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Two IPIC colleagues from the College of Veterinary Medicine were recently elected to leadership roles for the American Association of Swine Veterinarians. Alex Ramirez is now the organization’s vice president and Locke Karriker has been elected to the AASV Board of Directors representing district 6 (Iowa.) He fills the position previously head by Alex for a three-year term. Our congratulations to both as they represent Iowa veterinarians and Iowa State University.

NEWS
Iowa producer is new NPB president
Derrick Sleezer was elected president of the National Pork Board during the organization’s meeting this month. He’s serving his second three-year term on the NPB and just finished two years as board treasurer. He will serve one year as president along with newly elected vice president Jan Archer of North Carolina and treasurer Terry O’Neel of Nebraska. Derrick said he looks forward to serving the pork industry, “There is great consumer interest in agriculture and in understanding how food is grown, raised and marketed. I see much opportunity in the year ahead as we help shape that story.”
Could enzyme replace antibiotics in feed efficiency usage?
Recently published results of research by USDA Agricultural Research Service scientists shows potential usefulness of the naturally occurring enzyme lysozyme as an alternative to antibiotics as growth promotants in pigs. Published in the November 2014 Journal of Animal Science, the research compared two groups of piglets put on one of three diet regimens: standard, standard with lysozyme added, and standard with two antibiotics added. One group of 600 was kept in weaning pens that had been disinfected and the other 600-head group was kept in pens that were left uncleaned from a previous group of animals. Results showed those on the diets with lysozyme or antibiotics grew faster and intestinal villi were longer than those fed the standard diet. You can read more on the USDA-ARS website http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/pr/2015/150528.htm and the USDA's AgResearch May 2015 magazine website http://agresearchmag.ars.usda.gov/2015/may/enzyme/

PRODUCTION TIP
Keeping pigs cool
Summer is coming and with that, the time to start keeping pigs cool “within their thermal neutral zone.” One common method of cooling finishing pigs and sows is by sprinkling or misting. If you use sprinkling, periodically evaluate and adjust the sprinklers’ on-off times to ensure that the pigs or flooring are almost dry before being rewetted. The cooling effect for pigs is accomplished by the evaporation process, not the initial wetting.

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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.

June 10 and 11. Advanced Swine Reproduction Seminars. Le Mars and Waverly. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. $30 per person with preregistration strongly encouraged.

June 22-24. "Growing Iowa's Livestock: What Farmers Need to Know" presented by Iowa Farm Bureau and Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers, with assistance from ISUEO beef and swine specialists. 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. $10 advance registration; $20 at the door.

DID YOU KNOW?
"Growing Iowa's Livestock" programs set by IFBF and CSIF
Iowa Farm Bureau and the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers (CSIF) will hold three informational sessions this month designed to help livestock farmers by providing new strategies and resources for starting or growing a livestock operation. "Growing Iowa's Livestock: What Farmers Need to Know" will be held June 22 in Cherokee, June 23 in Calmar, and June 24 in Anamosa, with all sessions running from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is $10 in advance or $20 at the door, and includes lunch. Presentations will focus on livestock market outlook, risk management livestock returns and management strategies, and issues surrounding starting or growing a livestock farm today. ISU Extension and Outreach livestock specialists also will be present to provide additional information and answers to detailed questions. See more info and register on the Iowa Farm Bureau website here http://www.iowafarmbureau.com/articles/146676/growing-iowas-livestock-----what-farmers-need-to-know

FOR THE RECORD
New chair for ISU economics department
Joshua Rosenbloom comes to ISU with several years of experience at the University of Kansas and the National Bureau of Economic Research. Most recently he was a program director for the Nation Science Foundation’s Science of Science and Innovation Policy program. He officially begins his Iowa State duties August 1. Read more in this ISU CALS news release http://www.cals.iastate.edu/news/releases/iowa-state-university-names-economics-department-chair

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