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Upcoming Events

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Rosson's Roundup

Congratulations!! We were just notified that Yvette Zhang has been awarded the Texas A&M – National Natural Science Foundation of China Collaborative Research Grant for 2014/15. The competition for this award is extremely keen and her proposal was selected as the top research project to receive this highly prestigious grant. She will examine *The Impacts of Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions on Agricultural and Food Markets in the United States and China*. Congratulations, Yvette, on this great accomplishment!

This week we had our first 'official' Tailgate Committee meeting to plan the upcoming fall activities. As many of you know, this is nearly a year-round activity, with promotion, solicitation of support, and behind-the-scenes work. This year we are forming a committee so that more faculty, staff and students can be directly involved in the effort. I want to thank Steven Klose, Tracy Davis and Candice Foster for agreeing to serve on the Steering Committee, along with Fred Boadu and David Leatham. David Anderson, Tiffany Dowell, John Siebert and Yvette Zhang are on the Hospitality Committee-with more to be added. Graduate students on the committee include Justin Benavidez, Kyle Binder and Erin Hardin. I'll be contacting others of you and students to get involved with this activity. Our Tailgates will be for the Rice game (Sept 13-AgriLife Center and vicinity) and the Missouri game (Nov 15-Clayton Williams Alumni Center). October 11 is the College Tailgate before the Ole Miss game (AgriLife Center). Thanks to all of you who have agreed to provide this important service to the Department. And for those wanting to support these activities financially, be sure and contact Ed Rister before August 20.

Hail and Farewell!

Welcome to **Andrew Ropicki**, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist-Marine Economics, who is now 'officially' onboard at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Corpus Christi. He started August 1 and is getting settled into his new office and learning the South Texas area. Andrew also works with the Sea Grant Program and can be contacted at andrew.ropicki@ag.tamu.edu.

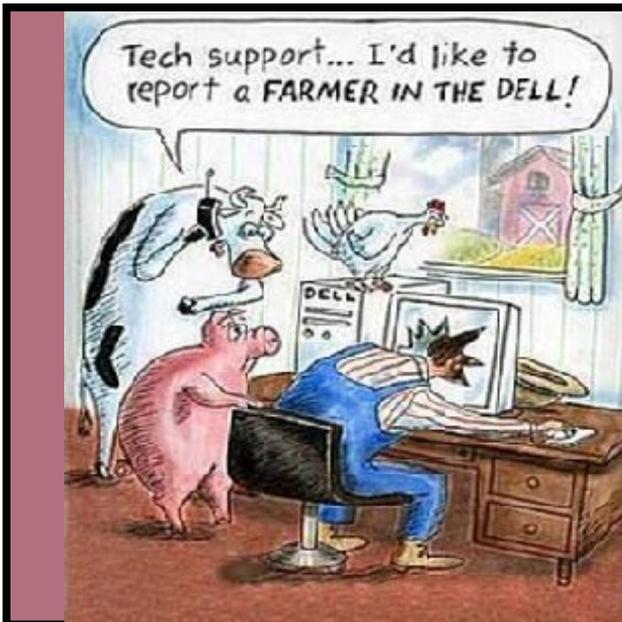
Also welcome **Luis Ribera** who is now Associate Professor and Extension Specialist-International Trade and Transportation, located in Room 327, AGLS Building. Luis will be on campus next week, so please stop by and welcome him to his new role in the Department. Luis will be working closely with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute in his new role.

Farewell to **Richard Dunn** who has accepted a position in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Connecticut. He begins his new position this fall. Thanks for your service to our Department and all the best in your future endeavors. I am especially appreciative of your work with our Honors students and the Honors Program. You were instrumental in moving this initiative to a new level.

This Tuesday, Joe Outlaw, James Richardson, Ed Riser, Mark Waller, Patrick Williams, Jon Rigelsky, Norma Pantoja and I met with a large group of producers, ranchers, farm credit, agribusiness and policy makers to discuss AFPC programs and the huge role this department center contributes, not only in farm policy, but in the overall analysis of critical issues important to the agricultural economy of Texas and the nation. As you might, suspect, there is tremendous support for their work. Thanks to James and Joe for directing this important program.

Thursday evening I attended the 15th year reunion of the Master of Agribusiness program in Houston. We had 25 former and current MAB students in attendance, and it was great event held at Brio Tuscan Grille. Many of our former students plan to come back to the Department this fall and be involved in the classroom, so that's an exciting, high-impact activity that made this endeavor worthwhile. Thanks to Vicky Salin and Jennifer Newsom for organizing this activity for our program.

Enjoy the nice mid-August weekend!



Upcoming Birthdays

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



Friday coffee

returns

September 5th!!



Position Announcements

Prosperity Bancshares Inc. (NYSE: PB), has an immediate opening for a **Financial Modeler/Statistician** to assist us with analyzing and developing a variety of financial models that are now required of banks our size. This individual would work directly with our chief financial officer and other members of the bank's executive team. An advanced degree (MS or PhD) in statistics, econometrics, quantitative finance, decision science, or operations research, 2-3+ years of experience developing statistical models with previous exposure to advanced time-series econometric modeling. Qualified interested parties should contact: Asylbek Osmonov, Chief Accounting Officer, Risk Management and Business Development, Prosperity Bank, (281) 269-2446, Asylbek.Osmonov@prosperitybankusa.com

The College of Agriculture at California State University, Chico is looking for a new Tenure Track **Assistant Professor**, California State University-Chico, College of Agriculture, Agricultural Business Program, Tenure Track position. For more information and application instructions, go to: http://careers.aaea.org/jobseeker/job/18942999/Assistant%20Professor%20of%20Agricultural%20Business/_company_/?vnet=0&str=26

Associate or Full Professor, The University of Georgia, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. Full time, Tenure Track, 9 month appointment at the associate or full professor level, teaching/research split negotiable. Build an internationally recognized research program that fits under the broad umbrella of food choice, food insecurity, obesity, nutrition, and health economics. A Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics, Economics, or a related field is required with strong knowledge of economic theory and quantitative methods, willingness to work in a team environment, and excellent oral and written communication skills. A track record of external funding success is required. Application: (1) a letter of application including a description of academic qualifications and experience; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) evidence of teaching and service experience (if any); and (4) names and contact information for three professional references. Please send materials directly to Dr. Jeffrey H. Dorfman, Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. Phone: 706-542-0754. Email: jdorfman@uga.edu. Electronic submission of applications is preferred, but not required. Closing Date: December 1, 2014. Expected Start Date: August, 2015.

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 <http://umass.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=50839> or [JOBID=50842](http://umass.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=50842). Please arrange to have 3 letters of recommendation sent directly to: EnvEconSearch@resecon.umass.edu or IOsearch@resecon.umass.edu 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.

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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