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AGEC In Review



Extension Agricultural Economics

Department of Agricultural Economics

The mission of the Extension Economics Program Unit is “to provide effective leadership and education towards changing positively the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of constituent groups which can lead them to more informed economic choices across commodity, community, and resource areas.”

Programs in Extension range from Rural Community development to International Marketing and Trade; developing Ag Policy, Management and Marketing of every area within Agriculture. In addition to 28 faculty at College Station focusing in areas from Marketing and Policy, Management to Risk Management, there are 12 Economist and specialist Extension offices across Texas. More information is available at: <http://agrilife.org/agecoext/files/2014/10/IntroToExtAgEco9-21-2012.pdf> and <http://agecoext.tamu.edu/>.

District Economists and Specialists Near You:



- 1 Panhandle
- 2 South Plains
- 3 Rolling Plains
- 4 North
- 5 East
- 6 Far West

- 7 West Central
- 8 Central
- 9 Southeast
- 10 Southwest
- 11 Coastal Bend
- 12 South

NAMA

Congratulations to the National Agri-Marketing Association at A&M! They recently participated at the Annual Agri-Marketing Conference in Dallas and selected to the Semi-Finals. Undergraduate students— Anne Marie Wolff, Haley Crocombe, Jennifer Stanley, Brook Morrow, Kacey Webber, Estephanie Zermeno, Danielle Bracho and Graduate Students Stephen Cain, Justin Machado participated in the Student Marketing Competition composed of 29 teams from universities across the United States and Canada. The students developed a marketing plan over the fall and spring semesters which they presented in the competition against a total of 29 schools.



Senior Award Recipients



The following students received Outstanding Senior Awards from the Agricultural Economics department: Irey Aguilar, Sara Baker, Mitchell Byrum, Jonathan Ellison, Katherine Fisher, Marti Hanson, Graham Henkhaus, Macy Herzog, Blake Jessee, Youngho Kim, Victoria Ludolph, Emily Pruitt, Collin Schroeder, Anne Marie Wolff. In addition, Youngho Kim received the J. Wheeler Barger Outstanding Senior Award and Jonathan Ellison received the Tyrus R. Timm Graduating Senior Award. Congratulations! Thank you for all of your hard work!

Professor Focus: **Dr. John Park**



1. What are your research interests?

As part of our Extension faculty, I am very involved in extending knowledge generated at the university to the citizens of Texas. In my case, I support cooperative businesses. Thus, my research is applied to helping them be more profitable. This can include many different topics, like management decisions, leadership, personnel, finance, legal issues, and marketing.

2. What do you enjoy about working with students?

I greatly enjoy watching students grow from learning facts to applying their knowledge to new situations and making their own discoveries.

3. What do you hope your students will achieve?

I hope my students will learn to become life long learners. It is the inquisitive mind that will adapt to any situation and solve the problems that will have the greatest impact on our world. The majority of the important things you learn in this lifetime will happen beyond your experience at the university.

4. What is the most important piece of advice you would give a student?

Don't be overly focused on grades. Yes, they are important, and yes, they serve as an indicator of your potential for success. However, they are not the only indicator of success in the workplace. Don't be so caught up in the grade and what you must do for that A that you completely miss the message about why this knowledge is important. Focus first on your character (including integrity, honesty, diligence, patience, and kindness) and success will follow.



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See an Advisor

Students are invited to visit with Academic Advisors in the Agricultural Economics department. To reserve an appointment, stop by room 214 in the AGLS building or call (979) 845-4911. Advisors are available 8:30-11:00 AM and 1:30-4:00 PM. Please call early for an appointment so that you can choose the best time for your schedule.

Many answers can be found by reviewing the handbook that you received at your NSC or Change of Major meeting. The handbook is also available online at: <http://agecon.tamu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate/current-students/resources/handbooks/>

Have a GREAT SUMMER!!



SUMMER DATES

Wednesday, May 17:

- Graduation Application opens for Summer 2017 graduates

Monday, May 29:

- Memorial Day.
University holiday

Tuesday, May 30:

- First day of first term and 10-week classes

Friday, June 2:

- Last day to add/drop courses for first term and 10-week

Monday, June 19:

- Last day to Q-drop and withdraw for the first term

Friday, June 30:

- Last day of Summer I

Monday, July 3:

- Final Exams in Summer I
- No 10-week classes

Tuesday, July 4:

- University holiday

Wednesday, July 5:

- First day of second term

Monday, July 10:

- Last day for add/drop for Summer II
- Last day to apply for Summer graduation

Wednesday, July 19:

- Last day to Q-drop and/or withdraw for the 10-week

Tuesday, July 25:

- Last day to Q-drop or withdraw for Summer II.

Monday, August 7:

- Last day of class for Summer II and 10-week classes

August 11 and 12:

- Commencement and Commissioning

