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Southwest Beef Symposium held in New Mexico

TUCUMCARI, NEW MEXICO – The Southwest Beef Symposium, a joint effort between Texas AgriLife Extension and New Mexico State University, was held Jan.20-21, 2010 in Tucumcari, NM.

The annual meeting and trade show provide an educational forum tailored for beef producers in West Texas and New Mexico. The symposium was established to provide producers with timely information about current industry issues and practical management.

236 producers attended this year representing more than 50,000 head of cattle. The average cow herd was 1,231.

Dr. Ron Gill, associate department head for Extension and livestock specialist; Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo; and Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Extension livestock specialist in Fort Stockton, all presented educational information.



Dr. Ron Gill, left, along with Curt Pate, rancher, AQHA professional horseman and regional experience clinician from South Dakota, perform a live cattle demonstration to teach effective stockmanship skills and inform cattlemen about the importance and benefit of proper cattle handling.

The event drew media attention from *Livestock Weekly*, *BEEF* magazine and *Feedlot* magazine.

En Español --

Webpage translated into Spanish for broader reach

The “USDA Beef Grading” webpage (<http://meat.tamu.edu/beefgrading.html>) located on the Meat Science at Texas A&M website (<http://meat.tamu.edu>) is the most accessed page each month. In January 2010, this page was viewed 6,866 times, more than four times more than the second-ranked page. As a way to expand this topic to a broader audience, Dr. Ali Lopez, visiting professor in the Department of Animal Science, translated the page into Spanish. “La calidad de la carne bovina y grados de rendimiento” can be found at <http://meat.tamu.edu/beefgrading-spanish.html>. This is the first page to be translated, and it is hoped that more pages of interest to Spanish-speaking audiences will be available in the future.



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Smith presents research at TX Human Nutrition Conf.

Dr. Stephen Smith, professor of meat science, presented “Grain-fed beef is healthier than grass-fed beef: an argument for enriching beef with oleic acid” at the 37th annual Texas Human Nutrition Conference on Feb. 5 in College Station.

The title of the conference was “Slippery Slope to Health: Adding Good Fat Back to the Diet.”

Aggie Equestrian Team -- Animal Science students earn MVP honors

WILMER & WACO – Animal Science sophomore Megan Webb and senior Maggie Gratny each earned MVP honors during Texas A&M Equestrian Team competitions.

Webb claimed her second MVP award during flat rides at competition again SMU held at BuckBranch Farm in Wilmer, TX, Feb. 5. This extended her winning streak to three.

Gratny earned her fourth consecutive MVP award in reining on Feb. 13 against Baylor at the Willis Family Equestrian Center.

NRHA Reiner magazine features Horse Judging Team



“Gig ‘em Aggies: TAMU claims team and individual high scores” headlines the article in the February 2010 *NRHA Reiner* recapping the NRHA Futurity Intercollegiate Judging Contest in which the Texas A&M Horse Judging Team won first place as well as garnered several individual honors. Go to <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/nrha-judging-article.pdf> to view the three-page story.

Upcoming events

Mare/Foal Workshop (February 24, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Brett Scott <bdscott@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-1562.

Horse Management 101 (February 25, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Brett Scott <bdscott@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-1562.

Equine Metabolic Disease, Neonatal Health and Disaster Management Conference (February 26, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Brett Scott <bdscott@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-1562.

Livestock Judging Clinic (March 27, 2010 - Pearce Pavilion) - For more information, please contact Jake Franke <jfranke@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7616 or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/youth/judging-clinic-10.pdf>.

Spirit of Aggieland Inaugural Sale (April 18, 2010 - 1 p.m. - TAMU Beef Center) - For more information, please contact Paul Maulsby at 979-862-4736 or at <beefcenter@tamu.edu>.

56th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course (Aug. 2-4, 2010 - College Station)- For more information, please contact the Beef Cattle Extension office <extansc@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-6931 or visit <http://beef.tamu.edu>.



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