Pork Congress scholarship reception.

PRODUCTION TIP
Safety is always in season
Snow and especially ice can be hazardous, so always think about safety. Think safety when moving pigs and mortalities outdoors and checking roofs, inlets, fans and other outdoor equipment. Think safety before climbing bins, a task that should be done on better days. Think safety to avoid slips and falls leading to accidents and downtime. Be smart and be safe on the farm.

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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Continuing. Food Safety Quality Assurance trainings for Iowa 4-H and other youth. See the IPIC website at http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/FSQA.html for dates, locations and contact information.

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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.

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Feb. 23-26. 2015 Iowa Regional Pork Conferences. 1 to 4:30 p.m. at all locations. Preregister and attend for free. No-cost PQA Plus training offered 9:30 a.m. to noon at all locations. More information coming soon.

DID YOU KNOW?
Iowa native is new CEO at NPB
Chris Hodges is the new Chief Executive Officer of the National Pork Board. Hodges brings more than 30 years of experience to his new position ranging from grain management at the former Farmland Industries to senior vice president for fresh pork and industrial sales at Farmland Foods. He comes to NPB from Smithfield Farmland where he serves as senior vice president of business development. Hodges is no stranger to pork industry organizations, having publicly endorsed the new swine audit program last year and now is a retiring board member of the National Pork Producers Council. He’s an Iowa native (raised in Laurens) and received his bachelors degree from Drake University Learn more about Hodges and his plans in this article on the NPB website http://www.pork.org/national-pork-board-names-chris-hodges-chief-executive-officer/

FOR THE RECORD
Bacon - good for what ails you
You know that when you want bacon, nothing else will do and nothing else matters until you have that bacon. But did you also know that bacon can be good medicine for health reasons? In fact, medical doctor Jennifer Gunter writes that use of bacon as a therapy, or treatment, has ben published for at least three human medical conditions. Scabies, nosebleed and a specific parasitic infestation all have been successfully treated using bacon. This link takes you to her article with links to additional and more in-depth information on those documented uses, if you really want to read them. http://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2015/01/3-ways-use-bacon-medical-treatment.html

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