Rosson’s Roundup

The Extension Workgroup session last week at Horseshoe Bay was an excellent event. We had an overview of programs and program impacts from all of our state and program specialists. There are some really great programs being conducted around the state, and the nation. We started out with an overview of the department, followed by how to become more effective at seeking external funding to support our programs. Darin Paine, Jon Rigelsky and Patrick Williams did an excellent job on this, and led three concurrent sessions on identifying priorities and discussing how to make those priorities clear to our constituents. We also received an excellent overview of Farm Bill implementation and the decision aids being developed by the AFPC. Producers and farm organizations are eagerly awaiting the ‘official’ unveiling of these tools that will assist them to make decisions about which components of the legislation are most attractive to them. This was a highly-effective event and thanks to Mark Waller and Joe Outlaw for organizing the program, and thanks to Tracy Davis for coordinating facilities. Also, thanks to Danny Klinefelter and AFPC for hosting our social activities.

This week, I’ve been in El Campo and Odem discussing some of our programs and how important they are to Texas agriculture. Ed Rister, Mark Waller, Patrick Williams, and Jon Rigelsky also participated in these discussions with cotton and grain producers, farm organization leadership, and agribusinesses from across South Texas.

I’m headed up to Washington, DC tomorrow to attend the EIA Energy Conference and visit with some of our ANRP Interns, so it should be a very interesting trip.

Have a great weekend, and stay cool!!
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 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!

The WAEA meetings took place in Colorado Springs on June 22-24th.

Pictured here is WAEA President James Richardson and Russell Tronstad presenting Graduate Student Paper competition award to our own Alex Hlavinka. Others from TAMU participating in the WAEA meetings were J. Marc Raulston, George Knapek, Joe Outlaw, Brian Herbst, David Anderson, Sung Ju Cho, Sang Hyeon Lee, HongSeok Seo, and Sang Hyeon Lee. Our undergraduate Mason Parish was also named one of the Outstanding Seniors by WAEA.

A&M had a strong representation at the World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economics in Istanbul, Turkey. From left to right, Simone Cerroni (visiting student in 2009 or 2010) Rich Woodward, Sergio Colin Castillo, Marta Wlodarz, Pei Huang and Mario Fernandez.

### Upcoming Birthdays
- Ron Knutson 7/12
- Caroline Gleaton 7/14
- Pam Vernon 7/15
- Christy Knight 7/23

### Position Announcements

The University of Wisconsin at River Falls is seeking candidates for a 12-month, Extension-Teaching, tenure track position at the Assistant Professor level. The successful candidate will teach 3 classes per year and develop a state-wide extension program in one of the following areas: agricultural finance, agricultural human resource management or farm management. For full consideration, applicants should submit all required materials by August 25, 2014. The anticipated appointment date is December 1, 2014 or an alternative, mutually agreeable date. Complete information about the position and the application process is at: [https://jobs.uwrf.edu/postings/452](https://jobs.uwrf.edu/postings/452)

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Virginia Tech seeks an Assistant Professor with responsibility for scholarship on improving financial and economic well-being. The person holding this position will provide leadership to Extension and outreach programming. The person will also lead and conduct research to improve financial and economic well-being (e.g. personal and family finance, financial literacy and other economic needs) across the life cycle for urban and rural individuals and families of all ethnicities and backgrounds. This academic year, tenure track faculty position (75% Extension, 25% research) is located on the Blacksburg campus. The starting date is as soon as the successful candidate is available. Additional details and application information can be found at: [http://buff.ly/1quGF9m](http://buff.ly/1quGF9m)

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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