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## **Upcoming Events**

August
31st-Fall Semester Begins
September
5th-Aggies @ Arizona
12th-AGEC Tailgate
Aggies vs Ball State

### Rosson's Roundup

It's been a busy week leading up to the start of Fall Semester.

Joe Outlaw was recognized by the Extension Directors of the southern region at their meeting in Orlando, Florida this week. Joe received the Excellence in Extension Award for his work on the latest farm bill. His plaque is in the accompanying picture. Congratulations, Joe, for the great work!



Tuesday I was in Lubbock with Joe Outlaw and James Richardson. We met with the Texas Corn Producers Board to thank them for their support of the work being done by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center related to analysis and implementation of the new farm bill. AFPC led a nationwide effort to assist producers to make crucial financial decisions related to participation in crop and livestock programs. Their efforts have been recognized by commodity organizations, USDA and Extension Directors across the country. This has been a team effort involving our District Economists, campus-based Specialists and Program Specialists throughout Texas.

Wednesday afternoon I met with the new Master of Agribusiness students, and if I counted correctly, we have 23 in this cohort, which is excellent. I believe they represent 13 countries, so this is also a very diverse group.

I'm going to meet with all of the graduate students this afternoon to give them an 'official' welcome to Aggieland and the Department of Agricultural Economics. This is always a great experience for me.

As we prepare for the beginning of the semester on Monday, I'll be visiting many of the classes to welcome our students. As I've said before, I won't stay long, but do want to remind them that we are glad to have them in the Department and that we would like for them to be engaged in what we do. So, I'll mention tailgates, clubs, study abroad, research and internships, to name a few activities they can pursue.

REMINDERS: Our first tailgate will be held before the Ball State game on September 12. The invitations are out, so please respond. On Friday, September 11 we will have a room naming ceremony in 301 AGLS. This event will recognize Lane and Phyllis Keller, supporters of our Financial Planning program, and Lane's father, Bo Keller, for whom the room will be named. Immediately following, we will have our fall Kick-Off under the tent in the tailgate area. On Saturday at 1:30 we will have an Extension Outlook program conducted by David Anderson and Marco Palma. Then, there will be the induction of Dan'l Almy and Joe Pennington into the Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry. So, please plan to attend as many of these events as you can. I expect many of our former students will be here and it provide an excellent opportunity to meet and visit with them.

Have a great weekend, see you Monday!!



# **AGEC Tailgate**

September 12, 2015 Ball State vs. Texas A&M

# **Upcoming Birthdays**

Debbie Childs8/31John Penson9/1Gene Nelson9/9Rebekka Dudensing9/14



Next Friday Coffee
September 4th



### Position Announcements

Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. The successful candidate will be have 60% extension and 25% research, and 15% teaching duties beginning August 23, 2016. Responsibilities include developing and implemnting a strong extension and applied research program in agribusiness management, economic development, marketing, finance, and/or food economics. Minimum qualifications include a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or related field, excellent oral and written communication skills, and excellent training in microeconomics and quantitative methods. This is a full-time, 11-month, tenure track position with an anticipated start date of August 23, 2016. The successful candidate's primary academic appointment will be at the Storrs campus with the possibility of assignment at one of UConn's regional campuses. To apply, click on <a href="https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/5920">https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/5920</a> to be redirected to Academic Jobs Online to complete your application. Submission must include (1) your curriculum vita, (2) graduate transcripts (not necessarily official copies), (3) publication samples and/or dissertation abstract, (4) three letters of references, (5) a letter of interest that includes your vision and programmatic objectives for this position and (6) commitment to diversity statement (including broadening participation, integrating multicultural experiences in instruction and research pedagogical techniques to meet the needs of diverse learning styles). To ensure full consideration, applications should be received no later than November 1, 2015. The application review process will begin November 1, 2015. Direct inquiries to <a href="mailto:AREsearch@uconn.edu">AREsearch@uconn.edu</a>, enter 2016073 in the subject line or call 860-486-2836.

Assistant Professor, California State University, Fresno, Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Agricultural Business Dept. This position is focused primarily on teaching in agribusiness and agricultural economics with preference in the areas of agricultural business management, agricultural policy, or agricultural regulatory environment. An earned doctorate (Ph.D.) in Agricultural Business, Agricultural Economics, or closely-related disciplines from an accredited institution (or equivalent) is required; however, applicants nearing completion of the doctorate (ABD) may be considered. For appointment, the doctorate must be completed by the date of appointment (8/15/2016). Review of applications will begin September 21, 2015. To apply, applicants must complete an online application at <a href="http://jobs.fresnostate.edu">http://jobs.fresnostate.edu</a> and attach the following: 1) a curriculum vitae; 2) a cover letter specifically addressing required experience and preferred qualifications, and; 3) a list of three professional references. Finalists will be required to submit; 1) three current letters of recommendation and 2) official transcripts. For inquiries, contact: Dr. Todd A. Lone, Search Committee Chair, California State University, Fresno, Department of Agricultural Business, 5245 N. Backer Ave M/S PB101, Fresno, CA 93740, Phone: (559) 2784455; Email address: tlone@csufresno.edu

Associate Director for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Mississippi State University Extension Service. Mississippi State University Extension Service seeks nominations and applications for the position of Associate Director for Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Associate Director for Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) reports to the Director of Mississippi State University Extension Service (MSU-ES). Visit <a href="https://www.jobs.msstate.edu">https://www.jobs.msstate.edu</a> to view qualifications required for this position. Applications must be submitted online at <a href="jobs.msstate.edu">jobs.msstate.edu</a> (PARF #8773) and should include: 1) a curriculum vita; 2) letter of application; 3) names, addresses and telephone numbers of five references; and, 4) academic transcripts. On-line, electronic applications are required, so visit the Mississippi State University web site (<a href="https://www.jobs.msstate.edu">https://www.jobs.msstate.edu</a>) for more information and instructions regarding this position, inquiries and nominations should be directed to Dr. C.W. "Bill" Herndon, Associate Vice President, Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine, P.O. Box 9800, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS 39762-9690; Phone: 662-325-2630 or <a href="mailto:cwh1@msstate.edu">cwh1@msstate.edu</a>.

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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