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As the new fiscal year begins, there is change here at Iowa Pork Industry Center as well. In 2012, Rodney “Butch” Baker accepted a two-year position as the interim director. While his two years at the helm of IPIC is complete, the impact of his leadership and presence will continue to be felt and seen for a long time. With his experience, expertise, knowledge, and connections in the swine veterinary world, Butch made sure IPIC and the ISU extension swine campus and program specialists were at each virtual table during vital discussions in the industry through the past two years.

From the initial identification of PEDV in the United States to offering assistance to county personnel in dealing with the aftermath of that discovery, and from bringing together pork industry players of all sizes to shepherding IPIC through its first-ever external review (during its 20th anniversary year, no less) Butch’s critical thinking skills and easy-going manner helped everyone realize the importance of their role in the center’s ongoing mission: “promote efficient pork production technologies in Iowa, maintain Iowa’s pork industry leadership and strengthen rural development efforts.”

So, with much appreciation, we say, “Thank you, Butch, for choosing to lead IPIC. Our center, our state, our industry and our team all are better because of your presence.”
Our new interim director is Jay Harmon, professor in ISU’s agricultural and biosystems engineering department. More on Jay later.

*(One correction, with my apologies: Dale Norton, new president for National Pork Board, is from Bronson, Michigan. The June 23 newsletter issue misidentified his home state.)*

NEWS

**Webinar to focus on genetics impact on feed efficiency**

TOPIGS Norsvin and WATT Global Media are offering a webinar on the effects of genetics and management in the herd, and you're invited. It's set for Tuesday, July 15, beginning at 8 a.m. Central Time. Attendees will learn how genetics can impact total feed efficiency, how to profit from rapid and effective genetic progress, and what to do to improve herd performance. Learn more and complete the registration to reserve your space here [https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/727501257](https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/727501257)

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**France assesses antimicrobial resistance**

The French agency for food, environmental and occupational health & safety — ANSES — conducted an assessment of the risks of antimicrobial resistance due to antibiotic use in livestock, and from those results developed recommendations for each specie and sector. Three primary recommendations arose: discontinuing preventive antibiotic therapy; preference of using narrow-spectrum antibiotics while carefully targeting specific bacteria; and using latest-generation antibiotics (3rd and 4th generation cephalosporins and fluoroquinolones) only in clearly predefined special circumstances according to sector. ANSES said this work also showed better knowledge is needed in various areas, including circulation of resistance genes in the environment and in animal and human populations. Read the entire article on the ANSES website [http://www.anses.fr/en/content/anses-publishes-its-assessment-risks-emergence-antimicrobial-resistance-related-patterns](http://www.anses.fr/en/content/anses-publishes-its-assessment-risks-emergence-antimicrobial-resistance-related-patterns)

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**Iowa Drainage School set for August 19-21**

If you're looking for information on sub-surface drainage concepts, planning drainage systems or NRCS drainage program requirements, the Iowa Drainage School is for you. Planned and presented by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, this three-day school will teach participants how to plan, layout, and install subsurface drainage systems. The school will be held at the Borlaug Learning Center, 3327 290th St., Nashua. Early registration with a $350 per person fee ends at midnight Aug. 6. The deadline for all registrations $400 after the early deadline is midnight, Aug. 13. The school will combine hands-on training, lecture and discussion and problem-solving examples. See more information including schedule and registration links on the conference website [http://www.aep.iastate.edu/ids/](http://www.aep.iastate.edu/ids/)
PRODUCTION TIP
Measuring productivity and feed efficiency
Average Daily Gain (ADG) and Feed Efficiency (FE) are just two small measures of productivity and efficiency on the farm. The rate of gain and amount of feed consumed relates to feed conversion or efficiency. In order for the industry to provide pork at the lowest possible price to consumers, efficiency must be monitored. As with any business, a reduction in input cost (energy, or feed) translates to greater profit potential. Keep an eye not only on feed efficiency, but more importantly on the overall diet cost and cost per pound of gain.

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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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?
ISU alum is new livestock farms manager
Minnesota native and ISU alum Ben Drescher is the new coordinator for the university’s livestock teaching and research farms. As the coordinator, he’s responsible for supervising daily operations of the nine Ames-area facilities for dairy, beef, swine, horse and poultry, as well as the farms' individual managers. Drescher graduated in 2005 with a B.S. in agricultural education and a minor in animal science. Prior to this position, he was a territory manager for Murphy Brown, LLC. Read more in the release on the ISU CALS website http://www.cals.iastate.edu/news/releases/iowa-state-alumnus-new-manager-animal-science-farms
FOR THE RECORD
Agriculture industry numbers in England and UK
The quarterly USDA Hogs and Pigs Report is used as a sort of barometer of future herd size and production numbers in the U.S. The latest report shows a 5 percent decrease in overall inventory from a year ago and a 1 percent drop from a month ago. So what's happening in the United Kingdom? The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) keeps those statistics. Recent reports show some interesting results. This segment of the website provides several detailed annual reports for June 1 of each year [https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/structure-of-the-agricultural-industry-in-england-and-the-uk-at-june](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/structure-of-the-agricultural-industry-in-england-and-the-uk-at-june) Also see this page (June issue of a monthly "Farming and Food Brief") [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/326100/foodfarmbrief-02jul14.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/326100/foodfarmbrief-02jul14.pdf) To note under the livestock heading: domestic hog slaughter numbers were 5.1 percent higher in May of this year compared to last year, and production for the first five months of 2014 increased at 2.2 percent as average weights continued to move higher.

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