

# Animal Science Weekly

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## Animal Science students recognized at COALS Convocation

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS – Several students from the Department of Animal Science were honored at the 2010 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Convocation held at the Briarcrest Country Club on April 17, 2010.

### Senior Merit Award

The Senior Merit Award, the highest award bestowed to undergraduate students by the College, was presented to Aaron Jennings of Fredonia; Amanda Smith of Bryan, Lindsay Swick of Franklin; Nicole Kenney of Enfield, Conn.; Stephanie Burns of San Antonio; and Gabriela Santistevan of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, a double major in animal science and agricultural economics.

To be eligible for this award, students must have completed over 95 hours and be projected to graduate during the 2010 calendar year. Students are selected based on academics; Texas A&M University leadership activities; community involvement, professional and civic activities; employment, internship and research; and a written essay.

Jennings was a member of the Texas A&M All American Livestock Judging Team, the Wool Judging Team and the Saddle & Sirloin Club, served as vice president of finance for the COALS Student Council, and was named as a Texas A&M President's Endowed Scholarship recipient. He worked as a sales and research intern for Elanco Animal Health in Greenfield, Ind. Upon graduation, Jennings plans to attend graduate school and study meat and muscle biology.

Smith served as president of the Saddle & Sirloin Club, and was a member of the COALS Student Council, the Department of Animal Science Aggie REPS and the Meats Judging Team where she also served as a coach for the Brazos County 4-H Meats Judging Team. Smith also was one of 47 Aggies selected as Who's Who Among College Students. Upon graduation, Smith hopes to work for a branded beef program.

Swick was a member of the Livestock Judging Team, Texas Collegiate 4-H and

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*Recipients of the 2010 Senior Merit Award include animal science students (holding certificates, from left) Nicole Kenney, Amanda Smith, Aaron Jennings, Lindsay Swick and Gabriela Santistevan. Also pictured is (left) Donna Witt, Kelly Essler, Dr. Gary Acuff, Dr. Shawn Ramsey and Dr. Glenn Holub. Not pictured is Stephanie Burns.*

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the Texas A&M University Honors Program. She was named a 2009 Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Coaches Association Senior College All-American and a Texas A&M Academic Excellence Scholar. Upon graduation, Swick will attend graduate school to pursue a master's degree in agricultural communications.

Kenney was a member of the Texas A&M Wool and Horse Evaluation Teams, a member of the COALS Student Council and served as an Aggie REP for the department. In addition, she participated in the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, received her American FFA Degree in 2009 and was awarded the All-American Horse Judging Award in January 2010. Upon graduation, Kenney plans to attend graduate school and study nutrition.

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 served as



*Katie Muehlstein, animal science major, received the Outstanding Freshman Award at the COALS Convocation. She is pictured here with Dr. Shawn Ramsey.*

an equine undergraduate research student and assistant, was named a National Society of Collegiate Scholar, as well as awarded the Buck Weirus Spirit Award in April 2009. Upon graduation, Burns will spend

two years in the Teach For America Program.

Santistevan served as the vice president of the Golden Key International Honor Society, was a member of the COALS Student Council, and also served as a student ambassador for the 2009 China-US Relations Conference in Beijing. Upon graduation, she plans to move back to Bolivia to spread the awareness of agriculture.

### Outstanding Freshman Award

The Outstanding Freshman Award was presented to animal science major Katie Muehlstein of Kerrville in recognition of an outstanding record of academic achievement and distinguished leadership.

Muehlstein is a member of the Texas A&M Wool Judging Team, the Saddle & Sirloin Club and Collegiate 4-H. She also is a part of MSC Fish, a select group of freshmen who are dedicated to leadership and service projects throughout the community.

## Holub receives award of merit for excellence in teaching, student initiates named

### 2010 New Initiates

#### Undergraduate Students

##### Animal Science

Kelly Davies

Krystin Deason

Laura French

Catherine Gosch

Christina Gosch

William Hodges

Laurie Jansky

Colton Kilpatrick

Shelby Peters

Austin Ruppanner

##### Dairy Science

Shay McDonald

#### Graduate Students

##### Animal Science

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COLLEGE STATION – Dr. Glenn Holub, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science, received the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Award of Merit for Excellence in Teaching from the Texas A&M University Gamma Sigma Delta Chapter.

The award was presented during the organization's annual initiation and awards reception held April 15, 2010 at the College Station Conference Center.

Dr. Holub was nominated and selected by members of the undergraduate student council from within the College for his teaching of ANSC 107 and courses in dairy production and management.

Animal Science senior Amanda Smith also was recognized as one of the Outstanding Graduating Seniors.

Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture, invites members from amongst the top five percent of juniors and seniors pursuing bachelor's degrees in the agricultural, biological and veterinary sciences.





# Parents' Weekend 2010

## *S&S Banquet*

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS—The Texas A&M University Saddle & Sirloin Club spring banquet was held at the Brazos County Expo Complex on April 17, 2010. The banquet is the culminating event for the club's year of activities, and many members and contributors are recognized for their accomplishments. Highlights include:

### **2010 honorary members named**

The Brazos County Expo Center was named this year's Saddle & Sirloin Club honorary member. The Expo Center has shown great support for the S&S Club and the activities held at this location including the S&S Steer, Heifer and Pig Futurity and the annual banquet.

### **Riley recognized for outstanding service**

Ray Riley, Rosenthal Center manager, was honored with the outstanding service recognition. Riley assists the club's many activities including ham sales, ham trimming contest and the L.D. Wythe Memorial Judging Contest. He also has assisted with meat preparation for several club events.

### **Student awards presented**

Several students were presented the following Saddle & Sirloin Club awards for their outstanding involvement in the club. This includes:

**Outstanding New Member (Aggie REPS)** - Gatlan Gray

**Outstanding Aggie REP** - Kandi Knippa

**Workhorse Award** - Nicole Kenney

**Hesby Spirit Award** - Paul Goetze

**Dr. Ronnie Edwards Service Award** - Rebecca Goodman

**Outstanding Member Award** - Freshman, Ashleigh Sowell; Sophomore, Emily Huskinson; Junior, Sydney Wilkinson; and Senior, Amanda Smith

**Brewer Award** - Amanda Smith

### **2010 scholarship recipients**

A reception for the 2010 animal science scholarship donors and recipients preceded the banquet, and was coordinated by Dr. Shawn Ramsey. Texas AgriLife and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences administrators along with current and retired faculty were introduced as special guests.

**Reba and Ken McGee Scholarship (Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McGee)** - Bryan Weaver and Kim Hardan

**Smikids Meat Industry Scholarship (Donated by Mr. Burley Smith)** - Melanie Moore

**Charles and Jean Smith (Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith)** - Greta Monson, Colton Atkins, Joslyn Kotzur, and Michelle Bedenbaugh

**Gena Lyn Thornton Memorial (Donated by Mrs. Janet Thornton & Mrs. Lynda Holley)** - Ari Sear, Brooke Byrd, Alexis Duhon, Lydia Miller and Megan Webb

**Dr. John W. McNeill Memorial (Donated by Mrs. Judy McNeill)** - Joe Rathman

**Charlie Baumbach Memorial (Donated by Mrs. Betty Hemmeter)** - Paul Wunderlich, Henry Hilscher, Mike Helle and Carl Whitworth

**Dr. Howard Hesby Memorial (Donated by friends of Dr. Hesby)** - Samantha Johnson and Rachel Brooks

**Coastal Cattle Association Scholarship (Donated by Coastal Cattle Assn.)** - David Salinas and Kaitlyn Grimshaw

**Rudy Roeder Beef Scholarship (Donated by Walter and Laverne Lasley)** - Dustin Valusek, Sydney Wilkinson and Kaleigh Burnett

**A.E. Leonard Beef Scholarship (Donated by Mr. Neil Leonard)** - Ashley Andreatta, Claire Luensmann and Chance Muehlstein

**Nutrition Service Associates (Donated by Dr. Hollis Klett)** - Valerie Wiatrek

**Edgar F. Smith Scholarship (Donated by Mr. Charles H.E. Smith)** - Nicole Leach, Brittany Rose, Lora Gonzales and Corey Taylor  
(see Scholarships pages 4 and 5)

# Scholarships

**Dr. T.D. Tanksley, Jr. Scholarship (Donated by Texas Pork Producers Assn.)** - Katherine McCullough

**Texas Pork Producers Assn. Scholarship (Donated by Texas Pork Producers Assn.)** - Gatlan Gray and Josh Behrens

**Renee Stewart Memorial Scholarship (Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stewart)** - Rebecca Hamilton and Kirby Day

**Walter Britten Foundation (Donated by Mrs. Walter Britten and Stephen "Tio" Kleberg)** - Stephanie Mazurkewicz and Katy Know

**Gibbs Beef Production Scholarship (Donated by Mrs. Arthur M. Farris)** - Casey Henley, Kevin Gleason, Bailey Miller and Cassie Holloway

**D.W. Williams (Donated by Dr. and Mrs. D.W. Williams, Jr.)** Laurie Jansky, Austin Ruppanner, Marissa Cloum and Lance Bauer

**Kim Candler McCuiston '01 and Colton Candler '04 Endowed Scholarship (Donated by LTC and Mrs. Jim Candler)** - Whitney Walker

**Heston McBride '43 Scholarship (Donated by the McBride Family)** - Kandi Knippa

**David and Peggy Hutcheson Scholarship (Donated by David and Peggy Hutcheson and Mark and Rebecca Quinn)** - Clay Eastwood

**Louis and Constance Fields Scholarship** - Jake Reed

**Justin & Jennifer Kotzur Scholarship (Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Justin Kotzur)** - Katie Rauch

**Dr. G.C. Smith Scholarship (Donated by Dr. Gary Smith)** Jae Ebeling and Aline Theodoro

**Frank C. Litterst Scholarship (Donated by Mr. Frank Litterst)** - Katie Fritz, Callie Whitworth and Ashleigh Sowell

**Ranch House Designs Scholarship (Donated by Ranch House Designs)** - Kasey Lettunich

**Dorothy & Jack Miller Scholarship (Donated by Mrs. Dorothy Miller)** - Hilary David

**V8 Ranch Scholarship - (Donated by V8 Ranch)** - Caleb Wendt

**SMA Foundation (Donated by SMA Foundation)** Jessica Steger, Matt Markwood and Aline Theodoro

**Southwest Meat Association (Donated by SMA)** Bodie Carroll

**SMA Suppliers Scholarship (Donated by SMA Suppliers)** - Michael Fincher

**Henry and Hattie Mae New (Donated by Mr. Craig New and Mr. Roy New)** - Seth Ott

**Dr. G.T. King Scholarship (Donated by Dr. G.T. King)** Webb Fields

**Roy W. Snyder (Donated by the Roy W. Snyder Foundation)** - Katie Muehlstein, Zach Goodwin and Kelsey Willberg

**Roy and Hattie Hinnant Memorial (Donated by Mr. Craig New and Mr. Roy New)** - Brian Pearson and Kyle Phillips

**Dr. Harold Franke Scholarship (Donated by Dr. Harold Franke & Coastal Cattle Association)** - Kelsey Willberg

**Joe and Jill Gillespie Scholarship (Donated by Dr. & Mrs. Joe Gillespie)** - Kyle Phillips

**Boleman Family Scholarship (Donated by the Boleman Family)** Kasey Lettunich

**Beef Cattle Short Course Scholarship (Donated by Beef Cattle Short Course Exhibitors, Merial and Texas Cattle Women)** Tiffany Sizemore, Jerrod Meurer, Liz Schusterman and Janie Tipp

**Horse Judging Scholarship (Donated by Horse Judging)** Lacy Geisinger and Annie Bein

**John K. Riggs Scholarship (Donated by Family and Friends of John K. Riggs)** - Alyzabeth Looney

## Senior, new Aggie REPS recognized



*The senior Aggie REPS were recognized at the banquet. Pictured, from left, is Kelly Essler, Aggie REPS advisor, Jay Behrens, Amanda Smith, Aaron Jennings, Nicole Kenney, Whitney McMillan, and Donna Witt, Aggie REPS advisor.*

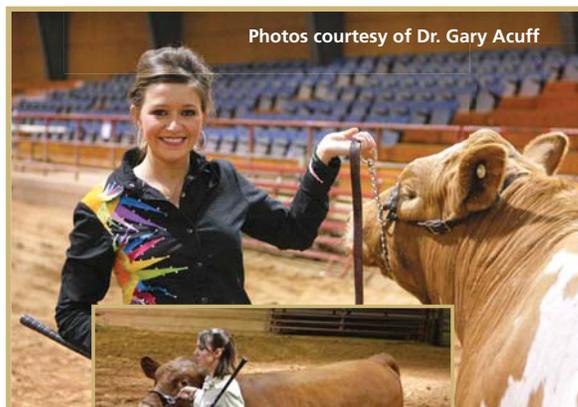


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*The new Aggie REPS were introduced at the banquet. They are, from left, Rachel Brooks, Alyzabeth Looney, Callie McCullough, Jonathan Chachere, Grady Douglass, Matthew Reinhardt, Katie Muehlstein and Crysta Stallwitz. Front, far right, Kirbie Day and Kelsey Willberg.*

# Parents' Weekend 2010

## Scholarships



Photos courtesy of Dr. Gary Acuff



## Event Results

### Little Southwestern

Grand Champion Overall - Corey Taylor  
Reserve Champion Overall - Kandi Knippa

### "Swede" Hanson, Jr. Memorial Ham Auction

Grand Champion Ham Buyer - Ebeling Family  
Reserve Champion Ham Buyer - Haas-Litterst Endowment  
Champion Volume Buyer - Bob Smith Family

### Ham Sales Awards

Grand Champion Salesman - Will Hodges  
Reserve Champion Salesman - Mallory Binion

### Ad Sales Awards

Champion Salesman - Colton Atkins  
Reserve Champion Salesman - Emily Huskinson

### Ham Trimming Contest

Grand Champion - Gatlan Gray  
Reserve Champion - Devin Felger

Trey Willey Memorial (Donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Willey, II and Ms. Paula Willey and Mike Rossi) - Webb Fields

C.A. Mewis Scholarship (Donated by the C.A. Mewis Estate) - Ashley Keith

Carpenter Dairy Production Scholarship  
Jeff Cunningham

Harry Lee Peterson Dairy Scholarship  
Nicole Hoff

Breazeale Scholarship - Jorge Handal and Courtney White

Encore Visions Scholarship (Donated by Encore Visions) - Katie Muehlstein

Frank and Skip Thornton Scholarship (Donated by Frank and Skip Thornton) - Garrett Cline

Dr. Potter Horse Judging Scholarship (Donated by Dr. Potter) - Amanda Zuniga

Dr. Jim Bassett (Donated by Gwen Haferkamp, Dr. Jim Bassett and Dr. Frank Craddock) - Lance Bauer

Heather Reed Scholarship (Donated by Ms. Heather Reed) - Lance Bauer

J.T. and Katie White Scholarship (Donated by James McDonald)  
Courtney White

Shawn and Kristi Ramsey (Donated by Dr. and Mrs. Shawn Ramsey) - Katie Fritz

George E. Love Memorial  
Christina Gosch and Catherine Gosch

Bryan and Roberta McMurry Scholarship (Donated by Bryan and Roberta McMurry) - Katy Faulk

Jimmy/Louis Davis Dairy Scholarship  
Taylor Tully and David Volleman

Rudolph Leighton Memorial Scholarship  
Katherine Dehaan

A.M. Meckma Scholarship - Shay McDonald

Rodney Johnson Memorial Scholarship  
C.J. Mabry

Dr. Don Richter Scholarship - Kenton Kirkpatrick

Ed Kruse Scholarship - Jessica Muenzow

## 1959 National Champion Livestock Judging Team



The 1959 National Champion Livestock Judging Team held a reunion during Parents' Weekend. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Winkle, Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Kuykendall, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McGee, Dr. Joe Joyce and Dr. Harold Franke. The group toured the Kleberg Building, the O.D. Butler Animal Science Complex and the Texas A&M farm. They also attended the maroon and white game and the Saddle & Sirloin Club Banquet. Pictured, from left, are team members McGee, Van Winkle, Joyce, Kuykendall and Franke, assistant coach.

# Taste of Aggieland



## Dr. Wes Osburn guest speaker at Muster ceremony in Iraq's FOB Prosperity

BAGHDAD, IRAQ -- Animal Science Associate Professor Dr. Wes Osburn, currently on duty in Iraq, served as the guest speaker for a Muster ceremony held at FOB Prosperity on April 21, 2010, and also served something extra: a taste of Aggieland.

The Association of Meat Processors sends Dr. Osburn monthly shipments of shelf-stable products to enjoy and share with his troops. This last shipment was from Rosen-

thal Meat Center and included packages of Texas Aggie Brand Beef Jerky.

Dr. Osburn was asked to speak at the Muster ceremony after Aggie Football Coach Mike Sherman, who was the scheduled speaker, had to postpone his trip due to the Icelandic volcanic ash. Osburn decided to share his Aggie beef jerky with the Aggie troops at Muster and stated, "they all loved the 'taste of Aggieland'."

## Horse Judging Team takes first place at NRBC, fourth at APHA

KATY & FORT WORTH, TEXAS – The Texas A&M Horse Judging Team took first place at the National Reining Breeder's Classic held in Katy on April 17, 2010.

The team led the field of seven teams by 250 points, defeating West Texas A&M University, second; Iowa State University, third; and University of Wyoming, fourth and fifth.

The Aggies secured five of the top 10 high individual spots, led by first high individual Leslie Wagner. Adrienne Paquette finished second, Erin Grace, third; Brooke Byrd, fifth and Lauren Fulce, sixth. Amanda Zuniga placed 13th.

In other competition, the

Horse Judging Team placed fourth at the American Paint Horse Spring Sweepstakes in Fort Worth on April 22.

Rounding out the top five were Virginia Tech team A, first; Kansas State University, second; Virginia Tech, third; and Oklahoma State University, fifth.

A&M won second high team in performance and fourth high team in reasons.

The team is coached by Dr. Clay Cavinder and assistant coach Jeannette Mawyer.



Top: Left, Amanda Zuniga, Leslie Wagner, Erin Grace, Lauren Fulce, Adrienne Paquette, Shellie Dalluge and Jeannette Mawyer.

Left: Leslie Wagner earned top high individual honors.

## Sterle speaks at American Meat Institute Animal Handling, Welfare Conf.

Dr. Jodi Sterle, associate professor and Extension swine specialist, spoke to more than 280 industry professionals during American Meat Institute's Animal Handling and Welfare Conference in Kansas City, Mo., in March.

Sterle's presentation was titled, "Reaching Today's Youth: Responsible Production, Creating Advocates." Attendees included animal welfare/handling managers, transportation managers, quality assurance directors and plant managers from various segments of the meat packing industry.

## Sterle trains retailers on Pork Quality Assurance Plus program

Dr. Jodi Sterle, associate professor and Extension swine specialist, trained the National Pork Board's retail advisory committee in the Pork Quality Assurance Plus program.

Representatives from major retailers include Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Safeway Foods, Kroger and others. The National Pork Board recently updated the quality assurance program, reinforcing the importance of proper use of antimicrobials in swine production, as well as increasing emphasis on animal care and well being. More than 45,000 adult producers are certified in the PQA Plus program nationally.

Upcoming programs:

- May 11 - PQA Plus Advisor Training, Lubbock, Texas
- May 15 - PQA Plus Advisor Training, Seguin, Texas
- July 9-10 - Texas Pork Industry Conference and Youth Symposium, Belton, Texas.

Contact Dr. Jodi Sterle at 979-845-2714 or j-sterle@tamu.edu for more details.

## Inaugural Spirit of Aggieland Sale draws large crowd



The Inaugural Spirit of Aggieland Sale held on April 18, 2010 at the Texas A&M University Beef Center sold cattle to all regions of Texas and four other states and averaged \$2939 on 48 lots. The sale was held in conjunction with guest consignors who have been past donors to the program and offered Elite genetics that consisted of donor cows, flushes, frozen genetics and bulls. Students and Beef Center staff worked at the sale under the guidance of manager Paul Maulsby.

## S&S Club, Ag Workers Insurance host student seminar



The Saddle & Sirloin Club and Ag Workers Insurance hosted a student leadership seminar called "Careers in Agriculture" at the Texas A&M University Beef Center on April 22, 2010. More than 140 students attended and enjoyed a catered meal by Fuddrucker's. Guest speakers included Mark Ellison, associate vice chancellor for economic development for Texas A&M; Warren Mayberry, government affairs manager for DuPont Agricultural Products; and Bryan Daniel, vice president of Agricultural Workers Insurance Company. The seminar was coordinated by Chris and Misty Skaggs. Ag Workers Insurance sponsored the event.

## Past judging team members still needed to answer survey

Former Texas A&M judging team members who participated on the horse, livestock, meat, wool, dairy or meat animal evaluation judging teams between the years of 1970 to 2004 are needed to answer a quick survey. This survey is being conducted to explore the potential impact that prior participation on a collegiate judging team may or may not have had on the team members' career, life skills and professional abilities. The survey is straightforward, simple and quick. If you qualify and are interested, please take a few minutes to answer the survey found at the following link at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/judgingteams>. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at <[cac@tamu.edu](mailto:cac@tamu.edu)> or (979) 845-7731.

## Upcoming events

**Children's Barnyard** hosted by the Saddle & Sirloin Club (April 27-29, 2010 - Pearce Pavilion) - For more information, contact Kaleigh Burnett <[krburnett2007@neo.tamu.edu](mailto:krburnett2007@neo.tamu.edu)> or call (512) 750-2530 or visit the website at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/students/clubs/s&s/announcements/index.htm>.

**Bounce Back in 2010 by Alltech** (April 29, 2010 - Hilton College Station - 5:30 p.m.) - Join an interactive discussion on getting the industry back to profitability and strength. Please RSVP to April Lankford at <[alankford@alltech.com](mailto:alankford@alltech.com)>.

**"Man of Trail" Clinic** (May 1, 2010 - Freeman Arena) - For more information, please contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at 979-845-7731 or at <[cac@tamu.edu](mailto:cac@tamu.edu)>.

**ASGSA Crawfish Boil** (May 1, 2010 - Lake Bryan Pavilion) - For more information, please contact Lauren Hulsman at 936-870-6102 or email <[lhulsman@tamu.edu](mailto:lhulsman@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](mailto: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](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)>.

**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>.



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