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China pork demand could lead to record corn imports
If current trends in China's pork production and industrialization continue, the country's corn imports could approach 20 million metric tons per year within a five-year time frame, according to a report released by Rabobank's Food and Agribusiness Research and Advisory Group. China has recently been importing over 0.4 million metric tons of pork per year, in a world market with trade of less than 7 million metric tons per year.

VIDEO: Optimizing pig feed formulation
Speaking at Biomin's World Nutrition Forum in Singapore, Dr. Barton Borg of Murphy Brown LLC talks about different aspects of pig feed conversion, as well as where the U.S. stands in regard to use of feed enzymes.

September pork exports from Brazil up 46 percent from 2011
September pork exports from Brazil rose 45.98 percent in volume and increased 58.47 percent in revenue compared to the same month last year, according to the Brazilian Pork Industry and Exporter Association, Abipecs. Pork exports in September totaled 60,440 tons and shipments totaled US\$157.65 million, making this the best month of the year, both in volume and in revenue, despite a 5.14 percent drop in the average price.

USDA forecasts pork production, exports increase in US
For 2012, U.S. pork production is forecast higher despite total meat production forecast being reduced due to lower beef and broiler production forecasts, according to the latest World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. While the recent Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report indicated that producers intend to reduce farrowings through early 2013, it is expected that continued growth in pigs per litter will mitigate much of the decline in farrowings.

Pig International: A guide to successful sow feeding systems for group housing
Legislation specifying group housing of pregnant sows comes into law in the European Union on January 1, 2013 and may follow in other regions, which forces pig producers to review their management methods. This should include a re-evaluation of the sow feeding system, because they can play a huge role in overcoming some of the problems that could arise in group-housed sows.

Pig International: Managing pig diseases requires global cooperation
The fact that 50 percent of the world's pig population are in non-intensive production systems, poses a potential threat to global pig health—new investment is needed to modernize the industry and reduce disease risks. That was the message of pig health expert, Dr Dan Tucker, who delivered the Tom Alexander Memorial Lecture at the 22nd International Pig Veterinary Society in Jeju, Korea, in June.

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