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## Upcoming Events

### June 2015

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## *Rosson's Roundup*

First, some very good news on the faculty front: Reid Stevens will be joining us July 1, not August as originally planned. He's told me that he will be coming around to visit with many of you over the summer and hopes to get things off to a great start. I'll have more details on where he will be located and exact travel plans next two weeks. During the meantime, please take a minute to welcome him to the Department.

The main feature of this week's newsletter is an article provided by Fred Boadu on the recent study abroad trip he led to Ghana. So, thanks, Fred for leading this program and sharing the story with us.

### STUDY ABROAD TRIP TO GHANA – PROMOTING NON-TRADITIONAL EXPORTS

Nine students from the Department of Agricultural Economics department participated in a study abroad program to Ghana from May 17, 2015 to May 30, 2015. The theme for the trip was agribusiness in Ghana focusing on non-traditional exports. The Government is pursuing an export diversification policy that targets an increase in non-traditional exports from the current level of \$2.4 billion to \$5 billion in 2017. The United States has emerged as a favorite export destination under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) granting most-favorite nation status to most of Ghana's exports. Students were exposed to the policies and institutions supporting the non-traditional exports sector. Below are some pictures of the experience.



USDA/AMS has a dairy economics internship in Dairy Programs in Washington, D.C. It could be part-time during the coming school year; it could start in July full-time for the rest of the summer. It could run as long as 2 years, for someone local and if everyone is happy. The HR people will only process the first 40 applicants, and it closes on June 15. (This is the new way of doing things, and it does not mean we've already chosen our candidate; this is wide open.) <https://lnkd.in/eZqZpyy>

## Upcoming Birthdays

<i>Richard Conner</i>	<i>6/22</i>
<i>Dean McCorkle</i>	<i>7/3</i>
<i>Lora Monsees</i>	<i>7/5</i>
<i>Ron Knutson</i>	<i>7/12</i>



*The Next Friday  
Coffee will be  
June 19th*

## Position Announcements

**Chief Executive Officer**, Illinois Farm Business Farm Management Association, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Campus. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is expected to provide leadership and vision to the activities of Illinois Farm Business Farm Management (FBFM) Association with the overall objective of assuring Illinois FBFM continues to be recognized as the leading resource for financial and business consulting services to farmers throughout Illinois. Interested candidates should prepare: (1) a letter expressing interests and addressing their accomplishments related to the qualifications for this position, (2) a resume, (3), a statement of leadership philosophy emphasizing their vision for an organization like FBFM and their ability to foster staff development and visions of innovative products and services, and (4) contact information for three professional references (include name, title, address, phone, email) by close of business July 17, 2015 to Melissa Warmbie ([mwarmbie@illinois.edu](mailto:mwarmbie@illinois.edu)). For full consideration, all requested application materials should be submitted by July 17, 2015 to [mwarmbie@illinois.edu](mailto:mwarmbie@illinois.edu). Review of materials is expected to begin soon after July 17, 2015, and will continue until the position is filled. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential; references will be contacted only upon approval by the applicant. Applications will be considered until a finalist is identified. Proposed Starting Date: Negotiable with a strong preference for the person hired to begin on or around September 1, 2015. For additional information contact: Dr. Paul Ellinger, [ellingep@illinois.edu](mailto:ellingep@illinois.edu), 217-333-5503

**Extension Agricultural Economist**, Kansas Farm Management Association, Northeast (two positions available). This is a joint appointment between KFMA NE and K-State Research and Extension LOCATIONS: Hiawatha & Holton, Kansas (Please indicate if have location preference). RESPONSIBILITIES: Plan and develop an Extension educational farm business management program for commercial farms cooperating with the Farm Management Association in Northeast Kansas. Provide technical expertise to the area Extension educational program in farm management. 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. 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](mailto: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, 1603 Old Claflin Place, Manhattan, KS 66506-4026, (785) 532-8706 FAX: (785) 532-6925, e-mail: [kherbel@ksu.edu](mailto:kherbel@ksu.edu).

**Assistant Economist**, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Omaha Branch.

Provides research and technical support to senior staff economists on regional and agricultural research projects, policy-briefing material, and speeches to the public. Provides support by regularly collecting, analyzing, and summarizing data, conducting literature reviews, writing articles for Bank publications and making presentations to the public. Conducts regional and agricultural research as directed by supervising Economist; co-authors articles for Bank publications. Oversees the process associated with collecting data through the Bank's quarterly surveys on agricultural credit and agricultural lending conditions. Qualifications: Master's degree in Economics, Agricultural Economics, or a closely related field. Knowledge of agricultural markets and institutions, agricultural finance, or rural economics is strongly preferred. To apply go to: <https://www.kansascityfed.org/jobsearch> Search for Assistant Economist-241496.

[Click here for more position announcements](#)

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events

Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday.

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