

Animal Science Weekly

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TAMU Club Lamb Sale scheduled for May 30



The Texas A&M University Club Lamb Sale will be held May 30, 2010 at Pearce Pavilion in College Station. Viewing begins at 10 a.m. with the sale starting at 1 p.m. From year to year, the TAMU Sheep Center strives to increase the quality of the lamb crop by implementing better genetics and producing more consistent champions. For more information contact Dr. Shawn Ramsey <sramsey@tamu.edu> at 845-7616 or Colt Sharpton <cmsharpton@tamu.edu> at 979-209-9714 (cell) or 979-862-5099 (office). Visit the website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/sheep-goats/sheep-center/sales/index.htm>.

ASGSA celebrates successful semester with crawfish boil



The Animal Science Graduate Student Association marked the end of the spring semester with a club crawfish boil on May 1 at Lake Bryan. Animal Science graduate students, faculty, staff and their families enjoyed an afternoon of music, games and fresh crawfish. Due to the popularity of this event, the ASGSA plans to host another crawfish boil next year.

ASGSA is committed to promoting collaboration and communication among graduate students, faculty and staff by hosting events such as the crawfish boil. The club also plans to continue hosting coffee breaks and socials next semester.



Southwest Dairy Day slated for May 27

The Southwest Dairy Day will be held on May 27, 2010 starting at 10 a.m. at the Spandet Dairy in Hart, Texas. The event, hosted by the Schilderink family and Texas AgriLife Extension Service, will include guided tours of the dairy, demonstrations and booth exhibits. Attractions to see while on the tour include a 100-cow rotary parlor, 6,000-herd pen dry lot heifer operation, latest in cow comfort and cooling, nutrient management handling, and special needs facilities. Demonstrations scheduled are a smoke test of the cross-ventilation barn, how to improve irrigation pump efficiency, and information on manure and sand separation. Enjoy the day with activities the whole family can appreciate. Visit <http://texasdairymatters.org/> for more information.

High Plains Herdsman Short Course designed by dairy team

A multi-location herdsman short course has been developed by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service dairy specialists and associates. The course will target parlor managers and milking parlor workers and will consist of a one-day training with classroom instruction and laboratory (practical instruction). Presentations will be primarily in Spanish with English translation as needed. Lunch will be provided. The program will be delivered in four locations each starting at 9 a.m.:

May 19 - Dalhart - Rita Blanca Coliseum

May 21 - Hereford - AgriLife Extension-Deaf Smith county office

May 26 - Olton - Olton Ag Pavilion

May 28 - Muleshow - Bailey County Coliseum

For more information, visit <http://texasdairymatters.org>.

Recent publications

McEachern, J.K., T.R. Whitney, C.B. Scott, C.J. Lupton, and M.W. Salisbury. 2010. Substituting distillers dried grains for cottonseed meal in lamb-finishing diets: growth, wool characteristics, and serum NEFA, urea N, and IFG-I concentrations. *Sheep and Goat Res. J.* 24:32-40.

Whitney, T.R., and J.P. Muir. 2010. Redberry juniper as a roughage source in lamb feedlot rations: Performance and serum nonesterified fatty acids, urea nitrogen, and insulin-like growth factor-1 concentrations. *J. Anim. Sci.* 88:1492-1502.

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 Extension Conference Services, or call 979-845-2604 or email 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 American Meat Science Association Pork 101 or call 800-517-AMSA.

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>.

Youth Beef 706 (June 1-2 & June 3-4, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Dan Hale <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>.

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>.

Upcoming events

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>.

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>.

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>.

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>.



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