

Animal Science Weekly

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Southern Section, ASAS held in Orlando

ORLANDO, FLORIDA – Department of Animal Science faculty members and graduate students attended the 2010 annual meeting of the Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science (SS-ASAS) held in conjunction with the 107th annual convention of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) in Orlando, Fla., Feb 7-9, 2010.

Dr. David Forrest, professor and associate head for academic programs, chaired the graduate student competition. Dr. Andy Herring, associate professor and assistant head for academic programs, moderated the Animal Breeding and Genetics section. Dr. Jason Banta, assistant professor and Extension beef cattle specialist, Overton, was elected as chair of the Extension program for 2011. Dr. Tom Welsh, professor, chaired the 2010 SS-ASAS Young Animal Science Teaching Award committee and also helped organize the 2010 SS-ASAS meeting in his role as secretary/treasurer. Next year, he will serve as president-elect.

Dr. Mark Hussey, vice chancellor and dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences, was elected as the 2010-2011 president of SAAS.

The 2011 SS-ASAS meeting will be in Corpus Christi and hosted by the TAMU Department of Animal Science.

Graduate student wins award

Whitney Williams, master's candidate working under the direction of Dr. Luis Tedeschi, won third place in the graduate student competition at the Southern Section, American Society of Animal Science. Her award-winning presentation was entitled "Evaluation of in vitro gas production pattern and bacteria profile of corn milling (co)products using 16S rDNA bacterial tag-encoded FLX amplicon pyrosequencing."

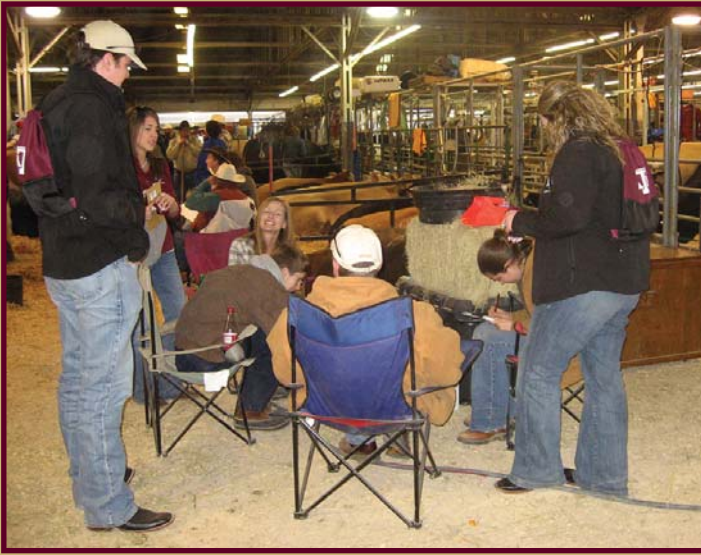
Research was also presented by Bryan Agado and Aimee Hafla. Agado, working under the direction of Drs. Ron Randel, David Riley and Tom Welsh, presented "Evolution of exit velocity in the suckling Brahman calf" in the undergraduate student competition.

In the graduate student competition, Hafla, a doctoral candidate advised by Dr. Gordon Carstens, presented "Relationships between feed efficiency traits and scrotal circumference and semen-quality traits in yearling bulls."

Several other papers presented in the physiology, animal breeding and genetics, and ruminant animal production sessions were co-authored by Animal Science graduate students and faculty members. This includes students Nicole Burdick, Lisa Caldwell, Andrea Loyd, Marcos Marcondes, Egleu Mendes, Shane Morgan, Carl Muntean, Anna Poovey, Chase Runyan, and faculty Dr. Andy Herring, Dr. Jim MacDonald, Dr. Ted McCollum, Dr. Ron Randel, Dr. David Riley, Dr. Jason Sawyer, Dr. Randy Stanko, Dr. Luis Tedeschi and Dr. Tom Welsh.



Aggie REPS hit the ~~pavement~~ Barn



SAN ANTONIO -- Animal Science Aggie REPS (Recruiting Exceptional Prospective Students) visited the livestock barns at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition on Feb. 17 to talk with the many youth there showing animals about the prospect of becoming an Aggie and majoring in Animal Science.

The livestock show provided the REPS an opportunity to target these students interested in animals and agriculture in a laid back situation and to talk with them on a one-on-one basis.

Aggie REPS facilitate recruiting and public relation efforts for the department and work at activities like Aggieland Saturday, S&S Futurities, the Beef Cattle Short Course and also provide prospective student tours.

The group's advisors, Donna Witt and Kelly Essler, accompanied them to San Antonio.



Left, Aggie REPS Colton Atkins, Kandi Knippa, Joslyn Kotzur, Kaleigh Burnett, Nicole Kenney, Gatlan Gray and Melanie Moore.

Sigler presents information in NC

Dr. Dennis Sigler, Extension horse specialist, presented "Feeding and Management of Young Horses" and "Nutrition-Behavior Interactions in Horses" at an Advanced FEEDMASTER Certified Feed Specialist Training seminar hosted by Southern States Cooperative in Raleigh, NC Feb. 10-11. Those in attendance were feed company managers, sales representatives, nutritionists, store managers and feed store sales people. Southern States is a member-owned cooperative which owns nine feed mills, 73 member cooperatives, 132 retail services and serves 853 private dealers across the entire east and southeastern states region.

Riley named Guest Coach



Ray Riley, Rosenthal Center manager, was selected as a "Guest Coach" and was recognized at the Feb. 22 Aggie baseball game at Olson Field.

A&M students nominate a favorite lecturer/professor for his/her dedication to Texas A&M's educational values and local community support. The Guest Coach is presented two tickets to an Aggie sporting event, given a shirt and recognized during pre-game activities.

The Guest Coach program is sponsored by the Physicians Centre Hospital in partnership with Texas A&M athletics.

Recent publications

Calabrese, R., and T.H. Friend. 2009. Effects of density and rest stops on movement rates of unrestrained horses during transport. *J. Equine Vet. Sci.* 29:782-785. Doi: 10.1016/j.jevs.1009.10.005.

Bingham, G.M., T.H. Friend, P.A. Lancaster, and G.E. Carstens. 2009. Relationship between feeding behavior and residual feed intake in growing Brangus heifers. *J. Anim. Sci.* 87:2685-2689. Doi:10/2527/jas.2009-1851.

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.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association General Meeting (March 10, 2010 - 5:15 p.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge) - For more information, please contact club president Anna Povey at <two_two86@tamu.edu>.

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>.

Texas A&M University Show Cattle Camp (May 28-30, 2010 & June 4-6, 2010) - For more information, please visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/beef/beef-center/camps/show-cattle-camp/index.htm> or contact Paul Maulsby at 979-862-4736 or by email at <beefcenter@tamu.edu>.

Horse Judging Camp (June 2-4, 2010 & June 16-18, 2010) - For more information, please visit the website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/tamu-horse-judging-camp.htm> or contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at 979-845-7731 or by email at <cac@tamu.edu>.

Livestock Judging Camp (June 13-15, June 20-22 & June 23-25, 2010) - For more information, please visit the website at http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/livestock_judging_camp.htm or contact Jake Franke at 979-845-7616 or by email at <jfranke@tamu.edu>.

Aggieland™ Lamb & Goat Camps (July 16-18, 2010 & July 23-25, 2010) - For more information, please visit the website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/sheep-goats/sheep-center/youth-camps/index.htm> or contact Dr. Shawn Ramsey at 979-845-7616 or by email at <sramsey@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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