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## Upcoming Events

### **January**

29th-Seminar

### **February**

2nd-Retiree Coffee

AGLS Career Fair

8th-10th SAEA

## ***Rosson's Roundup***

On Monday, there were three producers from Japan on campus who were interested in Extension programs and how they might be implemented in their regions of the country. They produce orchard crops, wheat, potatoes, onions and various legumes. I believe they were impressed with the structure of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and particularly interested in how we have the capability of delivering programs from campus to each of our 254 counties in the state. Another important aspect of our departmental programs that impressed them was our ability to conduct research and extension education on a wide variety of issues and areas of interest. Steven Klose provided an overview of the Farm Assist program, which provides in-depth financial and strategic analysis for individual farms and ranches. Marco Palma talked about horticulture marketing, the new efforts underway in neuroeconomics and the implications for marketing of fresh produce. I think this group of producers left with an excellent feel for our capabilities from both programmatic and institutional perspectives. They finished their day at the National Center for Electron Beam Research facility to get a better understanding of technologies such as X-ray and eBeam and how they may be used to protect foods and enhance their quality. Thanks to Steven Klose and Marco Palma who did a great job in educating this group on our capabilities!

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize James F. "Jimmy" Dodson '74 of Robstown, who was re-elected as Chairman of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas Board of Directors. Jimmy is a Tyrus R. Timm Honor Registry member and active supporter of the Department and its programs. He has served on the FCBT Board since 2003 and has been Chairman since 2012. Jimmy owns and operates Dodson farms which includes cotton, grain sorghum and seed sales businesses. He also serves on the boards of the Gulf Coast Cooperative and the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council. He is the past chairman of the National Cotton Council of America and the Texas AgFinance Board of Directors. Please join me in congratulating Jimmy on his re-election and thanking him for his service to Texas agriculture.

**REMINDERS:** The AGLS Career Fair will be held Tuesday, February 2 in the Bethancourt Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center. The Fair will run from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. I expect to see many more firms represented this year based on the overflow demand last year. I also imagine many more students will have the opportunity to visit with business and government representatives to discuss career opportunities. This promises to be an excellent event and I encourage you get over to the MSC and take a look.

Finally, have a great weekend and get out and enjoy Spring in January!! Too bad it's not baseball season yet, but we do have a Big 12-SEC basketball showdown with Iowa State at 1:00 p.m. Saturday-if you have tickets! It should be a wild game!

## ***New Publication***

Andres Silva and Senarath Dharmasena., January 2016, "Considering Seasonal Unit Roots in a Demand System: An Empirical Approach." *Empirical Economics*. (Online access <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs00181-015-1052-6>)



### **Politics Defined Agriculturally**

**SOCIALISM:** You have two cows. The state takes one and gives it to someone else.

**COMMUNISM:** You have two cows. The State takes both of them and gives you the milk.

**FASCISM:** You have two cows. The State takes both of them and sells you the milk.

**MILITARY DICTATORSHIP:** You have two cows. The State takes both of them and shoots you.

**BUREAUCRACY:** You have two cows. The state takes both of them, accidentally kills one and spills the milk in the sewer.

**CAPITALISM:** You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull.

**PURE DEMOCRACY:** You have two cows. Your neighbors decide who gets the milk.

**REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY:** You have two cows. Your neighbors pick someone to decide who gets the milk.

**AMERICAN DEMOCRACY:** The government promises to give you two cows if you vote for it. After the election, the president is impeached for speculating in cow futures. The press dubs the affair "Cowgate".

**ANARCHY:** You have two cows. Either you sell the milk at a fair price or your neighbors kill you and take the cows.

### ***Upcoming Birthdays***

**John Siebert** 2/01

**Fred Boadu** 2/18

**Ron Griffin** 2/18

**Douglass Shaw** 2/18

**Reid Stevens** 2/18



## ***Thank You!!***

### ***Dr. Siebert***

*for hosting Friday coffee*



### ***Position Announcements***

**PhD Research Assistantships**, Colorado State University (Fall 2016): Area of Study: Applied Food Economics and Policy and Water Economics. The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (DARE) at Colorado State University is recruiting up to two PhD students to participate in research projects in the general area of Food Economics, Marketing and Policy, Economics of Local or Regional Food Systems, and/or Industrial Organization **and** two PhD students to participate in research projects in the general area of water economics. Apply online: <http://graduateschool.colostate.edu/prospective-students/apply/> Specific information about the program can be found at <http://dare.agsci.colostate.edu/graduate/graduate-programs/> For more information, please contact Marco Costanigro, Chair of the Graduate Program: (970) 491-6948 [marco.costanigro@colostate.edu](mailto:marco.costanigro@colostate.edu)

**Assistant Professor**, Environmental Policy at Northeastern Illinois University, Department of Geography & Environmental Studies. Tenure track, PhD is required by time of appointment. The successful candidate will play a leading role in the department's environmental policy and management track of the Environmental Studies B.A. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy and research plan, and contact information for three references (at least one addressing teaching effectiveness) to [ges-search@neiu.edu](mailto:ges-search@neiu.edu) with subject "Environmental Policy Position." Please attach all of your application materials as one PDF file. Priority will be given to applications received by February 1, 2016. Appointment begins August 2016. For more information please consult <http://ges.neiu.edu>.

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

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