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ISU’s Block & Bridle Club brought home some great honors from national convention earlier this month: First Place Club Published Yearbook, First Place Club Webpage, Second Place Outstanding Junior Member – Justine Hosch, and Third Place Chapter of Activities. You might remember that Justine was a Science With Practice student here at IPIC in the spring of 2007. We’re proud to know and be associated with this great young lady.
And, professor Doug Kenealy was honored with a National Teaching Award by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities. This award part of The Food and Agricultural Sciences Excellence in College and University Teaching Program, and his was one of only two such national awards.

NEWS
Indoor-raised means healthier pigs
Information from a recent study by University of Missouri Extension specialists is good news for the pork industry. Study results indicate that raising pigs indoors led to “improved health for pigs and higher quality product for consumers.”Researchers looked at changes in the industry since 1945, including the incidence of lungworms, kidney worms, toxoplasma, trichinella, and a variety of other diseases. For example, in the 1940s, 55-70 percent of pigs had lungworms, today they’re rarely seen. And the once common trichinella infection in humans (from eating undercooked pork) has virtually disappeared; the only real way to contract it now through food consumption is through eating wild game. Read more in the release from swine veterinarian Beth Young with U of Missouri’s Commercial Agriculture Swine Focus Team on the Missouri Web site here http://sn.im/nn113009indoorpigs

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IPIC has impact on Iowa agricultural economy
At IPIC we understand the importance of offering our assistance and appropriate resources to those who work in the state’s pork industry. To read about one example of the economic impact of working with others to provide sound information, see the Iowa State University Extension report, “Advancing Economic Development 2009” at this URL http://sn.im/issue09annrept and go to pages 32 and 33.

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Bananas, anyone?
Trying to feed livestock in areas of the world that don’t produce enough appropriate feedstuffs can lead to less livestock and lower productivity. Task forces on alternative livestock feed sources were appointed in Nigeria, and one finding might surprise you. A report, “Availability of banana and plantain products for animal feeding,” explains the rationale behind the possibility of using bananas and plantains for livestock feed in countries where those crops are widely available. Read the report here http://www.fao.org/docrep/003/T0554E/T0554E17.htm

IT’S A DATE
Continuing. PQA Plus® and TQA producer certification sessions. See the IPIC web site here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/PQAPlus.html for date, location and contact information.

Nov. 30. Think Tank for Animal Agriculture. The Broiler restaurant, 6008 Lincoln Way, Ames. Speaker is Maynard Hogberg, animal science department chair, with the topic, “Trends and Direction of Animal Science Departments in the Future.”

Dec. 9. Pork Niche Market Working Group. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Iowa Institute for Cooperatives, Ames. Read more about the group here http://www.valuechains.org/porkniche

Dec. 9. IPIC Advisory Board. 2 to 5:30 p.m. Kildee Hall, ISU campus, Ames.

Dec. 9. Science With Practice poster session. 3:30 to 5 p.m. Kildee Hall atrium, ISU campus. Ames

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National benchmarking study to begin in Canada
Formed earlier this year to coordinate and oversee research initiatives regarding swine diseases, the Canadian Swine Health Board plans to launch a national biosecurity benchmarking study in January 2010. In the Nov. 20 episode of Farmscape, board chair Florian Possberg says that by understanding current biosecurity practices and identifying weaknesses, the industry can begin to formulate changes to improve biosecurity. You can listen to the audio version or read the transcript of this short program on the Farmscape.ca Web site here http://sn.im/canstudy1109

FOR THE RECORD
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Iowa Pork Producers Association says an Iowa niche pork product has scored big with a nationally recognized cook. An IPPA news release describes the award and recipient. “Everyday with Rachael Ray,” a nationally distributed cooking magazine, has recognized an Iowa niche pork producer from Le Mars and his all-natural bacon product. Results of a taste test announced in the December-January issue, Beeler Pork’s Uncured Apple-Cinnamon Bacon was named the “best sweet” bacon. “This sugary, thick-cut bacon wooed judges with its ‘cinnamony-sweet’ flavor. Each strip cooked up crisp around the edges, leaving the middle tender. Its dessert-like quality would pair well with pancakes for special-occasion breakfasts,” the magazine reported. Read more on the IPPA Web site http://sn.im/beelerbacon

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