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With the spring semester at Iowa State well underway, it’s time for students (and parents) to turn their thoughts to next year. Those majoring in agricultural fields, specifically animal science and swine emphasis, should look into great scholarships being offered by Iowa Pork Producers Association and National Pork Board’s Pork Checkoff. In addition to scholarship applications, IPPA also is advertising for two summer internships: Pork Checkoff and Summer Legislative positions. All the info you need, including descriptions of each opportunity, requirements, dollar amount and deadlines, is available on the IPPA website here http://www.iowapork.org/iowa-pork-youth-team/iowa-pork-producers-association-scholarships-internships/ Note that some scholarships are for incoming freshmen and others are for current college students. Pork Checkoff scholarships are for current college juniors and seniors, and are due Feb. 18. See the requirements and application links here http://www.pork.org/pork-checkoff-research/college-scholarships/

NEWS
New Science With Practice student at IPIC
Hello! My name is Nicole Zitelman and I am the new Science with Practice student working alongside Sherry Hoyer, in the Iowa Pork Industry Center. Being a product of a diversified crop and livestock farm near Strawberry Point, I found my passion for
agriculture at a young age. While growing up, I was heavily active in both 4-H and FFA, which allowed me to develop leadership skills, and led to my love of beef cattle. Aside from our cow/calf operation, my family also owns two finishing units that quickly became the reason for my interest in the swine industry. Currently I am studying in my last semester at Iowa State and will receive a degree in Agricultural Business this coming May. I am very excited for this opportunity within the IPIC to strengthen my communication skills and to further develop my knowledge of swine.

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2016 Iowa Pork Regional Conferences
Iowa pork producers are invited to learn more about Senecavirus and practical strategies for managing PRRS, applied antibiotic use considerations, and positioning individual operations for success at the 2016 Iowa Pork Regional Conferences later this month. They’ll also have the opportunity to attend PQAPlus certification prior to the conference session at all four locations. All is free for those preregistered, or $5 for walk-ins. Contact IPPA to preregister or for more information by phone at 800-372-7675 or email at bnelson@iowapork.org Sessions are set for the following locations from 1 to 4:30 p.m. (See entry under “It’s a Date” below.)

- Monday, Feb. 22 Sheldon
- Tuesday, Feb. 23 Carroll
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 Nashua
- Thursday, Feb. 25 Iowa City

PRODUCTION TIP
Help ensure success with routine genetics review
Good reproductive management is critical for the success of your herd. Genetics influence important traits such as litter size, litter weights, growth rate, feed efficiency, backfat thickness, pork quality, and structural correctness. It’s a good idea to routinely review your genetic plan with good data and a keen eye.

IT’S A DATE
Continuing. PQAPlus® 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.

Feb. 22-25. 2016 Iowa Regional Pork Conferences. 1 to 4:30 p.m. at all four locations. Preregister and attend for free. No-cost PQAPlus training offered 9:30 a.m. to noon at

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Feb. 3 - July 6. Common Swine Industry Audit sessions. No cost, but preregister to ensure your space at these limited attendance sessions, sponsored by IPIC, ISUEO and IPPA. http://www.iowapork.org/common-swine-industry-audit-training-sessions-offered-2/

 DID YOU KNOW?
Minnesota pork producers asked to help identify pigs entering state
Although prevalence of PRRS and PED is declining on a nationwide basis, Minnesota has been struggling to decrease the number of PRRS and PED cases in its pork industry. A cooperative effort introduced at the Minnesota Pork Congress in January seeks to identify health status of pigs entering the state, and hopefully reduce those disease numbers in the state. This partnership of Minnesota Pork Producers and the Minnesota Board of Animal Health would not prohibit entry by out-of-state animals, but would offer opportunity to determine risk and assist in any risk assessment and outbreak information. Pork Network has more information in this article http://www.porknetwork.com/events-and-contests/minnesota-pork-producers-asked-to-take-important-step

 FOR THE RECORD
Common Swine Industry Audit preparation sessions
IPIC, ISU extension swine program specialists and IPPA are partnering to present a series of free training and preparation sessions for Iowa producers to learn about the Common Swine Industry Audit (also known as CSIA.) Attendees will go through steps of the audit, recognize and evaluate areas for improvement, and customize standard operating procedures (SOPs) to get ready for the audit process on their farms. They'll receive customizable audit materials for their farms, including a binder and flash drive, provided by the program sponsors. Sessions are limited to 15, so preregister to ensure your space at your desired location and date. See more info and preregistration details here http://www.iowapork.org/common-swine-industry-audit-training-sessions-offered-2/

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