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Dorian Garrick has been named the first Jay Lush Endowed Chair in animal breeding and genetics at ISU. He comes to Ames most recently from Colorado State University where he spent five years in animal breeding and genetics. According to a news release about the appointment, one of Garrick's first major research efforts was to develop a dairy evaluation system to enhance current methods of sire and cow evaluation. The result was the first large-scale, across-breed animal modeling system in the world, and work in the swine, beef and sheep industries followed. ISU animal science chair Maynard Hogberg said Garrick was chosen for this position, "...because we believe he can further strengthen Iowa State's already excellent animal breeding and genetics program." And Garrick agrees, saying, "Discoveries in molecular genetics, mathematical modeling and new applications in electronic, communication and information technology will lead to different and sometimes better ways of improving our livestock species than has been the case to date. My goals are to continue to be part of this research and assist in its appropriate application." IPIC director John Mabry says Garrick also plans to work on problems pertinent to the swine industry and his expertise is welcome. "We want to help producers and others in the industry, and Garrick's research will help us do that. We look forward to working with him." He also will be involved in graduate teaching here at ISU.

NEWS
University recognition ceremony today
Iowa State University's fall convocation will be held this afternoon, and several folks associated with animal science and IPIC are among those to be honored. President Gregory Geoffroy will recognize these faculty members with the following awards: Max Rothschild, Animal Science, International Service Award; Daryl Strohbehn, Animal Science, ISU Award for Outstanding Achievement in Extension or Professional Practice; Steve Lonergan, Animal Science, ISU Award for Excellence in Academic Advising; Matt Helmers, Ag and Biosystems Engineering, ISU Award for Early Achievement in Extension or Professional Practice; and Jerry DeWitt, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture/Entomology, ISU Award for Distinguished Service in Extension. We add our congratulations to jobs well done and a wish for continued success in the future.

ISU-based farm transition network goes international
Many of you probably know of the Beginning Farmer Center here at ISU. It offers assistance and education to those who wish to enter the farming world. It also is the main coordination point for what has been known at the National Farm Transition Network, connecting those leaving the farm with those who want to begin work as farmers. A little over a month ago, this network officially became international in scope with members in Canada, and budding relationships with similar organizations in Japan and England. BFC administrator John Baker said that even as a U.S. entity, the network provides information in response to inquiries from people from all over the world. The network was created in 1991 and became a non-profit organization 10 years later. Learn more on the network Web site www.farmtransition.org

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Think Tank features new provost
The kickoff session of this year's Think Tank on Animal Agriculture series at Iowa State will feature new ISU executive vice president and Provost Elizabeth Hoffman. She will speak on the topic, "The impact of the new budget model on animal agricultural research." The event begins with a social time at 6 p.m., followed by dinner by 6:30 p.m. and presentation at 7 p.m., all in the Pioneer Room at the Memorial Union. Those interested in attending should register by contacting Julie Roberts (jrober@iastate.edu) by Sept. 21 at noon. Cost is $18 per person, payable at the door. All are welcome.

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Pigs to aid in Alzheimer research
A research project under way in Denmark is aimed toward helping scientists learn more about Alzheimer's disease. Seven baby pigs born in late August were genetically designed to develop the disease. Research team member Peter Kragh says they expect the pigs exhibit disease symptoms in their first year. Tests to identify early signs, like loss of smell or memory, are being refined. Read more at this URL http://snipr.com/1qbgg on the Web site of Pig Progress magazine.

IT'S A DATE
Sept. 18. PQA Plus™ certification sessions. All run from 7 to 9 p.m.
Washington, Washington County Extension Office. Contact Tom Miller at tmiller@iastate.edu or by phone at 319-653-4811.
Anamosa, Jones County Extension Office. Contact Larry McMullen at lkmcmull@iastate.edu or by phone at 319-462-2791.
Knoxville, Marion County Extension Office. Contact Terry Steinhart at tsteinha@iastate.edu or by phone at 641-622-2680.

Sept. 19. Pork Niche Market Working Group. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Iowa Pork Producers Association office, 1636 NW 114th Street, Clive. Meetings are open to anyone interested in learning more about niche pork production. See www.pnmwg.org

Sept. 20. Iowa Feed and Nutrition Seminar fall tour. Lesaffre Yeast plant, Cedar Rapids. Contact IPIC for more information at (800) 808-7675 or ipic@iastate.edu

DID YOU KNOW?
Record U.S. ag export levels on the horizon
U.S. ag secretary Mike Johanns said his agency is forecasting a record $83.5 billion in FY08, easily surpassing last year's $68.6 billion total. The forecast amount is expected to be broad based with record sales for bulk grains, oilseeds, cotton, and high-value horticultural and livestock products. And, while imports for fiscal year 2008 are forecast at $75 billion (up $4.5 billion from the 2007 estimate), this still means a trade surplus of $8.5 billion. Read the USDA news release here http://snipr.com/1qj4x
FOR THE RECORD
New Science with Practice student at IPIC
Hello my name is Laura Rosenbohm, I am currently a junior at ISU, working on a double major in
Agriculture communications and Journalism. This fall I am working at the IPIC as part of the College of
Agriculture and Life Sciences, Science with Practice program. Through this program, I will be gaining
hands on experience in public relations as well as learning about the Iowa pork industry. I am originally
from a dairy farm in Peoria, IL, but look forward to learning more about the agriculture systems in Iowa
and pork production.

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