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PRODUCTION TIP

Keep an eye on corn

With the advent of warmer weather, farmers' thoughts turn to corn planting. (In fact, planting started last week on several ISU research farms as part of a date-of-planting trial that looks at the effects of planting corn at various dates.) Depending on winter weather and storage, the quality of stored corn can be affected, so remember to check it carefully before using. IPIC has a new fact sheet on mycotoxins that you'll want to download and read. John Patience of ISU animal science hopes you'll find the publication helpful in understanding what mycotoxins are and how their presence in corn can affect swine. "This fact sheet explains the relationship between molds and mycotoxins, and provides vital information on how to detect, prevent, and in some cases, utilize contaminated corn," he said. The 8-page fact sheet is available in pdf format on the IPIC Web site here <http://www.ipic.iastate.edu/publications/IPIC12.pdf>

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