Rosson’s Roundup

I hope your semester is going well and that all of your students are highly engaged. Our Spring graduate student enrollment figures are in and here’s the breakdown: Graduate Students: 116

- PhD 58
- MS 24
- MAB 32
- NonDg 2

One important thing to remember is that we graduated a record 64 students in December, so we are rebuilding to some degree. I’ll report on undergraduate enrollment next week.

Monday I met with the other department heads for breakfast. Our guest speaker was Dr. Doug Steele, Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. He did an excellent job of laying out some of his priorities and providing an overview of what to expect in the upcoming year. Dr. David Reed followed, discussing recent developments in graduate programs.

Also this week we had Tiffany Dowell interview for Extension Specialist and Attorney – at – Law. The slides from her seminar are posted on the secure web site, so if you were not able to attend her seminar, please take a look at the slides.

https://secureagecon.tamu.edu/department/aglaw/AMPresentation.pdf

I received a notice from C – FARE yesterday that David Anderson will be moderating a webinar on the impacts of the lean finely textured beef (LFTB), scheduled for 1 p.m. (CST), February 15. If you want to tune-in see the link below.

http://www.cfare.org/media_events/2013/cleaning-up-the-slime.php

Much of my time this week has been spent conducting faculty evaluations. It’s always amazing to me how productive we are and how often our faculty are cited by professional and popular press outlets. Please keep up the great work!!

Remember, if you are travelling to the SAEA meetings, please be on the look-out for good candidates for the two Extension positions in Corpus Christi and a soon-to-be announced Research water economist position in El Paso. Safe travels and hope to see you in Orlando. I’ll be passing the gavel to Wes Harrison, LSU and I’m looking forward to my role as Past-President of SAEA.

Stan Bevers, Professor & Extension Economist, Vernon, Texas

My primary responsibility is to conduct economic and risk management education in the Rolling Plains District of Texas. The district is made up of 24 counties in north central Texas. This area of Texas is unique for its hot and dry environment. Major crops include wheat, cotton, alfalfa, sorghum and peanuts. More recently, winter canola has been added as a potential crop. Cattle, primarily cow-calf and stocker cattle operations make up the bulk of the total revenue generated. In any given year, I will give approximately 40 presentations for clientele. My applied work is in the beef cow-calf arena where I maintain the Southwest Standardized Performance Analysis (SPA) database. This database is made up of production and financial information from 595 herd analyses, including over 400,000 breeding cows from Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. I annually complete approximately 10 analyses on ranches from the southwest up to Montana. Many of my presentations are based on results and findings from this data.
Assistant or Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics, Western Kentucky University
Department of Agriculture. Full-time, 9-month, tenure-track position at the Assistant or Associate Professor level, with responsibilities in teaching (9-credit hours per semester), research, and service. The candidate’s research and service are expected to include community outreach directed toward improving and promoting the local foods industry and farmers markets. PhD in Agricultural Economics or closely related field by time of appointment, training and experience in agricultural entrepreneurship, sales, and marketing. To Apply: Send letter of application, curriculum vita, copy of all transcripts, statement of teaching philosophy and research interest, and three letters of recommendation to: Chair of Agricultural Economics Search Committee, Department of Agriculture, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd #41066, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1066. For full consideration submit application by March 18, 2013.

Assistant/Associate Professor, Oregon State University, Agricultural & Resource Economics
The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREc) seeks applications for a tenure-track Assistant/Associate Professor position. This will be a full-time (1.00 FTE), 9-month position with a primary focus in the discipline of Agricultural Business Management. Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, business administration, management, marketing, or closely related field at the time of appointment. To review job posting and apply, go to: http://oregonstate.edu/jobs. Apply to posting #023550. When applying, you will be required to attach the following documents; resume/vita, cover letter of that clearly addresses all of the required qualifications and the preferred qualifications of the position; a statement of philosophy of teaching and research; names, addresses, and full complete contact information of four professional references; transcripts of all college and university work. Materials that cannot be attached electronically may be sent to: Cheryl.hoflich@oregonstate.edu. Please contact Penny Diebel at penelope.diebel@oregonstate.edu with questions about the position.

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Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday. Please send your information to valnoyes@tamu.edu