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Congratulations from IPIC
Congratulations are in order for some of our colleagues, especially swine program specialist Terry Steinhart. He'll be honored this summer at the annual meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents with the Iowa Distinguished Service Award. Terry’s been an integral part of a variety of programming and educational efforts of IPIC, ranging from creating worker safety materials for National Pork Board to helping with workshops at the Iowa state 4-H and youth conference for several years. David Baker of the Beginning Farmer Center also will be honored by NACAA with the Achievement Award for Iowa. Also, congratulations to Elisabeth Huff-Lonergan and Steven Lonergan, each of whom was named an AMSA Fellow. Both also are recipients of the 2014 AMSA Signal Service Award. They'll be honored at an Awards banquet during the AMSA 67th Reciprocal Meat Conference next week in Madison, Wisconsin.

NEWS
Project aims to increase pig numbers
A new four-year project that will look at breeding, management and identifying risk factors that affect piglet survival rate will soon be underway. From preparing and testing
specific breeding targets for sows to increasing birth weight, results and findings of the government-funded project are expected to help producers nationwide decrease piglet mortality as well as increase the number and weight of weaned pigs. Sounds familiar, right? The big difference with this project is that it will take place in Denmark, done by Aarhus faculty, with the sole focus on organic pigs. You can read more about this unique project on the Aarhus University website http://dca.au.dk/en/current-news/news/show/artikel/et-betydeligt-loeft-til-den-oekologiske-svineproduktion/ and a more detailed article on the PigSite.com http://www.thepigsite.com/swinenews/36787/significant-boost-to-organic-pig-production-in-denmark

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New USDA funding and reporting for PEDV
Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack announced new funding and reporting procedures related to PEDV during last week’s World Pork Expo in Des Moines. Of the $26.2 million total, the largest portion -- $11.1 million — will be used for cost-share funding for producers with infected herds to support biosecurity procedures. The federal order from USDA-APHIS required producers, veterinarians and diagnostic laboratories to report all new cases of PEDV and other new swine enteric coronavirus diseases to either USDA or state animal health officials. The cost-sharing funding will be available for another requirement: that infected operations work with vets or USDA or state animal health officials to develop and implement a plan to address the virus and prevent its spread using best practices and monitoring through various measures, including biosecurity. The USDA news release is here http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2014/06/0113.xml&contentidonly=true The APHIS website includes links to Q&A, program requirements and the federal order itself. See the APHIS PEDV website here http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth?1dmy&urid=wcm%3apath%3a%2Faphis_content_library%2Fsa_our_focus%2Fsa_animal_health%2Fsa_animal_disease_information%2Fsa_swine_health%2Fct_ped_info

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Joint venture creates new PEDV database
Iowa State University is among three universities that are partnering with Boehringer Ingelheim to create a PEDV database. Announced at the World Pork Expo last week, the database will be available for producers and veterinarians to report PEDV locations as they're identified. Identification will include specific virus strain and a smartphone-based method of adding clinical data. The tool should be available soon. Read more in this article on Pork Network's website http://www.porknetwork.com/pork-news/BI-universities-announce-PEDv-database-261855901.html

PRODUCTION TIP
The importance of a daily walk
One essential element of pig management is a daily walking of the pens. A good
caretaker routinely walks the pens and interacts with the pigs. This includes checking the barn daily for observations of every pig, checking and adjusting waters and feeders, and looking for and treating unthrifty/sick pigs. Pigs get to know the caretaker, too.

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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/fsqa14.html

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June 25. Lauren Christian Pork Chop Open. Veenker Memorial Golf Course. Registration deadline is June 11 or when the field of 32 teams is filled. Download the registration form at http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/events/LCPCObrochure14.pdf

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June 26. Iowa Swine Day. Scheman Building, ISU campus, Ames. Read a news release http://www.cals.iastate.edu/news/releases/iowa-swine-day-june-26-tackle-topics-interest-pork-industry Register by this Friday, June 13 and pay a lower fee. See the event website http://www.aep.iastate.edu/iowaswineday/

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July. Iowa Pork Summer Conferences. Offered by Iowa Pork Producers Association, Pork Checkoff and IPIC. Speakers are Eldon McAfee (environment, nuisance, inspections) and Butch Baker (PEDV Update) Free to those who preregister two days ahead of location date by calling IPPA at 800-372-7675 or emailing lclemenson@iowapork.org $5 fee for walk-ins. All sessions run 1 to 4:30 p.m.

  • July 15. LeMars Convention Center, 275 12th St. SE, Le Mars
  • July 17. Swan Lake Conservation Education Center, 22676 Swan Lake Dr., Carroll
  • July 22. Delaware County Community Center, 709 W. Main St., Manchester
  • July 23. Washington County Extension Office, 2223 250th St., Washington
  • July 24. Dows Community Center, 119 E. Ellsworth St., Dows.

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DID YOU KNOW?

NPB intros new welfare audit program

At last week's World Pork Expo, the National Pork Board introduced a new animal welfare audit program that will be incorporated into the existing Pork Quality Assurance Plus program. The idea is for this program to be used and accepted by multiple packers, increasing both efficiency and consistency throughout the industry, with a

FOR THE RECORD
Pork export volume and value climb in April
The U.S. Meat Export Federation reports that in April, total pork exports were 11 percent higher than a year ago, and for the first four months of 2014 are also up 11 percent in volume. In fact, pork exports alone in April accounted for 28 percent of U.S. pork production, an increase of 25 percent from last year. The top market by volume? Mexico at 42 percent, followed by Japan. See more about pork (and beef exports) in this news release on the USMEF website http://www.usmef.org/news-statistics/press-releases/beef-pork-exports-continue-growth-trend/

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