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Congratulations
Our congratulations to Joe Sebranek, distinguished professor of animal science, who will be recognized for his work as an educator and researcher later this month at the North American Meat institute’s annual conference, “International Production and Processing Expo.” Joe will receive the Harry L. Rudnick Educator’s Award during the award ceremony at the Jan. 26 event in Atlanta, Georgia. You can read the award announcement in this news release http://www.ippexpo.org/media/docs/NAMI%20Annual%20Awards%20Luncheon%20Release%202.pdf

NEWS
New online option for MAC training
Those who need to become certified or renew their certification for confinement site manure application can now choose to do so through a new online option available through Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The online training offers several advantages to the regular in-person and DVD sessions, including the ability to start and stop modules to fit individual schedules, having the website automatically track each person’s progress, and pay either online or by mail following successful completion of the certification modules. Read more about MAC training on the IMMAG website here http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/macccsa.html and sign up for the online certification option on the IDNR website here https://elearning-dnr.iowa.gov/
New foot-and-mouth case in South Korea
More than eight months after its most recent confirmed cases of foot-and-mouth disease, South Korea notified the World Organization for Animal Health (OEI) of a new confirmed outbreak on a farm in North Jeolla Province in the southwest part of the country. Although the source isn't yet known, all animals on the farm were culled and quarantine officials have halted movement of cloven-hoofed animals in nearby areas. See more information on the Watt AgNet website www.wattagnet.com/articles/25557-foot-and-mouth-disease-hits-south-korean-pig-farm and the Korea Times website http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/01/116_195237.html

PRODUCTION TIP
Care and caution when using AI
The majority of pig matings in the U.S. and around the world are done by artificial insemination, known as AI. Purebred producers and genetic companies work diligently to select, house, collect, extend, package and deliver the “male” to the sow farm on a routine basis. To ensure healthy and viable matings from there, the sow farm must properly store (temperature of 63° F, avoid UV light, rotate and discard by age) and deliver the semen to the sow. To help ensure breeding success on your farm, monitor your delivery, storage, mating and sanitation procedures.

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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.

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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2016 America’s Pig Farmer of the Year nominations sought
The National Pork Board is now accepting applications for the 2016 America’s Pig Farmer of the year award, and all pork producers ages 30 or older by Jan. 1 of this year are encouraged to apply. This is the second year for the program, which looks for candidates with a focus on environmental sustainability, animal welfare, production
efficiency, best practices adoption, and commitment to continuous improvement. Entry deadline is March 1. See instructions and more information on the program website https://www.americaspigfarmer.com/

FOR THE RECORD
NPB offers crisis alert text service
National Pork Board has introduced a new opt-in text-based service that will provide information and links to resources in the event of an industry-wide emergency. NPB president Derrick Sleezer says the service is free to participants, although message and data charges may apply depending on individual cell phone plans and coverage. How the service works: to participate, text ‘PorkCrisis’ to 97296. When an emergency characterized as pork industry-wide is declared, the “Pork Crisis Alert” will text instructions to participants on how to access critical information and other resources about the emergency. The service will be activated only for emergency communications, and the database of subscribers will not be used for marketing or shared with third parties. It will be tested twice annually to ensure operational accuracy for those who have enrolled. Read more about the new offering http://www.pork.org/pork-crisis-alert-text-service-announced/ See the service terms and conditions http://www.pork.org/smsterms/

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