Rosson’s Roundup

First, the Tailgate. It was a huge success. We had more than 1,000 people in attendance, including former students, current students, faculty, staff, families and friends. I know we fed 750 and there were many more who simply came by to say hello, cool off a bit, and then move on to the game or another event. The Extension Outlook and Farm Bill Program was very well attended, with about 80 people in the Texas A&M AgriLife Center listening to David Anderson, Mark Welch, John Robinson and Joe Outlaw. We will definitely do this again, and thanks to Mark Waller for putting this program together. Thanks to all of our sponsors who supported this event and the next two we have planned this fall. A huge thank you to Norma Pantoja, Ed Rister, Dusty Menzies, Valerie Gerbig, and Alexis Benningfield who planned, coordinated and executed the tailgate. Also thanks to former student Matt Bobbitt of Global Events Group who handled catering and logistics. You can view the event on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/TAMUAgEcon. Thanks to Suzy Pryor for putting that page together and thanks to Jennifer Newsom for taking the pictures.

Professor Emeritus and Extension Specialist Jim McGrann was recognized at one of the top 50 most influential people in the beef industry. See more below. The Beef Top 50 award is well deserved, and please join me in congratulating Jim.

Welcome to Yvette Zhang who has accepted the position of Assistant Professor in Industrial Organization, Markets and Quantitative Analysis. She begins October 1 pending approval by the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Dean of Faculties. Congratulations, Yvette, and welcome!

Tuesday afternoon Danny Klinefelter and I attended the welcome reception for the new state Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Judith Canales. I’ve known Judy for about 15 years, first as an economic development specialist with the city of Eagle Pass, and then as an administrator in Washington, DC for FSA. She is excited to be back in Texas, and especially excited to be here in Aggieland. An enthusiastic supporter of agriculture, Judy is always a pleasure to work with and will be an excellent director. Congratulations, Judy, and welcome back!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We will begin interviews for the faculty position in the Economics of Energy, Water and Food Systems in early October, so watch for the schedules, coming soon!!

I’m heading to Washington, DC this week and plan to visit with the ANRP Interns from the Department on Saturday. We will be watching the SMU – Aggie game, along with numerous other Aggies belonging to the National Capital Texas A&M Club. Monday I’ll be attending the meeting of the Council on Food, Agriculture and Resource Economics. Have a great weekend!
Position Announcements

Four Assistant Professor Openings, University of Connecticut, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. Starting Fall 2014. Two Assistant Professors in Industrial Organization and Applied Econometrics Search #2014146. Two nine-month, tenure-track positions. We seek well-qualified candidates at the Assistant Professor level whose areas of specialization include industrial organization, applied econometrics, and/or public policy, with a focus on at least one of following: food markets, resource industries including energy, and/or food-related health issues. Assistant Professor in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics Search #2014143. A nine-month, tenure-track position in research (50%) and teaching (50%). Responsibilities: develop internationally recognized research program in environmental and natural resource economics (ENRE), particularly related to water and land resource use or development within one or more areas such as climate change/adaptation, coastal/marine resource use, watershed management, water-related ecosystem services, and associated economic/policy issues. Assistant Professor in Agricultural and Resource Economics (Food Security) Search #2014147. A nine-month, tenure-track position in agricultural and resource economics with an interest in food security and related economic and policy issues. We seek well-qualified candidates at the Assistant Professor level whose areas of expertise include development economics, household economics, production economics, marketing, and/or international trade, with research emphasis food security, sustainable food systems, agriculture, and/or fisheries. To apply: Submit the following materials through Husky Hire at http://www.jobs.uconn.edu/ (with the appropriate search #), no later than November 8, 2013: (1) a cover letter that indicates your vision and programmatic objectives for the position; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) graduate transcripts (unofficial okay); (4) publication sample or dissertation abstract, and (5) contact information for three references. If available, include copies of teaching evaluations or other evidence of teaching effectiveness. We will be interviewing at the ASSA meetings in Philadelphia, January 2-5, 2014.

Click here for more position announcements

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

Congratulations to Jim McGrann, retired Ag Economics Professor and Extension Economist, who made the BEEF Top 50 industry leaders list. To view the article, go to: http://beefmagazine.com/business/beef-honors-50-top-industry-leaders#slide-22-field_images-62722

Upcoming Birthdays

Bruce McCarl  9/22
Ed Price  9/24
Dusty Menzies  9/26
Vicky Salin  9/28
Rob Ostensen  9/28
Jim Mjelde  9/29
Roland Smith  9/30

Thank You!!

Connie M., Rebekka & Suzy

for hosting Friday coffee