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1. **Advanced Breeding Herd Management Seminar, Waverly, March 19, 10:00-3:00, \$20**

ISU Extension, Iowa Pork Industry Center, and Iowa Pork Producers Association are sponsoring a swine breeding herd management seminar on March 19, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Waverly Civic Center in Waverly. Pork producers who manage or own a sow herd will want to attend. Seminar topics will discuss common reproductive failure, parity segregation, disease management, ventilation filtration systems, and energy savings.

* **Dr. Don Levis**, Swine Reproduction Specialist, University of Nebraska, will identify critical management issues of common reproductive failures

* **Dr. Rodney (Butch) Baker**, DVM, Senior Clinician at ISU Vet College, will discuss “what’s coming, what’s going”: parity segregation, disease management with monitoring and elimination strategies.

* **Dr. Jay Harmon**, ISU Animal Science, will address the ins and outs of air filters and fine tuning ventilation systems for saving energy.

* **Mark Storlie**, ISU Extension Swine Field Specialist, will discuss industry issues such as NPDES, air emissions, PQA Plus, sow tags – premise ID and share a new spreadsheet tool.

The Waverly Civic Center is located at 1200 1st Street N.E. A registration fee of \$20 includes lunch and materials. The meal will not be guaranteed for those not pre-registered. Contact Mark Storlie at the Fayette County Extension office 563-425-3331 or email: mstorlie@iastate.edu to register.

Directions: (1200 1st Street NE)

The Civic Center is located on the east side of the river - 1 block North of “Main Street” (Hwy 3 – Bremer Ave.)

Storlie view: This is an excellent slate of speakers. Dr. Levis plans to retire in January, 2010. This is an excellent opportunity to visit with him. The opportunity to discuss challenges in your operation, during a presentation or individually during breaks, may benefit your operation.

2. Managing Tough Times – new web resource

Iowa State University Extension has launched a new site, Managing Tough Times. Here Iowans will find helpful resources for navigating these hard economic times. We have broken the site into three audiences: Families and Households, Businesses and Communities, and Farms. Using these audiences as a way to offer this information should make it easy for you to identify your area of interest.

Visit the Site address: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/toughtimes/>

To help with the learning curve for the site navigation, a short video is available to walk you through the site features. We are hoping that you will find the information you need and interactive tools that will foster a sustainable online relationship between ISU Extension and you.

“Better be wise by the misfortunes of others than by your own”

- Aesop (620 BC – 560 BC)

3. Become a 2009 Pork Industry Environmental Steward

Become a 2009 Pork Industry Environmental Steward. The Environmental Steward Awards program is co-sponsored by the Pork Checkoff and *National Hog Farmer* magazine. Download the cover letter and application below and submit to the Pork Checkoff no later than March 31, 2009.

[Pork Industry Environmental Stewards Cover Letter](#)

[Pork Industry Environmental Stewards Application](#)

The Environmental Steward Awards program is open to pork producers of all types and sizes of production operations who demonstrate their positive contribution to the environment. A national selection committee names four operations following an evaluation of their manure

management systems, water and soil conservation practices, odor-control strategies, farm aesthetics and neighbor relations, wildlife habitat promotion, innovative ideas used to protect the environment, and an essay on the meaning of environmental stewardship.

2008 award recipients:

- Enterprise Nursery of Madrid, Neb.
- Oetting Farms of Concordia, Mo.
- O'Neel Farms of Friend, Neb.
- Veldkamp Farms of Jasper, Minn.

Storlie view: Question/thought ... Iowa is not in the list. We're still the number one pork producing state -- show your pride.

“Use your imagination not to scare yourself to death but to inspire yourself to life”
- Adele Brookman

4. Managing Feed and Market Price Risks Webcast – recording available online

In February, 2009, the Iowa Pork Industry Center and Iowa Beef Center held a webcast which focused on risk management for cattle and hog producers with particular emphasis on feed costs risk. Presentations were recorded and are available online:

Speakers and topics: (following are active links)

[Introduction by John Lawrence](#)

[Chad Hart, grain economist](#)

[John Patience, swine nutritionist](#)

[Questions for John Patience](#)

[John Lawrence, livestock economist](#)

For those with beef operations, here are links for Dan Loy's parts of the program.

[Dan Loy, beef nutritionist](#)

[Questions for Dan Loy](#)

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure”

- Colin Powell (1937-)

5. CERCLA/EPCRA Reporting

The latest information is available at ISU Animal Agriculture and Air Quality website:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/airquality/cerclaepcra.html>

Awareness: If you contacted your State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), the Iowa DNR, and your local emergency planning commission (LEPC) in error (learned you do not meet threshold and do not need to report), you must still file your written report within 30 day of your original call to SERC and LEPC and report that you made these contacts in error and that you don't meet the requirements for emissions reporting.

6. Manure Issues

DNR: More counties choosing to use Master Matrix

Each year counties must re-adopt the construction evaluation resolution that allows the county to use the "master matrix" scoring system to evaluate the siting of permitted confinement feeding operations. As of Feb. 1, the DNR map indicates 87 of 99 counties have adopted the resolution. See the Iowa map of counties: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/afo/files/09cermap.pdf>

Confinement Site Manure Applicator Certification for 2009

Additional information, including 2009 training workshops, dates, and locations can be found at: <http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/mac.html>.

Manure Application on Frozen Ground Moves to Public Comment

The Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) has moved the "Manure Application on Frozen Ground" rule to public comment. The Notice of Intended Action is available on the web: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/afo/files/agenda5.pdf>

Written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments need to be submitted on or before March 27, 2009.

Public hearing dates have been set for:

- March 16 - 9:00 a.m. - Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines
- March 16 - 6:00 p.m. - Washington County Conservation Board, Ainsworth
- March 18 - 6:00 p.m. - Dedham American Legion Hall, Dedham
- March 20 - 1:00 p.m. - Northeast Iowa Community College, Calmar
- March 23 - 6:00 p.m. - Orange City City Hall, Orange City
- March 24 - 6:00 p.m. - Lime Creek Nature Center, Mason City

A Factsheet on *Selling and Buying Manure in Iowa* is available

The latest Iowa Manure Manager Series fact sheet, *Selling and Buying Manure in Iowa*, has been finalized and posted to the web at: <http://www.agronext.iastate.edu/immag/pubs/imms/vol10.pdf>.

Resource for information on manure, manure plans, etc.:

- IMMAG Web site at <http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/immag/mac.html>
 - DNR Web site at <http://www.iowadnr.com/afo/appcert.html>
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7a. Swine CALENDAR

On-going opportunity: 2008 Sow Bridge – distant learning opportunity – 9 months remain

The monthly SowBridge programs are approximately 45 minutes in length and the educational programs are developed and presented by leading U.S. swine extension educators and researchers. For more information, contact the Iowa Pork Industry Center, phone (515) 294-4496

On-going opportunity: 2009 Pork Bridge – distant learning opportunity – 6 sessions/\$125 all sessions

The focus is growing-finishing pigs. Educational programs are developed and presented by leading U.S. swine extension educators and researchers. To participate in the first session, registration and payment must be received by Feb. 20. To access an online brochure for the Pork Bridge program, [click here](#). For more information, contact the Iowa Pork Industry Center, phone (515) 294-4496

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April 1 – RUSLE2 and Iowa P Index Workshop, Polk County Ext. Office, Altoona, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., \$??

Download the full brochure: <http://www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/rusle2/home.html>

April 9 – PQA Plus Certification meeting, Fayette Extension Office, Fayette, 3 - 5 p.m., \$25
Pre-registration is required. While walk-ins are welcome, commitments are needed to justify the meeting. For more information, contact Mark Storlie, mstorlie@iastate.edu or phone 563-425-3331

May 6-8 – 2009 Pork Management Conference, Fort Myers, Florida, \$395/\$435

Brochure:

http://www.pork.org/documents/News/Pork_Mgmt_Conf%20web%20brochure%202.pdf

June 9 – PQA Plus, Osage Municipal Utility, Osage, 10:00 a.m. to noon

TQA, Osage Municipal Utility, Osage, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required – please call 641-732-5574. Cost: \$25 for one or \$30 for both.

While walk-ins are welcome, commitments are needed to justify the meeting.

June 11 – PQA Plus Certification meeting, Fayette County Extension Office, Fayette, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., \$25

Pre-registration is required. While walk-ins are welcome, commitments are needed to justify the meeting. For more information, contact Mark Storlie, mstorlie@iastate.edu or phone 563-425-3331

7b. Youth Ag CALENDAR

April 25 to May 2 – 4-H Swine Weigh-in for the Iowa State Fair, various locations across the state

For more information, contact your local County Extension Office or Mark Storlie, mstorlie@iastate.edu , phone 563-425-3331

7c. Other Ag CALENDAR

March 27-28 – Women Around Ag Conference, Best Western Holiday Motor Lodge, Clear Lake, \$??

The entire conference program and registration information is available online at: [Women Around Ag Brochure](#) If you have questions, call 888-408-6606. Registrations are due March 13.

July 22 – 2009 Upper Midwest Manure Handling Expo, Boone, IA

The Expo will include exhibits, equipment demonstrations and educational programs.

Additional information is available at: http://www.ag.iastate.edu/wastemgmt/expo_home.htm

8a. Resources – IPPA

The IPPA has materials on the following topics. They are very helpful and to the point (8 to 12 page 8.25"x5.5" pamphlets). Request materials by calling IPPA 800-372-7675 or e-mail Tyler Bettin, Producer Education, tbettin@iowapork.org

1. Recommended checklist – suggestions for non-permitted sites, 8 page, \$0
2. Facility Leasing Checklist, 12 page, \$0
3. Legal Requirements for Marketing Pork Products... adding value to live hogs, 8 pages, \$0

8b. ISU

* **Ag Decision Maker** – Web site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/>

* **PIG** – Web site: <http://isu.porkgateway.org/>

* **Mortality Composting** – Web site: <http://www.abe.iastate.edu/pigsgone/>

* **Midwest Planning Service** – Web site: www.mwpsdq.org

* **Considering a Swine Niche Market?** A previous IPIC & ISU Extension program may provide some background, provide awareness, and raise important questions. Select “Comparing Swine Niche Marketing Opportunities” from the marketing topics posted on the IPIC web site:

<http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/topics.html#marketing>

The “Comparison Chart” asked 40 questions to nine organizations: Niman Ranch Pork Company, Organic Valley Pork, Truline Premium Pork, Five Star Premium Pork and 100% Berkshire Pork.

* **RURAL CONCERN HOTLINE:** 800-447-1985. Confidential, 24 hour, free resource to access range of expertise to help people make quality of life decisions.

8c. State of Iowa

* Iowa Attorney General, Environmental and Ag Law Division,

<http://www.state.ia.us/government/ag/farm.htm>

- information on production contracts and commodity production contract lien

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Enjoy Pork !