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**Upcoming Events**

**July**

- 4th-Independence Day
- 6th-Faculty Meeting 10 a.m.
- 7th-Summer Session II starts
- 10th-Friday Coffee 10 a.m.

***Rosson’s Roundup***

Let me take this opportunity to officially welcome Reid Stevens to the Department. Reid arrived July 1. His office is located in Room 342 and he is getting settled into his new surroundings. Please stop by and welcome Reid to Aggieland!

This week we interviewed Samuel Zapata and Basu Bhandari for the position of Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist-Farm Management, located at the Research and Center in Weslaco, District – 12. We have a faculty meeting **Monday morning at 10 a.m.** to discuss the path forward for this position, so please attend and provide your input.

William Keeling has accepted our offer for the position of Extension Program Specialist-1 Risk Management with an anticipated start date of August 1, 2014, located at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Our students have returned from the study tour of China. Justin Benavidez, Madie Holmes, Coryne Levine and Denisse Trejo participated in a field trip organized and led by Yvette Zhang. They traveled from Shanghai to Beijing, seeing much of China’s agriculture and agribusiness in between. Below is Yvette’s synopsis of the trip:

*“In Shanghai we visited the financial district including the famous Oriental pearl TV & radio tower. We took a guided tour in Shanghai World Financial Center to understand economic development in China. We also toured historical sites in Shanghai such as the previous British and French colonies. We then traveled to Xi’an to places important in Chinese history and religious diversity such as Terra Cotta Warriors, Wild Goose Pagoda and the Muslim street. We visited a local pomegranate farm in Xi’an. In Beijing we visited historical sites such as Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, the Great Wall and shopped in the local markets. We took a guided tour in Beijing Xiaotangshan modern agricultural science and technology park to understand the agricultural production and agricultural cooperative system in China. One highlight in Beijing was that the cable car we took on the Great Wall happened to be the same one Michelle Obama took last year! In Beijing, we also visited a GMO outreach site of one of China’s largest agricultural companies. The trip was a great experience for our students and they learned a great deal about Chinese agriculture, agribusiness, policy and culture.” Yvette Zhang*



Special note: The SAEA June newsletter is now available at: <http://www.saea.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/june15.pdf> The SAEA annual meeting will be at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio, Texas on February 6 – 9, 2016.

Finally, the Department will close at noon on Friday in observance of Independence Day. I want to wish all of you a safe, fun-filled and relaxing Fourth of July. Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!!

## Just For Laughs

*A farmer in the country has a watermelon patch and upon inspection he discovers that some of the local kids have been helping themselves to a feast. The farmer thinks of ways to discourage this profit-eating situation. So he puts up a sign that reads: **WARNING! ONE OF THESE WATERMELONS CONTAINS CYANIDE!**"He smiled smugly as he watched the kids run off the next night without eating any of his melons. The farmer returns to the watermelon patch a week later to discover that none of the watermelons have been eaten, but finds another sign that reads: **NOW THERE ARE TWO!**"*



## Upcoming Birthdays

<b>Dean McCorkle</b>	<b>7/3</b>
<b>Lora Monsees</b>	<b>7/5</b>
<b>Ron Knutson</b>	<b>7/12</b>
<b>Caroline Gleaton</b>	<b>7/14</b>



**Next Friday Coffee  
will be on  
July 10, 2015**

## 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](mailto: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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