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## **Upcoming Events**

**August**4th-6th Beef Cattle Shortcourse
15th Graduation

## Rosson's Roundup

Welcome back from Minneapolis to all who attended the AAEA meetings. The Department was well represented with more than 40 faculty and students in attendance. Our reunion Monday night went really well. We co-hosted along with Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU and Mississippi State. Several people noted we should include Missouri to make it a nearly complete SEC West Reunion. Congratulations to Marco Palma, Luis Ribera and David Bessler whose paper, "The Impacts of the Drug Trade on Latin American Food Production," received the Outstanding Research Paper Award from the Latin American Section of AAEA. Congratulations also go to our Academic Bowl Team that placed sixth among 29 teams from 15 schools (see below). Thanks to team members Logan Cline, Dillon Garr, Matthew Hanel, Madilyn Holmes, Betsy James and Kaitlyn McCarty, and to their coach, Dusty Menzies, for a job well done. Thanks also to all of the faculty and students who participated in the meetings with posters, selected papers, track sessions, organized symposia and other service to the profession.

Ray Dietrich had knee surgery July 22 and is now at home going through rehabilitation. All the best, Ray, and we wish you a speedy recovery.

Have a great weekend-and enjoy the cooler weather!



# Upcoming Birthdays

Emmy Williams 8/8
Oral Capps 8/13
Desmond Ng 8/16
Connie Smotek 8/22



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 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

Two Assistant Professor Positions, University of Massachusetts Amherst, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Department of Resource Economics. Environmental and Natural Resource Economics and Industrial Organization/ Managerial Economics/Applied Econometrics. Applicants are required to have a Ph.D. in agricultural/resource/applied economics, economics, or a related field as of September 1, 2015. To apply, submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, graduate transcript, and writing samples online at <a href="http://umass.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?">http://umass.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?</a>
<a href="mailto:JOBID=50839">JOBID=50842</a> Please arrange to have 3 letters of recommendation sent directly to: <a href="mailto:EnvEconSearch@resecon.umass.edu">EnvEconSearch@resecon.umass.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:IOSearch@resecon.umass.edu">IOSearch@resecon.umass.edu</a> respectively. Review of applications will begin November 1, 2014. The search will continue until the positions are filled. We will be conducting preliminary interviews of candidates at the American Economic Association annual meeting in January 2015.

Assistant Professor, California State University, Fresno, Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Agricultural Business Dept., Vacancy # 12291. This position is focused primarily on teaching in agribusiness and agricultural economics with preference in the areas of agricultural business management, agricultural policy, or agricultural regulatory environment. An earned doctorate (Ph.D.) in Agricultural Economics or closely-related disciplines from an accredited institution (or equivalent) is required; however, applicants nearing completion of the doctorate (ABD) may be considered. Review of applications will begin Sept. 29, 2014. To apply, applicants must complete an on-line application at jobs.csufresno.edu and attach the following: 1)curriculum vitae; 2) a cover letter specifically addressing required experience and preferred qualifications, and: 3)list of three professional references. Finalists will be required to submit 1) three current letters of recommendation and 2) official transcripts. For inquiries, contact: Dr. Srini Konduru, Search Committee Chair, California State University, Fresno, Department of Agricultural Business, 5245 N. Backer Ave M/S PB101, Fresno, CA 93740, Phone: (559) 278-2949; E-mail address: skonduru@csufresno.edu

**Economist-Extension Associate,** Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics. Bachelor's degree, three years professional experience, previous farm management experience, and ability to travel frequently required. Master's degree, and knowledge of fundamental farm management decision-making tools and principles of natural resource economics with applications to water quality and watershed management preferred. Apply via email to Mary Winnie at <a href="mailto:mwinnie@ksu.edu">mwinnie@ksu.edu</a>, letter of application, resume, transcripts, three reference letters. Screening of applications begins September 1, 2014. Direct questions to: John Leatherman 785-532-4492, <a href="mailto:jleather@k-state.edu">jleather@k-state.edu</a>. For more information, go to: <a href="mailto:http://www.ageconomics.k-state.edu/p.aspx?tabid=38">http://www.ageconomics.k-state.edu/p.aspx?tabid=38</a>

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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