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Jay Harmon was recognized as this year's G.B. Gunlogson Countryside Engineering Award winner during the 2015 Annual International Meeting of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers in late July. The award honors outstanding engineering contributions to the development and improvement of the countryside through enhancement of techniques or technology. Jay is known nationally and internationally as an authority in developing and delivering extension education programs for livestock housing, and has been professor in charge of the Midwest Plan Service since 2004. Of course, we know him also as the current interim director of IPIC, serving since July 1, 2014. Our congratulations on this well-deserved recognition! You can read more about the award here [https://www.asabe.org/awards-landmarks/awards/major-awards/gb-gunlogson-award.aspx](https://www.asabe.org/awards-landmarks/awards/major-awards/gb-gunlogson-award.aspx)

NEWS
Workshop set on stewardship of antimicrobial use in livestock
Those interested in a comprehensive look at two recent Guidance for Industry (GFIs) issued by FDA regarding antimicrobial drugs in food-producing animals, and the FDA’s revised Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) should plan to attend a free workshop next month in Ames. This Sept. 16 workshop is one of 12 regional sessions hosted by the non-profit organization Farm Foundation to be held across the U.S. over the next three
months. Farm Foundation asks stakeholders to complete a brief survey about awareness and implications of the coming changes, regardless of whether the stakeholder intends to participate in a workshop. These 12 sessions, along with aggregate survey results, will form the basis of a national summit later this fall for farmers, feed suppliers, veterinarians, academic and government agency staff to address issues identified. See more information, including list of all 12 workshop locations with respective registration links, on the Farm Foundation website http://www.farmfoundation.org/webcontent/Stewardship-of-medically-important-antimicrobial-drug-use-in-food-animals-1901.aspx

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New Zealand aims for no animal antibiotic use within 15 years
The president of New Zealand's veterinary medicine association says his country "...will not need antibiotics for the maintenance of animal health and wellness" by 2030. Steve Merchant acknowledges that the effort will be significant, but the result will be well worth the time, teamwork and commitment necessary to achieve that goal. The news release announcing this goal seems to be short on the exact courses of action by identified general partners, but puts veterinarians at the forefront of the movement. Read more http://www.nzva.org.nz/mediarelease/veterinarians-set-antibiotic-goal-animals

PRODUCTION TIP
Point of balance
Today's tip is one that might come from (or take us back to) the show ring days of our youth. Understanding a pig's “point of balance” can help both pigs and caretakers. The point of balance is around the animal’s shoulder: If we touch or create motion behind the animal's shoulder, they will move forward; if touched in front of the shoulder, they back up. This steering helps us to keep pigs moving in the desired direction.

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.


Aug. 11. PQAPlus Advisor Certification session. Hansen Ag Student Learning Center, Ames.

DID YOU KNOW?

USDA looks for feral swine impact on U.S. farms

Two USDA agencies are working together to determine the extent of damage to agriculture caused by feral swine, starting with about 10,000 farmers in 11 primarily southern states who will be contacted by NASS (National Agricultural Statistics Service) interviewers. They’ll be asked whether they’ve seen feral swine near their property, and if they consider any crop damage or livestock losses to be caused by feral swine. The Wildlife Services part of APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) received $20 million to implement a collaborative, national feral swine management program in all 39 states where there is a recognized feral swine population, and will use the information from the NASS survey to begin that process. Read the entire NASS news release here [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/2015/07_21_2015.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/2015/07_21_2015.asp) See more info on the feral swine project on the APHIS website [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage?1dmy&uri=wp%3apath%3a%2Faphis_content_library%2Fsfa_our_focus%2Fsfa_wildlife_damage%2Fsfa_operational_activities%2Fsfa_feral_swine%2Fct_feral_swine]

FOR THE RECORD

Iowa native to succeed Rich Degner at IPPA

Pat McGonegle’s professional career will come full circle this fall when he begins his new role as chief executive officer of Iowa Pork Producers Association, succeeding Rich Degner. McGonegle is no stranger to Iowa pork producers and allied industry. He’s been with National Pork Producers Council for 19 years, and specifically has been vice president of state relations and resource development since 2002. However, the Vincent, Iowa, native started as an IPPA field director in 1983. The leadership change is effective Oct. 1. You can read more on the IPPA website [http://www.iowapork.org/iowan-selected-as-new-ippa-ceo/](http://www.iowapork.org/iowan-selected-as-new-ippa-ceo/)

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