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### **Upcoming Events**

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

First row, left to right: Allyson Spears, Macy Herzog, Bridget O'Brien, Rachel Victoria, Sara Baker, Sierra Shields.

Second row, left to right: Abby Christian, Madi Holmes, Emily Pruitt

#### Rosson's Roundup

First, congratulations are in order. Joe Outlaw has been notified that he will receive the National Award for Excellence in Extension. This honor is presented annually in November by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) and the USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The award reflects sustained excellence in Extension programming for visionary leadership and emerging issues, and integration of programs in partnerships with university colleagues and outside clientele. Congratulations, Joe, and thanks for a great job and your continued commitment to excellence in your programs!

The Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) annual meetings will be held in San Francisco next week. This year's meetings are held jointly with the Western Agricultural Economics Association, so you get two for one. The Departmental Reunion will be Monday evening, 9-11 in the Yerba Buena Ballroom, Salon 5, Lower B2 Level. As in the past several years, our reunion will be held jointly with LSU, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Auburn and Mississippi State, so I'm sure there will be some tall SEC tales told as the night rolls on.

Remember, we are recruiting for a position in Energy Market Analysis and Decision Making. So, please send prospects to visit with search committee members at the meetings: Rich Woodward, Yvette Zhang, or me.

Finally, we had a group of students take a study tour of Washington, DC last week and their experiences are highlighted below. Thanks to Dusty Menzies for organizing and leading this effort. More from Dusty:

"Members of the Department's Aggie REPS spent last week in Washington D.C. meeting with policymakers and touring the city. The trip began with conferences with members of the National Farmers Union and the USDA on Wednesday morning. The students got to meet Chandler Goule, Class of '99, who is VP of Programs for the NFU and members of several agencies within the USDA including the Farm Services Agency, Economic Research Services, and Rural Development agencies. On Thursday, the group had coffee with Senator John Cornyn and then met with Representative Pete Sessions for a short while before interns from Rep. Sessions' office gave a tour of the Capitol. Thursday concluded with a tour of the House Agriculture Committee Chambers and a meeting with Bart Fischer, Chief Economist for the House Ag Committee. The trip was not all spent on Capitol Hill as students were able to tour the Smithsonian Zoo, Arlington National Cemetery, the Georgetown and Alexandria districts, plus spend a day visiting the National Monuments and the Smithsonian museums. Between the policy discussions with Mr. Goule, Mr. Fischer, and the representatives from the USDA, the museums and monuments, and the amazing food, the students had a wonderful experience. Even though their feet are still sore from all the walking (over 40 miles in 4 days!), they are all ready to go back again."

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AAEA/WAEA meetings. Have a great weekend!

# INVESTING IN THE FUTURE Getting Down to Your Roots

Mr. J. E. Mudd was an AgEco former student that graduated in 1943. He has named the first Endowed County Agent position. Please go to the link below to view the entire article.



http://www.txamfoundation.com/s/1436/gid3give/2014/index.aspx?sid=1436&gid=3&pgid=3908&utm\_source=tamf-newsletter&utm\_medium=email&utm\_content=2015-july-opportunity-ag&utm\_campaign=college-impact-agrilife

#### Don't forget:

## Annual Benefit Enrollment Time

Go to <a href="http://www.tamus.edu/business/benefits-administration/annual-enrollment/">https://sww.tamus.edu/business/benefits-administration/annual-enrollment/</a> for more information. View and make changes to your benefits online through <a href="https://sso.tamus.edu">https://sso.tamus.edu</a>. Use your Unique ID number (UIN) and Single Sign On (SSO) password, then click on <a href="https://sso.tamus.edu">iBene-fits</a>, which is available 24/7 through July 31.

# **Upcoming Birthdays**

Amy Connolly 7/25 Ed Rister 7/28 Emmy Williams 8/8



# Next Friday Coffee August 7th

#### Position Announcements

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Practice. The Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is seeking candidates for a nine-month, non-tenured, open-rank, Professor of Practice position with an appointment of 80% teaching and 20% research. To view the complete position details and apply for this position, go to the UNL Employment web site: <a href="http://employment.unl.edu">http://employment.unl.edu</a>. Search for requisition number F\_150151 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 September 30, 2015. For more information please contact the Search Committee Chair, Brad Lubben, by calling 402.472.3401 or by email at <a href="blubben2@unl.edu">blubben2@unl.edu</a>.

Tenure track Assistant/Associate/Full Professor in Risk Management. The Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University is seeking a self-directed candidate to develop an internationally recognized program of scholarly research, outreach, and teaching in risk management and farm-level decision making. The candidate must have a Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, business, marketing, management or other closely related field. Send applications to <a href="EconJobMarket.org"><u>EconJobMarket.org</u></a> here: <a href="Applink">Applink</a> Your application to EJM.org must include a short statement describing research, teaching and Extension interests, graduate transcripts, a writing sample, contact information for three references, and curriculum vitae. Please label your pdf application files using this naming convention: LastName:Application Letter, LastName:Statement, LastName:CV, etc. Screening of applicants will begin October 1, 2015. Date Available: August 2016. For further information: <a href="web-berdl@purdue.edu">web-berdl@purdue.edu</a>, <a href="https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/Job-Opportunities.aspx">https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/Job-Opportunities.aspx</a>

Tenure track Assistant Professor of Agricultural Trade and Global Sustainability. The Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University is seeking an outstanding individual to develop a nationally recognized program in international agricultural trade and global sustainability. The candidate must have a Ph.D. in agricultural and applied economics, economics or another closely related field. Applications must be sent to: <a href="https://www.EconJobMarket.org">www.EconJobMarket.org</a> here: <a href="https://www.EconJobMarket.org">Applink</a> Your application to EJM.org must include a short statement describing research, teaching and Extension interests, graduate transcripts, a writing sample, contact information for three references, and curriculum vitae. Please label your pdf application files using this naming convention: LastName:Application Letter, LastName:Statement, LastName:CV, etc. Screening of applicants will begin December 1, 2015. Date Available: August 2016. For further information: <a href="mailto:weberdl@purdue.edu">weberdl@purdue.edu</a>, <a href="https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/Job-Opportunities.aspx">https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/Job-Opportunities.aspx</a>

#### 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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