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<u>Upcoming Events</u> June 30th-July 2nd-Extension Mtng. July 4th-Independence Day 10th-Staff Training: Export Control & Int'l Travel

This week I attended the Chancellor's Summit on Academic Technology. The event was held on campus, attended by faculty and administrative representatives from across the TAMUS. The summit began Tuesday evening with a reception at the Chancellor's residence. This provided an excellent opportunity to meet and visit with many colleagues from across the system who have similar interests. There was major emphasis on Management and Authorization for Distance Education, leading to a discussion of how colleges and universities across different states account for students taking courses in another state. Other sessions focused on establishing and maintaining quality of distant delivery, blended and on-line learning and overall accessibility to technology. There was an Information Technology update to close out the summit. Additional resources will likely be placed in IT infrastructure and on-line instruction across the TAMUS. Coordination of technology, course delivery/acceptance, and protocols across TAMUS campuses will take some time, but certainly appears to be something that needs to occur in order to multiply our distance education efforts. Thanks to Nathan Harness, Jeannie Izurieta, Jennifer Newsom, Suzy Pryor and John Siebert for participating in this event. Reports indicated that it was a productive event with follow up likely to occur.

Next week I'll be at our Extension Project Group meeting in Horseshoe Bay. It should be an excellent event, with an opportunity to meet with and visit our Specialists who are located in the Research and Extension centers across the state. This will also be a good time to discuss departmental direction and speculate a bit on the future.

Finally, I want to wish everyone an early Happy 4th of July. We won't have an Ag Eco Friday next week, so this is my chance to extend my best wishes and urge you to have a safe Holiday.

And, enjoy this weekend, too!

From Dr. Vedenov

It's hard to believe how fast the time flies, but all good things come to an end. Yesterday was the last day of 2014 France Agribusiness program. We took a bus from Angers to Paris and spent the afternoon saying goodbye to France. Majority of the students should be on their way home shortly. A couple students stayed behind to visit Europe for a bit longer. We had a fantastic group this year, the students had a lot of fun on the trip, made new friends, and had quite a few eve-opening experiences.

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Upcoming Birthdays

Dean McCorkle Shelly Peacock Lora Monsees Ron Knutson



In order to give the Commons Committee, and the people that make the coffee every Friday morning, a bit of a break, we have decided to only provide coffee this summer on June 6th, July 11th, and August 1st. Rm 209 will be open for any of you that would like to still gather at 10 o'Clock_to Visit, but please bring your own Coffee!

Position Announcements

Extension Agricultural Economist, K-State Research and Extension and Department of Agricultural Economics in conjunction with the Kansas Farm Management Association Southeast has two positions open in Ottawa and Chanute, Kansas. Plan and develop an Extension educational farm business management program for commercial farms cooperating with the Farm Management Association in Southeast Kansas. Provide technical expertise to the area Extension educational program in farm management. Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics, Accounting, Finance or related field and at least three years of acceptable performance in a position in one of the following areas: agricultural economics, agricultural finance, agribusiness, or accounting or Master's degree in Agricultural Economics, Accounting or related field. Screening of applications will begin on July 18, 2014 and will continue until the position is filled. Please submit a cover letter, resume, three reference letters, and all official transcripts to assure a review. The starting date for the position is on or after September 2, 2014 and is negotiable with the KFMA, SE Board of Directors and KFMA Administrator. Send cover letter, resume, and official transcripts; and, arrange for three letters of reference to be sent. Application material may be sent electronically to Mary Huninghake (<u>mhuningh@ksu.edu</u>) or may be mailed to: Kevin L. Herbel, KFMA Program Administrator, K-State Research and Extension, Department of Agricultural Economics, 308 Waters Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-4026, (785) 532-8706 FAX: (785) 532-6925. Electronic applications are encouraged.

Executive Director, Texas Citrus Pest and Disease Management Corporation, Inc. (the "CPDMC")

The CPDMC search committee seeks a technically-qualified and skilled manager to lead the CPDMC team and execute the objectives of the CPDMC. A candidate for the Executive Director ("ED") must have strong business management, technical, organizational, leadership and critical thinking skills in order to manage the CPDMC. Qualifications: Five (5) years of agriculture and/or business management experience, MS, MBA or PhD preferred, but not required for consideration; Minimum of four (4) years of experience in the following areas: Agricultural pest management, experience with area wide pest management preferred, Managing budgets, personnel and grant resources, Working with growers and producers; Experience with citrus pests and diseases (conventional and organic) preferred. Position is based at the CPDMC office in Mission, Texas, but some travel is expected. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications, benefits include health and retirement benefits. Qualified candidates should submit their cover letter, CV and references to Noel Troxclair by July 15, 2014 at noel@valleyag.org. For more information about the position and CPDMC, go to: <u>http://www.texascitrusgreening.org/news/</u> position-opening-executive-director-for-the-texas-citrus-pest-and-disease-management-corporation-inc/

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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