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Upcoming Events

July

26th-28th-AAEA&WAEA Joint Annual Meeting

Rosson's Roundup

First, I want to congratulate Titus Awokuse who has been appointed Chair of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics at Michigan State University. Titus graduated from Texas A&M University in 1998 with a PhD in Agricultural Economics. Titus will assume his new role on August 15. Congratulations again, Titus!! Thanks to David Bessler for passing this information along to me.

Our 14 students returned from study abroad in France this week. After a month in the country, they are well versed in agriculture, agribusiness and agricultural policy affecting France and the European Union. They also received a solid foundation in French history and its relationship to contemporary food policy. Many thanks to Dmitry Vedenov who led this trip and coordinated their studies. I visited with Dmitry Wednesday and he believes it was a very productive experience. Also thanks to the Dean's Office for supporting this, and our study abroad programs as well. Next week Dmitry will provide us with a summary of their activities. The program is hosted by the Ecole Supérieure d'Agriculture in Angers.

I'm in Guatemala this weekend teaching a course in International Trade as part of our Executive Master's program at the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. This is our 20th year of the program and we now have more than 220 *graduates* out across the country and throughout Latin America.

Our migration to the Texas A&M University Exchange is progressing well. I've made the move with no problems at all, thanks largely to our own IT staff. For me the biggest issues centered around having continuing connectivity for desktop, laptop and of course, the ever present cell phone with email capability. I hope we have everyone moved over by the end of July. I know there have been some disruptions of email due to 'disappearance' of address, but I think all of those have been recovered quickly. Thanks to Suzy Pryor, Alex Rohr and Eduardo (Eddie) Villarreal for making this a very smooth transition!!

Have a great weekend!

Did You Know...

Texas leads the nation in cattle, cotton, hay, sheep, goats and mohair production. Texas leads the nation in number of farms and ranches, with 248,800 farms and ranches covering 130.2 million acres. Texas has more women and minority farm operations than any other state in the nation. Texas also leads the nation in value of farm real estate. Rural lands, including privately owned forest, total 142 million acres, 84% of the state's total land area. 12% of Texas' population resides in rural areas. 1 of every 7 working Texans (14%) is in an agriculture-related job. 98.6% of Texas farms and ranches are family farms, partnerships or family-held corporations. The average age of Texas farmers and ranchers is 58 years.

Upcoming Birthdays

Ron Knutson	7/12
Caroline Gleaton	7/14
Rachel Rose	7/16
Christy Knight	7/23



Thank You!!

Commons Committee

for hosting Friday coffee



Position Announcements

Area Agriculture Economics Specialist, Oklahoma State University has an opening for an area agricultural economics specialist in Southwest Oklahoma. M.S. in agricultural economics or closely related fields is required. This position is located in Stephens County, Duncan, Oklahoma and serves the SW Extension District. Provides educational leadership to county, district, and statewide OCES programs in the area of agricultural economics. A resume, a cover letter (which includes interests and background) and a list of three references with addresses and email addresses are required to complete the application process. In addition, official transcripts, with year terminal degree granted, are required and may be scanned and attached or mailed to: 235 Ag Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078, attention Amy Phipps. For more information go to: <https://okstate.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?id=499>

Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics, Western Kentucky University, Department of Agriculture. Full-time, 9-month (tenure track Assistant Professor) with the responsibilities of 70% teaching, 25% research and 5% service. The successful candidate is expected to assist with the development of a strong, regionally recognized and nationally competitive program focusing on agricultural entrepreneurship, sales, and marketing. Doctoral degree in agricultural economics, economics, or business field (i.e., marketing, management, entrepreneurship, finance, accounting, etcetera) by time of appointment. Send letter of application, curriculum vita, copy of all transcripts, statements of teaching philosophy and research interest, and three letters of recommendation to: Chair of Agricultural Economics Search Committee, Department of Agriculture, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd #41066, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1066. For full consideration submit application by July 26, 2015.

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor: Agricultural and Rural Cooperatives. The Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is seeking candidates for a twelve month, tenure-leading, open-rank, faculty position with an appointment of 40% extension, 35% research and 25% teaching. The incumbent is expected to create research-based educational programs for the Nebraska agricultural cooperative membership and for undergraduate students at UNL; and develop a research program pertinent to the management and financing of cooperatives in Nebraska and the United States. Required qualifications include PhD in Agricultural Economics, Economics, Business, or related field at the time of hire. To view the complete position details and apply for this position, go to the UNL Employment web site: <http://employment.unl.edu>. Search for requisition number F_150128 and click on "Apply to this job". Attach a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and contact information for three professional references. Review of applications will begin on August 7, 2015. For more information please contact the Search Committee Chair, Jeffrey Royer, by calling 402.472.3401 or by email at jroyer1@unl.edu.

[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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