

# Animal Science Weekly

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## Stephanie Burns awarded Brown-Rudder Award

COLLEGE STATION – Stephanie Burns of San Antonio, animal science graduating senior, was presented the Texas A&M University Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award during Commencement on May 14, 2010.

The Brown-Rudder Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a graduating senior.

“The Brown-Rudder Award is the pinnacle of student awards at Texas A&M. The award recognizes excellence in campus involvement, leadership and academic achievement,” said Dr. Chris Skaggs, associate dean for student development in the College of Agriculture

and Life Sciences.

“Stephanie epitomizes excellence in all these areas and has certainly made a difference during her time at Texas A&M. She is truly the best of the best and most deserving of this award.”

While at A&M, Burns served as president and CEO of the Memorial Student Center, a Maroon Coat through the Texas A&M Foundation, and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi. She also received a 2010 Senior Merit Award. Burns served as an equine undergraduate research student and assistant, was named a National Society of Collegiate Scholar and was awarded the Buck Weirus Spirit Award in April 2009.



Class of  
2010

The Department of Animal Science congratulates the May graduates! Receiving doctoral degrees were Kim Jin Young, physiology of reproduction, and Andy Michael Laughlin, physiology of reproduction. Earning a master of agriculture in animal science were Clayton Tyler Bearden, Vanessa Luz Sutton and Tanner Cole Winter; and earning a master of science in animal science were Andre De Stefani Aguiar, Zachary Joseph Rambo and Chelsey Lynn Spurgin; in animal breeding - Lauren Lorene Hulsmann; and physiology of reproduction - Blake David Bloomberg. 116 students were awarded a bachelor's degree in animal science and one student received a bachelor's degree in dairy science. We wish you all much success in your future careers and educational pursuits.



## TJLA/Texas AgriLife Extension Camp attracts more than 400 interested in raising, showing livestock projects



COLLEGE STATION – The 2010 Texas Junior Livestock Association/Texas AgriLife Extension Camp was held May 7-9, 2010 at Texas A&M University campus in College Station.

More than 400 parents and children from across Texas involved in raising and showing livestock projects gathered to learn about feeding and managing livestock projects, issues in animal agriculture, leadership skills and post-high school educational opportunities.

The event was coordinated by Jason Cleere, associate professor and Extension beef cattle specialist;



*Paul Maulsby, beef center manager, performs a fitting demonstration for the camp attendees.*

Chris Boleman, Texas 4-H program director; and Cherie Carrabba, executive director of TJLA. Educational demonstrations were conducted by Larry Boleman, Paul Maulsby, Brandon Callis and Will Dickison, and numerous animal science undergraduate students assisted with the program.

## Students complete Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, 2010-2011 class announced

COLLEGE STATION – Four students in the Department of Animal Science were recognized for completing the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program during a reception held May 13, 2010.

Katherine DeHaan, Nicole Kenney, Amanda Smith and Carson Ulbrich each completed the year-long program that involved developing a proposal, conducting the research and submitting an undergraduate thesis.

Faculty advisor for DeHaan is Dr. Glenn Holub; Kenney - Dr. Tryon Wickersham and Dr. Jason Sawyer; Smith - Dr. Jeff Savell and Dr. Kerri Harris; and Ulbrich - Dr. Jeff Savell and Dr. Davey Griffin.

Approximately 60 undergraduate students from all TAMU academic colleges and from the Galveston campus completed the requirements for the program.

Greta Monson, animal science major, was introduced as a 2010-2011 undergraduate research scholar. She will be working under the direction of Wickersham.

The Undergraduate Research Scholars Program began in 2006 and enables junior and senior students to actively participate in independent research projects.

## Cattle handling, BQA training held at Sulphur Springs Livestock Auction

SULPHUR SPRINGS – The Northeast Texas Beef Improvement Organization and Texas AgriLife Extension teamed up on April 28 to hold a Cattle Handling and Beef Quality Assurance training for 48 employees of the Sulphur Springs Livestock Auction. Jason Cleere, Ron Gill and Thomas Hairgrove organized the program. Cleere demonstrated proper BQA procedures and Gill demonstrated safe and effective cattle handling techniques when moving cattle through a livestock market.



*Jason Cleere, far right, discusses BQA procedures with livestock auction employees.*

## East Texas beef producers, AgriLife Extension county agents tour central Texas

CENTRAL TEXAS – A group of 43 East Texas beef cattle producers and Texas AgriLife Extension county agents participated in a “Post-Cow-Calf Operation Tour” around central Texas on May 12-13, 2010.

Jason Cleere coordinated the tour for the group and traveled with the group during the 2-day program. The tour traveled to Capital Land and Livestock in Schwertner for a tour of the facility and visited with Jim Schwertner, Jimmy Schwertner and Jeff Heffernan. They then traveled to Texas Beef Council headquarters in Austin to meet with Richard Wortham and TBC staff. They received an update on TBC promotional activities and were treated to a steak dinner.

The next day, the tour led the group to Graham Land and Cattle in Gonzales and went on a tour of the feedyard. Jay Gray, Josh Gray and Maurice Janda visited with the group about feeding cattle. The last stop on the tour was the Texas A&M University Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center. Dan Hale and Davey Griffin discussed carcass quality and demonstrated how a beef carcass is fabricated into retail cuts of beef.



1) Group photo at Capitol Land and Livestock; 2) Touring the Graham Feedyard; 3) Jim Schwertner discussing Capitol Land and Livestock's mission; 4) Jay Gray providing an overview of the Graham Land and Cattle Operation; 5) Davey Griffin discussing meat quality.

## King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management schedules Symposium on Excellence

The King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management, Texas A&M University-Kingsville will hold the 7th annual HOLT CAT® Symposium on Excellence in Ranch Management on October 28-29, 2010. This year's theme will focus on risk management. Learn how to find a unique approach to help manage the forces that put ranch business at risk, and how to convert things that threaten your ranch into opportunities or strengths. Early registration is \$150 per person; registration after October 15 is \$200. For more information, contact the KRIRM at 361-593-5401 or go to <http://krirm.tamuk.edu/symposium.html>.

For a list of additional events go towards the Texas AgFinance Certificate Program in Advanced Ranch Management, go to <http://krirm.tamuk.edu/certificateprogram.html>.

## Recent publication

Lawrence, T. E., N. A. Elam, M. F. Miller, J. C. Brooks, G. G. Hilton, D. L. VanOverbeke, F. K. McKeith, J. Killefer, T. H. Montgomery, D. M. Allen, D. B. Griffin, R. J. Delmore, W. T. Nichols, M. N. Streeter, D. A. Yates, and J. P. Hutcheson. 2010. Predicting red meat yields in carcasses from beef-type and calf-fed Holstein steers using the United States Department of Agriculture calculated yield grade. *J. Anim. Sci.* 88: 2139-2143.

## Upcoming events

**Beef 101** (May 18-20, 2010 & June 14-16, 2010 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Dr. Davey Griffin at 979-845-3935 or email <dgriff@tamu.edu>. To register, go to <https://agrilifevents.tamu.edu/>, or call 979-845-2604 or email [agrilifevents@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:agrilifevents@ag.tamu.edu).

**Pork 101** (May 25-27, 2010 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Dr. Davey Griffin at 979-845-3935 or email <dgriff@tamu.edu>. To register, go to <http://www.meatscience.org/page.aspx?id=579> or call 800-517-AMSA.

**Southwest Dairy Day** (May 27, 2010 - Spandet Dairy in Hart, Texas - 10 a.m.) - For more information, visit the dairy website at <http://texasdairymatters.org/>.

**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](mailto:beefcenter@tamu.edu)>.

**TAMU Club Lamb Sale** (May 30 - Pearce Pavilion) - Viewing begins at 10 a.m. with the sale starting at 1 p.m. For more information, please contact Colt Sharpton at 979-209-9714 or email <[cmsharpton@tamu.edu](mailto:cmsharpton@tamu.edu)>.

**Youth Beef 706** (June 1-2 & June 3-4, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Dan Hale <[dhale@tamu.edu](mailto:dhale@tamu.edu)> at 979-845-3935.

**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](mailto: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](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](mailto: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](mailto:sramsey@tamu.edu)>.

**Saddle & Sirloin Club Steer, Heifer and Pig Futurities** (July 30-Aug 1, 2010 - Brazos County Expo Complex) - For more information, contact Colton Atkins at <[coltonatkins07@tamu.edu](mailto:coltonatkins07@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](mailto:extansc@ag.tamu.edu)> at 979-845-6931 or visit <http://beef.tamu.edu>.

**Beef 706** (August 10-11 & August 12-13, 2010 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Dr. Dan Hale at 979-845-3935 or email <[dhale@tamu.edu](mailto:dhale@tamu.edu)>.



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