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Recent awards and reappointments ensure extension and the animal science department remain in capable hands. John Lawrence was reappointed to a five-year term as associate dean for extension in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and director of ag and natural resources extension. Animal science folks honored during the spring CALS award ceremony and their awards are:

- Professor Curtis Youngs, outstanding service in student recruitment and retention
- Assistant professor Cheryl Morris, early achievement in teaching
- Administrative specialist Joan Aiton, P&S Excellence Award
- Professor Elisabeth Lonergan, faculty award for diversity enhancement and outreach
- Lab tech Steven Niebuhr, merit award for achievement and service
- And IPIC interim director Jay Harmon, along with fellow ABE professors Steve Mickelson and Ramesh Kanwar, received the Dean’s citation for extraordinary contributions for their work in moving the ABE department into a new building.

NEWS
Baker named honorary master pork producer
Former IPIC interim director and current senior clinician at ISU CVM, Rodney “Butch”
Baker was named Honorary Master Pork Producer during the 2015 Iowa Pork Congress award ceremony. Butch has placed emphasis on disease prevention through his research and educational outreach to producers and students. He has played a critical role in control efforts for the PRRS swine virus and recently expanded this knowledge to the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus. Prior to joining Iowa State University in 2006, Baker served various veterinary clinic and consulting roles in Kentucky before also working for Bayer Animal Health, Pig Improvement Company, Premium Standard Farms and North Carolina State University. He plans to retire later this year.

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Pork reaches higher volume and value in 2014
The U.S. Meat Export Federation reported that export value for pork set a record in 2014, with double-digit gains over 2013. Export volume increased 2 percent and the value of that export reached $6.67 billion, up 10 percent. These levels were accomplished in spite of market access restrictions in Russia and China. Although some individual nation exports were lower in volume, continued higher prices paid by consumers drove the export values higher. See more in this article on the USMEF website [https://www.usmef.org/news-statistics/press-releases/value-records-for-beef-pork-exports-in-2014-volumes-also-higher-year-over-year/](https://www.usmef.org/news-statistics/press-releases/value-records-for-beef-pork-exports-in-2014-volumes-also-higher-year-over-year/)

PRODUCTION TIP
Wasting feed wastes money
Every increment of wasted feed is a waste of your farm’s money. In addition to feed disappearance as a cost item, it also can add to manure and odor production in a barn. Whether feed is consumed and passed through the pig or wasted directly onto the floor or in a manure storage pit, it ultimately is transported out to the field as costly fertilizer. Control both feed costs and excessive manure accumulation by managing feeders, maintaining the barn in a thermal neutral zone (temperature), and formulating phased diets to meet the needs of the pig.

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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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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](http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/FSQA.html) for dates, locations and contact information.

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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, but please preregister to ensure adequate materials. See more details here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/news/RegionalConference2015.html

DID YOU KNOW?
IPPA scholarships for new and returning students
Incoming college freshmen and returning students who are Iowa residents and who are majoring in an agriculture field with pork industry interest should consider applying for scholarships provided by Iowa Pork Producers Association. Students entering any 2-yr. or 4-yr Iowa college next fall who meet eligibility requirements can apply for one of six $1,000 scholarships, and returning ag students meeting eligibility requirements can apply for one of six $1,500 scholarships. Application deadline is April 1, 2015. See more info and links to online forms for these scholarships on the IPPA website http://www.iowapork.org/IowaPorkYouthTeam/1131/ScholarshipOpportunities.aspx#.VN5g-HQ5Cpo

FOR THE RECORD
Lottery leads to hog farming
What would you do if you won a big lottery? Most of us have some sort of idea, but for British hair salon owner Sue Herdsman, being sole winner of a nearly $2 million prize completely changed her original plans. In 2010, she decided to buy a ticket each week based on words from a kind of fortune teller. Shortly afterward, she won. For six months she stayed at her job, until she realized it wasn’t what she wanted to do for the rest of her life. She and her son moved 220 miles to be near her boyfriend, who just happened to work with his father on their pig farm. Eventually she started working with the pigs, and has since written a book. Read more about Herdsman in this article on the Daily Mail website http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2936386/Hairdresser-wins-1-2m-lottery-celebrates-PIG-FARMER.html

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