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## Upcoming Events

### July

27th-29th AAEA Annual Mtng.

### August

4th-6th Beef Cattle Shortcourse  
15th Graduation

## ***Rosson's Roundup***

First, congratulations to Mariel Braun and Adam Harrison who were selected as one of the eight national finalist teams in the Financial Planning Challenge. Also, Mariel will represent Texas A&M at the New York Stock Exchange on Monday. Mariel and Nathan Harness will be recognized for being awarded the TD Ameritrade Institutional competitive national grant for Next Generation Programs. Congratulations to both for a great work!

As I noted last week, the early part of this week was spent in Washington, DC at the EIA Energy Conference. There was a major focus on 'tight oil and shale gas,' and what's going on in Texas figured prominently in discussions of almost every panel and general session. Many of the slide presentations are located at the following link: <http://www.eia.gov/conference/2014/>. We heard from the director of the International Energy Agency, Maria van der Hoeven, Representative Fred Upton, Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Daniel Yergin, Pulitzer prize-winning author of *The Prize* and *The Quest*, both best-sellers about the development and future of energy sources and their roles in geopolitics. Jose Carrera, PEMEX, Silvia de Marucci, Panama Canal Authority and Valerie Karplus, the MIT China Energy Project also spoke as part of panels on various topics. There were also representatives from Chevron, Schlumberger, Microsoft and other major firms at the conference. The major thing that stood out to me was the lack of much, if any, economic feasibility analysis applied to many of the issues and alternatives that were discussed. This was clearly a major issue in the session on the Future of Biofuels and many others. A strong 'build it and they will come' mentality permeated most of the sessions. I believe there may be a great opportunity to work with some of the leadership of this group to ensure that economic analysis gets more consideration in the future.

I met with Dustin Bryant and Rick Mertens in our AgriLife DC Office. They are working on federal funding opportunities to support research related to the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV). Wednesday I had a meeting with the National Milk Producers Federation about, of all things, the use of immigrant labor on dairy farms. As you might know, immigration has become a 'hot' topic in DC again and some believe the time is right to make another push for reform of our immigration policy. After my return home, I met with about 40 transfer students and their parents Thursday morning to welcome them to the Department and provide an overview of what to expect here in Aggieland. I have another transfer student session week after next, and I believe we will have about 150 transfer students enrolled this fall. With the expected arrival of 80 AGBU and AGBU freshmen, that's a very solid group of incoming undergraduate students.

I hope you are all having a productive and enjoyable summer, and getting prepared for an exciting fall semester. Have a great weekend!!



Advice from a  
COW™



Be outstanding in your field 🍏 Eat plenty of greens  
Take time to ruminate 🐄 Know when to hoof it  
Swing your tail 🍏 It's OK to be a little moo-dy  
Be udderly brilliant!

### Upcoming Birthdays

Christy Knight	7/23
Emmy Williams	8/8
Oral Capps	8/13
Desmond Ng	8/16

*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 August 1<sup>st</sup>. 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**

**Assistant Professor** within the Agricultural & Resource Economics (ARE) program located in the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design, West Virginia University. Qualifications: An earned doctorate in natural resource economics, agricultural economics, economics or a related discipline including appropriate economics training is required to be considered for the position. Application: Qualified applicants should submit an application letter along with statements of teaching and research interests; a detailed resume of education, experience and qualifications; college transcripts (unofficial transcripts are acceptable); and the names, mail, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of three references. All correspondence should be sent to: Dr. Alan R. Collins, Search Committee Chair, Agricultural & Resource Economics Program, PO Box 6108, Morgantown, WV 26506-6108, [alan.collins@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:alan.collins@mail.wvu.edu), Office: (304)293-5486; Cell: (304)685-0906. Applications will be reviewed beginning September 15, 2014, and will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found.

**Teaching Instructor**, University of Arkansas, Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness.

Non-Tenure Track – Instructor, 100% teaching – 9 month appointment. An M.S. in Agricultural or Applied Economics or closely related field is required. The candidate must demonstrate excellence in teaching and the ability to mentor undergraduate students. While this is a 100% teaching position, the successful candidate will have the opportunity to work with other departmental faculty on research and Extension projects, which could include work during the summer months. Review of applications will begin August 4. For application instructions and more information, go to: <http://hr.uark.edu/jobdetails.asp?ListingID=7119>

**Assistant Extension Professor of Agricultural Economics**, University of Kentucky. This is a 12 month, tenure-track assistant extension professor position in farm management. The incumbent will develop a regionally, and ultimately a nationally, recognized extension program that will help farmers (and the extension agents who work with them) make effective decisions to meet their goals. Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or a closely related field is required, along with excellent oral, written and interpersonal communication skills. Application must be made online at <https://ukjobs.uky.edu>. The application deadline is September 15, 2014. Leigh J. Maynard, Chair, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, 400 Charles E. Barnhart Bldg., Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0276 Lexington, KY 40546-0091. Phone: (859) 257-5762. Email: [leigh.maynard@uky.edu](mailto:leigh.maynard@uky.edu)

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