Rosson’s Roundup

First, congratulations to Loren Burns who received the Department’s Staff Exceptional Service Award. Loren is the program manager in the Agricultural, Food and Consumer Economics Research Center (AFCERC). She has been in that position since 2012 and has a major positive impact on the order and organization of AFCERC and is a catalyst for much of the Center’s recent success. Thanks, Loren and Congratulations!!

This week we had JoJo Estrada and Craig Carpenter interview for the position of Assistant Professor and Extension Economist in Community Economics and Business Development. Things went very well, with both presenting seminars and visiting with various faculty and graduate students. Thanks to the search committee, chaired by David Anderson, and consisting of Rebekka Dudensing, Jason Johnson, Luis Ribera and Ed Rister. We will have a faculty meeting today at 1:30 in AGLS 301 to discuss both of these candidates and how to proceed.

Thursday afternoon, David Leatham, Ed Price, Leslie Ruyle and I met with a delegation from South Africa to discuss mutual interest and possibilities of collaboration. The group was composed of five representatives from the Eastern Cape Province. Their interests focused primarily on approaches that could be developed to have a greater positive impact on farmers in the region. Specifically, they wanted to pursue ways to integrate more business, entrepreneurship and conflict mitigation and resolution components into the curriculum of their educational institutions. Our plans are to follow up with them to develop opportunities for having some of their students come to Texas A&M and possibly for us to conduct some training for them in South Africa.

Welcome new employees Amy Connolly and Rachel Rose to our undergrad advising team. Please stop by 214 and give them a big howdy and welcome to the Department.

Finally, next week is 4 – H Roundup on campus. There will be about 4,000 young people, plus their families and friends, right across the street at Reed Arena. We can also expect to see groups of them here in the AGLS building starting Tuesday morning and continuing through Thursday afternoon. Rooms 125, 129, 200, 301, 501 and the AgriLife Center will be used at various times during the week. A full schedule of events can be found at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup/. Please help welcome these 4 – H members and prospective Aggies to Texas A&M!

Have a great weekend, and remember the Aggie baseball team is in the Super Regional at Fort Worth playing TCU starting at 2 p.m. Saturday. It should be a great weekend for baseball, and a couple of victories for the Aggie team!
Assistant/Associate Professor, Natural Resource and Policy Economics. 100% research, 12-month, non-tenure track appointment at the El Paso, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center. Academic appointment is with Texas A&M AgriLife Research in the Department of Agricultural Economics, The Texas A&M University System. Responsibilities include the development and leadership of state-wide and internationally-recognized research in natural resource and policy economics with emphasis on water resources. A Ph.D. in economics, agricultural economics, applied economics, or equivalent is required. Experience in conducting economic research, particularly in areas such as water management and policy, natural resource valuation, watershed modelling, and cost-benefit analysis of water and natural resource policy alternatives is preferred. Applications are to be made on-line at https://greatjobs.tamu.edu/ and include a letter of application relating the position description to personal career goals, curriculum vitae, copies of graduate college transcripts and names and contact information of three references. Address the letter to: Dr. Ari M. Michelsen, Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at El Paso, Texas A&M University, 1380 A&M Circle, El Paso, TX 79927-5020. For additional information on El Paso Research Center programs and The Texas A&M University System go to http://elpaso.tamu.edu/research Review of applications will begin July 15, 2015.

Assistant Professor of Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of Tennessee, Institute of Agriculture. This is a full-time, 12-month, tenure track position: 80% research (UT AgResearch), 20% teaching (College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources) appointment. The successful candidate will: 1) develop a nationally recognized research program focusing on agricultural/agribusiness finance and risk management; 2) teach undergraduate and/or graduate courses; 3) publish in high quality disciplinary and multidisciplinary journals; 4) acquire extramural funding; 5) mentor and supervise undergraduate and graduate students; and 6) participate in service activities of the Department, Institute, University, and profession. Qualifications: Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Finance or closely related field. The successful candidate will have excellent research, teaching, communication and quantitative skills and a willingness to work in multidisciplinary teams. Application: Screening of applicants will begin July 15, 2015 and continue until a suitable candidate is identified. To apply, send a current curriculum vita, a letter describing your interest in the position and your qualifications, and official transcripts to the address below. Arrange for three letters of reference to be mailed or e-mailed directly to: Dr. T. Edward Yu (Email: tyu1@utk.edu; Phone: 865-974-7411; Fax: 865-974-9492) Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, 314 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville Tennessee 37996-4518. Visit our website: http://economics.ag.utk.edu Position available beginning September 1, 2015.

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