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Rosson's Roundup

Congratulations to Levi Russell and Mac Young who are members of the team that received 2016 Friends of Southern IPM Pulling Together Award. The award was presented at the Southwest Branch of the Entomological Society of America last week in Tyler. They are part of the Sugarcane Aphid Team. Thanks Levi and Mac for your great efforts on this and congratulations again!

As we wind down Staff Appreciation Week, I want to again thank all of our staff for the efforts that make us an exceptional department. I see many of their actions on a daily basis and know that they go above and beyond without being asked and make major contributions to all we do. So, thanks for your diligence and dedication, and congratulations on jobs well done!

Congratulations to Candice Foster who received the 2016 Exceptional Staff Service Award. Candice has worked tirelessly on the departmental tailgate committee, while simultaneously balancing her demanding duties with the Farm Assist Team. Great work, Candice, and thanks for all of your efforts.

Congratulations to two-time Olympic skeet shooter, Connie Smotek, who has been selected by the U.S. Olympic Committee to serve on the inaugural U.S. Center for Safe Sport Board of Directors. The Center is an independent nonprofit organization developed to address abuse in sport. It's focused on safety and well-being of athletes. She is one of only two board members who are former Olympians! Great job, Connie, and all the best in this pioneering work you are doing. We appreciate your dedication to the Olympic ideals and the safety of athletes.

Thursday and Friday I'm attending the International Livestock Congress – USA in Houston. The theme this year is Opportunities and Challenges to Beef's Role in Feeding the World. The keynote speaker is Gerda Verburg, Netherlands Ambassador to the UN Food Agency. Temple Grandin, Colorado State, moderated a panel on Animal Welfare and Sustainability. The session was followed by a panel of students who did an excellent job.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the basketball, softball and baseball teams! Softball is on the road at a tournament in San Diego, CA, while the Lady Aggies Basketball team is embroiled at the SEC Tournament. It should be exciting times in Aggieland this weekend with a conference basketball championship on the line and the Yale Bulldogs at Olsen Field!

Dr. Ron Griffin

Professor, Texas A&M University

Incentive Portfolios for Water Scarcity

Water allocation under constraints, especially with continued growth, occasional drought, and noisier climate, brings attention to whatever contributions economics can summon. Although economics can be beneficially applied to project analysis (e.g., of new dams), the political process is not very interested in this input. Dr. Griffin will focus on the improved scarcity-signaling available from econ-championed strategies, especially marketing (of privately held water rights) and pricing (as conducted by utilities) while trying to include some of the nuances and Texas implementations. Decision making at all government levels has been slow to embrace efficient signaling, but the potentials are strongly compelling.

Friday, March 4th

1:00 pm

AGLS 301

New Publication



Palma, Marco A., Bridget K. Behe, Charles R. Hall, Patricia T. Huddleston, and Tom Fernandez. 2016. "Tracking position premiums in discrete choice experiments." *Applied Economics Letters*.

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13504851.2016.1150941>

Upcoming Birthdays

<i>Ariun Ishdorj</i>	3/4
<i>Jennifer Braziel</i>	3/9
<i>Brandi Blankenship</i>	3/9
<i>Candice Foster</i>	3/12



Thank You!!

Commons Committee

for hosting Friday coffee



Position Announcements

USDA's FSA-Global Policy Analysis Division posted a new position on the USAJOBS website on February 29, 2016. They are very interested in hearing from ag economics graduate students who might be able to fill this role. The position is for a GS-9/11/12 agricultural economist. Details and application instructions are located at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/430709100/>. Applicants should apply directly with the USAJOBS website, and if they have questions there are contacts listed on the job announcement. Closes March 14, 2016.

Assistant Professor of Agribusiness, The University of Louisiana at Monroe, College of Business Administration and Social Sciences Agribusiness Program. This appointment is nine-month, tenure track appointment with the primary responsibility of teaching. Research/scholarly activity and service responsibilities are required at a level necessary to achieve tenure and promotion. Applications will be accepted immediately and reviewed. The application process will close on April 15th, 2016. Interested candidates should send a letter of application, current vita, and three letters of recommendation (along with names, telephone numbers, and email addresses) to: James Casey, Program Coordinator, Agribusiness, College of Business Administration and Social Sciences, University of Louisiana at Monroe, 700 University Avenue, Monroe, La 71209, Phone: (318) 342-1100, Email: jcasey@ulm.edu

Executive Extension Agricultural Economist, K-State Research and Extension/Kansas Farm Management Association. Send cover letter, resume, and official transcripts; and, arrange for three letters of reference to be sent. Application material may be sent electronically to Mary Huninghake (mhuningh@ksu.edu). For more information, contact: Kevin Herbel, Executive Director, Kansas Farm Management Association Program. Office/Mobile: (785)532-8706; or, e-mail: kherbel@ksu.edu. The KFMA program website is www.AgManager.info/KFMA.

[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.

Please send your information to valnoyes@tamu.edu