Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had a restful, enjoyable holiday break.

As we move into 2017, the first order of business is the Texas A&M AgriLife Conference starting Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in Rudder Theater. The keynote address is at 2:30 and will feature Rikin Gandhi, CEO of Digital Green, an independent, non-profit that supports more than 1.5 million small farmers across South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. The awards ceremony is at 4 p.m. Congratulations to Ed Rister who will be receiving the Partner in Philanthropy Award from the Texas A&M Foundation!

Tuesday morning sessions begin at 8:30 with a welcome by Dr. Hussey. Directors Steele and Nessler will provide State of the Agency addresses at 9:30, which should be interesting as we move in the Texas state legislative session. There will be awards luncheons at noon for Research and Extension. Wednesday morning’s session will focus on Innovations is Pedagogy, with Dusty Menzies making a presentation on his approach and techniques. There will be a session on working with Sponsored Research Services (SRS) on Thursday morning. Please see the full agenda for details—but this looks like an excellent opportunity to congratulate our colleagues on their great work, network and learn something new about our work environment. I hope many of you can attend. The agenda is located at [http://agrilife.org/conference/2017-conference-agenda/](http://agrilife.org/conference/2017-conference-agenda/)

Have a great weekend—and keep the home fires burning—really, it’s going to be very cold!!
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Position Announcements

**Assistant or Associate Professor and Extension Specialist** - Farm Management, Department of Applied Economics, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, University of Minnesota. This is a 9-month, 100% time, 60% Extension and 40% Research, tenure-track appointment at the rank of assistant or associate professor. Criteria and requirements for tenure are subject to University Policy. This position includes responsibilities for extension and research programs related to farm management. A Ph.D. in applied economics, agricultural economics, economics, or a closely related field. Apply online at: [http://employment.umn.edu and search for Job #314441](http://employment.umn.edu). Cover letter and CV must be attached online. Other required documents can be mailed to address listed below. 1) Letter of application that explains your vision for this position and how your career goals, training and experience support your candidacy; 2) A complete curriculum vitae; 3) An official graduate transcript; 4) Examples of written work; and 5) Contact information of three individuals who can serve as a reference and comment on your abilities and experience. Email inquiries about the position are welcome, but formal application process is required. Send all materials that cannot be submitted online by January 17, 2017 to: Terry Hurley, Search Committee Chair, University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Economics, 1994 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108, [fmsearch@umn.edu](mailto:fmsearch@umn.edu)

**Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Agribusiness Position** at The University of Arizona (Land Grant Institution), Tucson, AZ. The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREC) is seeking applicants for an Assistant Professor position to conduct research and teach courses in agribusiness, managerial economics, finance, and related areas. This is a 9-month, tenure-track (1.00 FTE) position with opportunity for promotion in rank with tenure. The position is 60% research and 40% teaching with the expectation the candidate will teach 3 courses- undergraduate and/or graduate- each academic year. Reviews will begin January 16, 2017. For many more details and to apply please use the following link: [http://uacareers.com/postings/14929](http://uacareers.com/postings/14929)

**Director**, Oklahoma Water Resources Center and Thomas E. Berry Professor in Water Research and Management. This is an 11-month, tenured faculty and administrative position with responsibility of providing vision and leadership for water related research, Extension, and education programs at Oklahoma State University (OSU). Applicant materials should include a letter indicating interest, qualifications and experience, a curriculum vita, and a list of five names, with telephone number and e-mail address who may be contacted for additional information. Submit applications electronically to [jobs.okstate.edu req2700](http://jobs.okstate.edu req2700). Questions may be addressed to Dr. Ray Huhnke search committee chair, via email to [raymond.huhnke@okstate.edu](mailto:raymond.huhnke@okstate.edu)

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](mailto:valnoyes@tamu.edu)