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In a highly anticipated move -- at least from those who love all things bacon -- the Iowa State student group in charge of Bacon Expo has announced the date of the 2016 event: the 4th annual Bacon Expo has been set for Saturday, Oct. 8. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hansen Ag Student Learning Center, attendees will enjoy live entertainment, learning more about Iowa’s pork industry and of course, tasting a variety of bacon goodies. New this year, the event has a theme: Ba-Con. Tickets will be available a month ahead of the expo, but you can follow plans and info on the website baconexpo.ag.iastate.edu, Facebook “Iowa State Bacon Expo” and Twitter @ISUBaconExpo

NEWS
Iowan Gene Noem of Ames is one of three newly appointed members of the National Pork Board. Along with the other two new members and two who were reappointed, Noem will serve a three-year term. NPB was established under the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985, and as such, “… develops budgets and awards contracts to carry out a coordinated program designed to strengthen the
New demo farm initiative for English pork producers

In a first-of-its-kind move for British producers, AHBD Pork is starting a Focus Farm program that will provide opportunities for producers to see, share and learn about various projects and challenges in real time and real life. Similar to field days here in Iowa, the open meetings and discussions will start June 20 with a tour of the host focus farm. Attendees will learn about that specific operation and offer input, questions and suggestions on ways to enhance pig performance. Read more about the initiative on the AHBD website http://pork.ahdb.org.uk/news/news-releases/2016/may/ahdb-pork-launches-new-focus-farm-initiative/ (Note AHBD, Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board) was formerly known as the BPEX.)

PRODUCTION TIP

An important key to long-term success is economic sustainability. Pork producers must continuously strive to improve their business management skills and education for themselves, their employees and pork industry partners. Two upcoming events provide great ways to do just that: World Pork Expo (June 8-10) register by June 3 for $10 https://www.worldpork.org/ and Iowa Swine Day (June 30) register by June 17 for $60 per person http://www.aep.iastate.edu/iowaswineday/

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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.

Ongoing through 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/

June 8-10. World Pork Expo. Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines.
Through June 29. **Pork Quality Assurance Plus 3.0 Advisor Sessions** in locations throughout Iowa.

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June 30. **Iowa Swine Day.** Iowa State University. Registrations now open

DID YOU KNOW?
Annual CSIF survey shows youth are positive on ag
Based on results from an informal survey conducted by Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers (CSIF) at the 2016 Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference, the future of agriculture remains positive to young people. Of those taking part in the survey in April, 86 percent said they intend to pursue a career in agriculture and 63 percent said they want to farm. This is the 11th year for the CSIF survey at the conference and executive director Brian Waddingham said the organization has helped and will continue to help many young people stay on the farm or return to the farm. The non-profit organization is a joint partnership involving Iowa's primary producer organizations and was created to help farmers responsibly and successfully raise livestock. You can read more details on the survey in this article on the CSIF website [http://www.supportfarmers.com/news-articles/iowa-youth-optimistic-about-ag-careers-including-farming](http://www.supportfarmers.com/news-articles/iowa-youth-optimistic-about-ag-careers-including-farming)

FOR THE RECORD
Ten tips for summer feeding of sows
The May/June issue of Pig International magazine has information on feeding sows during summer, including a list of 10 items for consideration: nutrient density, dietary protein, fiber concentration, fats and oils, additives, pelleted diets, liquid diets, feeding time, feeding frequency and water intake. While producers already may have some of these in mind, others might seem puzzling. Perhaps that's because the article focuses on summer sow feeding in China. Take a look and compare the list to yours [http://www.piginternational-digital.com/201605/International/17/0#&pageSet=9](http://www.piginternational-digital.com/201605/International/17/0#&pageSet=9)

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