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Upcoming Events

September

26th-Aggies vs Arkansas **October**

4th-Aggies @ Mississippi State 7th-Retiree Coffee

11th-College Tailgate/Aggies vs Ole Miss

Rosson's Roundup

Last Saturday afternoon, Ed Rister and I visited with Doris and Robert Kensing of Menard. Robert is a Ty Timm Honor Registry member and also retired from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. He and Doris now raise goats and cattle, and were very happy with the rain they had received. The pastures looked remarkably better than they did on our last trip, about a month ago.

This week I had the opportunity to meet with Tom Zacharias, President of the National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS), located in Overland Park, Kansas. He received his BS and MS from our department and his PhD from the University of Illinois. Tom has been with NCIS since 1990. Although Tom was here primarily to speak with Joe Outlaw's AGEC 429 class in Agricultural Policy, I was glad he had time to stop in and see me. We were in graduate school together here and it's always great to have the perspectives of former students. Thanks to Tom for stopping by to visit the department.

Wednesday evening I attended the Texas A&M Institute for Advanced Study (TIAS). The new members were announced and their biographies were highlighted to the audience. Many of them were able to attend, so it was an interesting exchange. Previous TIAS members were also recognized. One thing that was apparent to me is the need to us to continue to try and 'land' one of these scholars in the department. I'd like suggestions from faculty on who might be good candidates.

Thursday evening, the MAB program held its Industry Leaders Forum. The focus of this year's event was Entrepreneurship. Panelists included Jeff Peterson, Cornell University; Blair Richardson (BS/AGEC), US Potato Board; Caleb Holt (MAB '09), Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service; and Madhu Jamallamudi (MAB '03), Wysocki Family Companies. This was a very enlightening discussion, with many lessons learned being shared with the students. Thanks to Vicky Salin and Jennifer Newsom for organizing this great event.

Saturday I'll be up in Dallas for the Arkansas-Texas A&M matchup. It should be a memorable game, and BTHO the Hogs!

Have a great weekend, and enjoy the cooler temps!!

USAID: DIPLOMACY IN EMERGING MARKETS

Presented by
The Honorable Marty McVey
USAID Board for International Food and Agricultural Development
President and CEO, McVey and Associates, LLC



Monday, October 6, 2014 1:30—2:45 p.m. Room 1110 of the Allen Building (Bush School)

Presentation open to all!

Sponsored by the Department of International Affairs Bush School of Government and Public Service Texas A&M University



New Publication

Senarath Dharmasena, George C.Davis and Oral Capps, Jr., "Partial versus General Equilibrium Calorie and Revenue Effects Associated with a Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax." Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, (August 2014), 39(2):157-174.

Online version is currently not available. If someone is interested getting the article, please email Senarath at sdharmasena@tamu.edu for a copy.

Upcoming Birthdays

Dusty Menzies	9/26
Vicky Salin	9/28
James Mjelde	9/29
Rich Woodward	9/29
Craig Wellington	9/29
Roland Smith	9/30



Thank You!!
Connie M., Suzy,
Rebekka, & Dan



for hosting Friday Coffee

Position Announcements

Tenure Track Faculty Position in Environmental Policy, School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), Indiana University-Bloomington Campus seeks applicants for a full-time, tenure or tenure-track faculty position on the Bloomington campus in the area of environmental policy. The position is open-rank; we particularly encourage applications from mid-career and senior faculty. Multiple hires are possible. We are especially seeking candidates who will support a research-oriented Ph.D. program, and have research expertise in one or more of the following areas, either in the domestic or international environmental policy contexts: water, climate change, natural resources, energy, sustainability, and transportation. Review of applications will begin October 15, 2014. Please submit a letter of application, a current vita, statements of research and teaching interests, a writing sample, and names and address of three persons who could provide letters of recommendation through our online application system https://indiana.peopleadmin.com. If there are any questions, please submit to: David Reingold. Executive Associate Dean for Bloomington. SPEA Room 300, 1315 E. Tenth Street, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405-1701. Inquiries or questions about this job announcement can be forwarded to search committee chair Sanya Carley at scarley@indiana.edu. For more information see: http://www.indiana.edu/~spea.

Extension Agricultural Economist, Kansas Farm Management Association, Southwest. This is a joint appointment between KFMA SW and K-State Research and Extension. Dodge City, Kansas. Screening of applications will begin on October 3, 2014. 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 December 1, 2014 and is negotiable with the KFMA, SW Board of Directors and KFMA Administrator. Required Qualifications: 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. To apply: 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 (mhuningh@ksu.edu) 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 For more information contact: Kevin Herbel, Administrator, Kansas Farm Management Association Program.

Office/Mobile: (785)532-8706; or, e-mail: kherbel@ksu.edu. The KFMA program website is www.kfma.ksu.edu.

Assistant Professor of AgriBusiness, Texas A&M University-Commerce, The assistant professor of agribusiness is a tenure track position and will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in agribusiness, agricultural economics, and general agriculture. The assistant professor will serve as advisor for undergraduate agribusiness majors. Ph.D. or DBA in agribusiness, ag economics, or closely related discipline, with at least 18 semester hours of graduate coursework in agribusiness or agricultural economics. Contact Person:Dr. Jose Lopez Phone:903-886-5623 Email Address: Jose.Lopez@tamuc.edu Apply URL: https://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/74612

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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