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Five folks with IPIC and/or ISU animal science affiliations were honored during the spring semester CALS convocation earlier this month. Ken Stalder received the Outstanding Achievement in Extension Award; Al Christian was one of two winners of the Lifetime Achievement Award; secretary Ann Shuey received the Merit Award for Achievement and Service; associate scientist Zhiliang Hu received the Professional and Scientific Research Award; and Doug Kenealy was recognized for receiving the USDA Food and Agriculture Science Excellence in Teaching Award this past November. This group exemplifies not only the strength of the faculty and staff, but the acknowledgement of that work by others. Our congratulations to all on these well-deserved honors. Read a news release on all the award winners on the CALS Web site here http://www.ag.iastate.edu/news/releases/820/

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FEED-RELATED AUDIO AND PRINT LINKS FROM HUBBARD
If you’re looking for information on improving your operation’s bottom line, check out Hubbard Feeds’ podcast Web site, the Hub, here http://snipr.com/hubfeeds-podcast With topics ranging from reducing odors through feed management to the economics of feeding fat, each segment focuses on a single topic making it easy to listen at your leisure. On this same page, you also can sign up to receive the monthly
podcasts, find links to past issues of Swine Solutions, and find more information on the company itself.

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PRODUCTION TIP
Seed corn selection and income from hogs
In just a few short months, farmers will be at work transforming the Iowa landscape from its current snow white to rich soil black dotted with plant residue brown on its way to healthy crop green. They’ve spent time this winter analyzing and making appropriate seed choices for the upcoming growing season. The crop planted this spring by hog farmers will be fed to pigs beginning next fall, which requires thorough evaluation of available seed genetics to provide the best quality grain for livestock. Choices are guided not only by price, but by traits important to pig diets including moisture, oil and lysine content. Decisions made now will be reflected in income levels later.

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IT’S A DATE
Continuing. FSQA training and testing sessions for Iowa 4-H’ers. See the IPIC web site here http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/FSQA10.html for date, location and contact information

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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.

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February. 2010 Confinement Site Manure Applicator Certification Workshops. See the complete listing of dates and locations on the Iowa Manure Management Action Group Web site here http://snipr.com/confmanure2010

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March 9-12. Iowa Pork Regional Conferences. At four locations around the state. IPIC, IPPA and ISU Extension are co-sponsors. No cost when preregistered at least two business days in advance. All programs run from 1 to 4:30 p.m. See the news release here http://snipr.com/nn10regconf

- March 9. Sheldon, NICC, 603 West Park Street, Building C Auditorium.
- March 10. Carroll, Carrollton Inn, 1730 Hwy. 71 N.
- March 11. Nashua, Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm, Borlaug Learning Center, 3327 290th St.
- March 12. Ainsworth, Marr Park Conservation Center, 2943 Hwy 92

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DID YOU KNOW?
European legislation on pig protection
Think you know a bit about European law on minimum standards for pig protection? Try your hand at this online quiz (on the pig333.com Web site) http://snipr.com/eupigstan. Clock on each of the numbers, one at a time, and choose the correct answer for each. Click on the “x” in the upper right corner of the Q&A pink box when you’re done with it. You’ll know immediately whether you’ve answered correctly. I got them all right, but have to admit I guessed at a couple of them.

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FOR THE RECORD
New CAST paper on ag productivity strategies
The latest issue paper from the Council for Agricultural and Science Technology (CAST) takes a hard look at the challenges facing U.S. and global agriculture in this century. The 16-page paper, *Agricultural Productivity Strategies for the Future: Addressing U.S. and Global Challenges*, includes a preface from the late Norman Borlaug, and is written as an update of CAST Paper No. 1 that originally was written by Dr. Borlaug in 1973. The paper is available for free download from the CAST Web site here http://www.cast-science.org/displayProductDetails.asp?idProduct=168