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Upcoming Events

October

31st-Halloween

November

1st-Aggies vs ULM

2nd-Daylight Savings Time
Ends

4th-Retiree Coffee



Rosson's Roundup

We have a team of students heading up to Salt Lake City, Utah today to participate in the academic team case study competition of the Food Distribution Research Society. All the best to Justin Benavidez, Stephen Cain, Will Carey and Lindsey Dodgen. Thanks to all, and to their dedicated coach and mentor, Senarath Dharmasena. I know they will do a great job and represent the Department extremely well.

Earlier this week, Flynn Adcock, David Anderson and I had the opportunity to travel to Grapevine to meet with two key groups of the National Milk Producers Federation. First, we made a presentation to their Immigration Task Force, providing an overview of the research we have done in the past and what we are planning for the future to examine the economic impacts of immigration reform, or lack thereof. Second, we met with their Delegates Committee, consisting of about 150 representatives of member cooperatives from across the country. This was an excellent opportunity to let them know about the potential impacts of losing migrant workers and how that affects income and prices, not only in the dairy industry, but throughout the US economy. We had a great set of meetings and are eager to get the project underway.

I had the final meeting with our new freshmen Tuesday afternoon. They received a 'Howdy' from me then I welcomed them and thanked them for choosing to be in the Department. I encouraged them to focus on academics, but also to participate in our clubs and other student organizations to build leadership and teamwork skills. I also stressed the importance of time management, developing a career focus and thinking about participating in an internship or some other high-impact activity. I believe they are a diligent group and they seemed excited to be here, so I'm optimistic we can rely on their leadership for the future.

Thursday afternoon I attended one of the sessions on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSOC) accreditation. The focus on these meetings is on assessment and how we can improve how we report the effectiveness of our programs. Weren't we just accredited in 2012? Yes, but with the recent acquisition of the Texas A&M School of Law and the Health Sciences Center, Texas A&M is considered a 'new' institution. You guessed it, we must be reaccredited, and this must occur by 2018. So, for us, this means we start now to assess how effective we will be over the next three years, which will be reported to SACSOC. The first submission of data is to the THECB in April 2016. The good news is that we get to choose what we want to assess, and it should measure what we value in terms of outcomes for our programs and how we can use that information to improve. What our internal assessment team at the University calls these measures are "degree defining moments." Be thinking about this. We will need to discuss it much more over the next few weeks.

Have a Happy Halloween and a great weekend. And, if today being Halloween isn't enough for you, today is also National Magic Day and National Increase Your Psychic Powers Day. So, have fun out there!! Oh, and BTWO ULM!!

****Reminder! Don't forget to RSVP to the AGECEC tailgate on Saturday, November 15th Missouri vs. TAMU.**

<http://tx.ag/AGECECTailgate>



AGEC MAB students met with Markus Frank from BASF and Chris Owens from Americold to learn about sustainability. Wondering what else the MAB students have been up to? Check out our latest newsletter here: tx.ag/SeastvM



AGEC 105 Honors at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Thank You!!

Grad Student Assoc.

for hosting Friday Coffee



Upcoming Birthdays

Tiffany Dowell	11/1
Dee Cochran	11/6
Brian Herbst	11/12
Jeanelle Windham	11/12
Norma Pantoja	11/29



Halloween May Have Roots in Agriculture

The last day of October is consumed with costumes, parties and trick-or-treaters, but Halloween got its start in agriculture. For ancient Celtic cultures, Oct. 31 was the last day of the year and a day to bring animals in for the winter and prepare meat for the colder days. Many latter day historians believe that day was the spooky, ritualistic practice of sacrificing livestock; however, Oct. 31 was also a day the Celts believed unsettled spirits roamed the countryside playing tricks. Costumes were a way to scare them off.

Reminder** Ag Economics Resources has been up-dated! Go to <http://agecon.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/DeptResources.pdf> to review the Department's resources and rules on decorating for the upcoming holidays!

Position Announcements

Assistant Professor of Agribusiness, Texas State University, Department of Agriculture.

9 month, tenure track teaching and research position in Agricultural Economics/Business with other duties as assigned. One summer session of teaching is expected. Qualifications include a Ph.D. in agricultural economics or agribusiness with primary expertise in finance, agribusiness management and quantitative methods. Applicants should submit a letter of application including a description of research interests, a resume/vita, and the names, contact information (email, mailing address, telephone) of three professional references to: Dr. Bob Davis, Search Committee Chair, Department of Agriculture, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 78666 Email: bd01@txstate.edu Phone: (512) 245-2130, Fax: (512) 245-3320

Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Colorado State University (CSU) invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS). This position also carries the title and responsibilities of Director of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES). The State of Colorado is currently poised to be a leader in agriculture higher education. The Dean is expected to represent CSU as a flagship university in agriculture innovation. As part of its Land Grant University heritage, it is expected that the Dean, in collaboration with the College faculty, will develop the connections and vision for the future of agriculture-related research and training. The College of Agricultural Sciences encompasses five departments: Agricultural and Resource Economics, Animal Sciences, Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, and Soil and Crop Sciences. The College's Strategic Plan and Strategic Initiatives can be found at: <http://home.agsci.colostate.edu/strategic-plan/> and <http://home.agsci.colostate.edu/strategic-initiatives/>. The position of Dean of Agricultural Sciences and Director of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station reports to the Provost and is a senior administrative position with a seat on the University's Council of Deans. The position is available July 1, 2015, for full consideration, applications should be submitted online by January 4, 2015, at: <https://agdeansearch.colostate.edu>. Applicants should include a letter expressing their interest and qualifications for the position; a separate two page philosophy of education, research, leadership, communications and management; a current curriculum vitae; and the names, and contact details of five references. References will not be contacted without prior notification of candidates. For more information, please contact Dr. Ajay Menon at 970.491.2398 or by email: Ajay.Menon@colostate.edu General information about the University and the College of Agricultural Sciences can be accessed at www.colostate.edu and <http://agsci.colostate.edu/>.

[Click here for position announcements](#)

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