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A baker’s dozen of prominent U.S. research institutions that includes Iowa State have joined the Supporters of Agricultural Research (SoAR) Foundation to request more and quicker access to federal funding of agricultural related research. A report issued by the coalition describes the great work being done now, but points out how domestic agricultural production is falling behind that of other global competitors. Wendy Wintersteen, dean of ISU’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, said it’s important for funders to understand the need for increased financial backing and to act quickly to provide it. This news release has more info http://www.cals.iastate.edu/news/releases/iowa-state-university-joins-12-public-and-private-universities-calling-increased and a link to the report, “Retaking the Field.”

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Missouri plans boar stud managers conference
The University of Missouri is offering a two-day conference packed full of information for boar stud managers in early August. With more than a dozen sponsors and expert speakers from industry and academia, the conference promises plenty of information and networking opportunities. Registration is $200 by June 27, rising to $250 after that date. Put this Aug. 3-4 conference in St. Louis on your calendar now. See the agenda, speaker list and registration links on the conference website http://bsmc.missouri.edu/
Denmark and the Netherlands working to reduce piglet mortality

In a government initiative begun six years ago, Denmark’s first task force faced a true uphill battle: by the year 2020, one more piglet per litter should survive than in 2014. The country is using a two-pronged attack using both sow-based genetic selection for excellent maternal traits and high “vitality” piglets, and using more specific and dedicated management measures in facilities on nucleus farms. The first four years worth of results and practical experiences is now being shared with producers. In the Netherlands, pig mortality has been in the production eye since 2009, with initial goals of a 15%-20% reduction in 10 years. Organic farms show a decrease from about 25% in 2008 to 20.5% now, making it about a 15% drop. Unfortunately, the latest figures show an increase rather than decrease in conventional farms. Read more on these plans on the Pig Progress website http://www.pigprogress.net/Piglets/Articles/2016/6/How-to-reduce-piglet-mortality-figures-2818230W/

PRODUCTION TIP
Keep your fans clean
When washing barns between groups and at other routine times, it is important to clean all part of the building fans as well: fan blades, shrouds, baffles and inlets all need to be clean to improve ventilation and fan efficiency. Dirty ventilation components reduce the efficiency of air movement, decrease motor longevity and increase energy costs.

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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 30. Iowa Swine Day. Iowa State University. Walk-ins are welcomes.
DID YOU KNOW?
Final IPIC PQA Plus 3 Advisor training is June 29
IPIC has offered a number of advisor certification sessions for new and existing
advisors for the new PQA Plus 3.0 program from National Pork Board. There's just one
scheduled ISU-provided session remaining on June 29 in Ames. Approved applicants
will be notified and the $75 registration fee is due upon notice of approval. Download
the two-page fillable pdf application form here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/pqaplus3.htm
and get it submitted ASAP because the session is nearly full.

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NPB elects new officers
New officers were elected during the National Pork Board's meeting in Des Moines
earlier this month. The board comprises 15 farmer-directors who represent America's
pig farmers. Derrick Sleezer from Cherokee is the immediate past president and will
serve a one-year term in that capacity. Jan Archer from North Carolina is the new
president, Terry O'Neel from Nebraska is vice president, and Steve Rommereim from
South Dakota is treasurer. Gene Noem of Ames was appointed to the board.

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