

# Animal Science Weekly November 30, 2009



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## TAMU Meat Judging Team members receive awards

DAKOTA CITY, NEBRASKA -- Several members of the Texas A&M University Meat Judging Team were awarded during the International Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest held at Tyson Foods in Dakota City, Nebraska on Nov. 15, 2009.

The A&M team competed in the meat judging contest, finishing ninth, with Melanie Moore (Meyersville) ranking eighth high individual and Bryan Weaver (Center Point) scoring 10th high individual.

Other team members are Gatlin Gray (Weatherford) and Jae Ebling (Plainview). The team is coached by Scott Langley (Round Rock), meat science graduate student.

Moore also was named a member of the 2009 Senior Division Meat Judging All American First Team and Weaver was chosen as a member of the 2009 Senior Division Meat Judging All American Second Team. Criterion to receive this recognition include individual rankings in the American Meat Science Association sponsored contests as well as academic achievement.

Team member Jae Ebling (Plainview) was awarded the Rachel Hamilton Spirit Award. This award was established to honor a member of each team selected by their peers whose winning approach exemplifies Rachel Hamilton's love of meats judging.

Dr. Jeff Savell, regents professor, served as a member of the International official committee.



*TAMU Meat Judging Team - Left, Gatlin Gray, Jae Ebling, Melanie Moore, Bryan Weaver, and Scott Langley, coach.*



*Melanie Moore and Bryan Weaver were named members of the 2009 Senior Division Meat Judging All American teams.*



*Jae Ebling received the Rachel Hamilton Spirit Award.*



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## TAMU Wool Judging Team wins first place

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS – The Texas A&M University Wool Judging Team won first place at the Texas Invitational Contest held at Angelo State University Nov. 21, 2009.

The Texas A&M team beat second place Texas Tech University by 16 points. Angelo State finished third. New Mexico State University and Colorado State University also participated.

Twelve out of the 13 A&M team members placed among the top 22 individuals, with Claire Luensmann (LaVernia) winning high individual. Teammates Katie Muehlstein (Kerrville) finished third high individual and

Jake Reed (Copperas Cove), Kim Hardin (Seattle, WA) and Stephanie Mazurkiewicz (Bryan) finished fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively.

Other team members include Callie Whitworth (Junction), Laura Stapper (Ozona), Katy Knox (LaPorte), Ashleigh Sowell (Anderson), Zac Goodwin (Alvarado), Josh Behrens (Voca), Kyle Phillips (Vidor) and Steele Ingham (Sonora).

Will Dickison, graduate student, and Dr. Shawn Ramsey, coach the team. The team's next competition will be the National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO, in January.

## Students travel to Block & Bridle National Convention

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY -- Several undergraduate students in the Department of Animal Science traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, for the annual National Block and Bridle Convention held Nov. 12-14, 2009, in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition.

The group heard from many speakers including Dr. Stidka with Certified Angus Beef. They also toured many places around the state, learning about Kentucky's traditions, history and horse business including Churchill Downs, Bourbon Distilleries and Alltech.

Dr. Jodi Sterle, associate professor, was named president of the National Block and Bridle and will serve for two years.



Background photo of Churchill Downs by Colton Atkins.

## Upcoming events

**Coffee Break** hosted by Animal Science Graduate Student Association (December 4, 2009 - 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge) - Faculty, staff and graduate students are invited to take a break.

**Equine Reproductive Management Short Course** (December 8-10, 2009 and January 13-15, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Martha Vogelsang <m-vogelsang@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7731.

**Animal Science Department Holiday Luncheon & Awards Ceremony** (December 9, 2009 - 11:30 a.m. - Kleberg Atrium) - For more information, please contact Jennifer Houston <jlhouston@tamu.edu> at 979-845-4955. Please RSVP by December 1.

**Horse Sale** (December 12, 2009 - Freeman Arena) - Viewing and demonstration to begin at 10 a.m. with the sale set for 1 p.m. For more information, contact Dave Golden <horsecenter@tamu.edu> at 979-845-4320.

## Upcoming events (continued)

**Animal Science Graduate Student Association Finals Kick-off Party** (December 9, 2009 - 3:30 to 5 p.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge). Open to all graduate students.

**Animal Science Graduate Student Association Meeting** (December 9, 2009 - 5:15 p.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge).

**Fit to Finish Show Cattle Camp** (December 12 and 13, 2009) - For more information, please contact Paul Maulsby <beefcenter@tamu.edu> at 979-862-4736.

**Southwest Beef Symposium** (January 20-21, 2010 - Tucumcari, NM) - For more information, please contact Dr. Bruce Carpenter <BCarpent@ag.tamu.edu> at 432-336-8585.

**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.



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