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## Wool Judging Team wins first, second places at HLSR



Front, left, Lea Luensmann, Konni Kelso, Katie Moore, Brittni Littlejohn, Whitley James, Misty Jackson and Meredith Earwood. Back, left, Dr. Shawn Ramsey, Carl Muntean, Lexus Weinheimer, Dillon Garr, Brent Hale, Jacob Brown, William Whitworth, Chloe Geye, Kim Hardan, Claire Luensmann and Kenton Kirkpatrick.

HOUSTON – The Texas A&M University Wool Judging Team brought home both first and second place awards from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Intercollegiate Wool Judging Contest on March 15, 2011, closing out the spring judging competition season.

Angelo State University Blue, Kansas State University and Angelo State University Gold finished third, fourth and fifth.

Aggie team members secured six out of the top ten high individual awards led by Katie Moore from Richmond winning high individual. This was followed by Konni Kelso from Seguin; Dillon Garr from Fayetteville, Ark.; Jacob Brown from Bryan; Lea Luensmann from Zuehl; and Brent Hale from Dayton finishing second, third, fourth, seventh and tenth high overall individually. Also representing Texas A&M were Brittni Littlejohn from Longview; William Whitworth from Junction; Meredith Earwood from Sonora; Chloe Geye from Rising Star; Lexus Weinheimer from Stone-wall; Whitley James from George West; and Misty Jackson from Sumner.

Dr. Shawn Ramsey is the faculty coach/coordinator and Kim Hardan is the coach. Assistant coaches are Claire Luensmann, Kenton Kirkpatrick and Carl Muntean.

The Intercollegiate Wool Judging Contest involves placing breed and commercial fleeces and classifying 15 fleeces of wool into various grades and spinning counts. Special attention is paid to the wool's staple length and yield, and the highest yielding fleeces are ranked first, followed in order by those with a lesser yield. Additionally, contestants determine the correct grades for a class of 20 mohair samples. The contest awards prizes in both individual and team categories.



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## Livestock Judging Team closes out season with second place finish

HOUSTON – The Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Team closed out the spring competition season with a second place finish at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest on March 15, 2011.

Texas Tech University took first place, followed by Western Illinois University, Purdue University and Iowa State University in third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

In team competition, Texas A&M won first place in sheep and goats; second in reasons and cattle; and third place in swine. Individually, Caleb Boardman from Powell, Wyo., finished third high individual.

Team members are Ryan Smoes from Hamilton, Mich.; Lance Bauer from Ingram; Brad Bundage from Cameron, Mo.; Mike Helle from Edinburg; C.J. Mabry from Port

Lavaca; Robert Oestrich from New Braunfels; Wes Regmund from Llano; Jacob Shaw from Smyer; T.J. Skinner from Liberal, Kan.; Cody Trimble from Know City; Caleb Boardman from Powell, Wyo.; Cody Marburger from Round Top; Marty Gifford from Cowley, Wyo.; John Mayer from Round Top; Canaan Driebrodt from New Braunfels; Erich Schatte from Giddings; and Bethanie Yeaman from Rock Springs.

The team is coached by Jake Franke. Assistant coaches are Carl Muntean, Cody Sloan and Jake Thorne.

The Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest requires six-member teams, with five members' scores counting toward team awards. Contestants judge four animals in separate cattle, swine, lamb and goat classes. The animals are evaluated on conformation and appearance. The contestants turn in scorecards as well as present an oral set of reasons for choosing the class animals in the order they did. Formal judges' scores are compared to the contestants', and point values are given or deducted depending on how similar the contestant scored the breed class.



## Aggie REPS recruit at livestock show

HOUSTON – A group of Animal Science Aggie REPS traveled to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on March 8 to talk with many young 4-H and FFA members 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 relaxed environment and to talk with them on a one-on-one basis.

The group's advisors Donna Witt and Kelly Essler accompanied the students.



Left, Kandi Knippa, Lora Gonzalez, Henry Hilscher, Sydney Wilkinson and Crysta Stallwitz.

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## Texas A&M AgriLife

at the 2011

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers  
Annual Convention  
and Trade Show.

### Aggie Reception

April 1, 2011  
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
Bowie B Room  
Grand Hyatt Hotel  
San Antonio, Texas

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Please contact Brandy Douglass at [bdouglass@tamu.edu](mailto:bdouglass@tamu.edu)  
or by calling 979.845.3792 with any questions.

## Former Students Remembered...

We would like to recognize and pay tribute to our former students in Animal Science who recently passed away. We extend our condolences to friends and families of these former students.

- Laurence Allen Warren '64
- Robert J. Ball, Jr. '50
- Roger E. Berry '61
- Joseph Wesley Houston '49
- Edwin Leonard Reed '50
- Kirby William Huffman, Jr. '42

## Upcoming events ☆ Upcoming events ☆ Upcoming events

**Department of Animal Science Seminar Series** (March 23, 2011 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 11:45 a.m.) - Dr. Matt Taylor, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science, will present "The non-O157 Shiga-toxin producing E. coli: What's known, not known, and what's needed." Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. with the presentation beginning at noon. For more information, contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at <tryon@tamu.edu>.

**Livestock Judging Clinic** (March 26, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Jake Franke at (979) 845-7616 or <jfranke@tamu.edu> or go to <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/youth/judging-clinic-11.pdf>.

**Department of Animal Science Seminar Series** (April 6, 2011 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 11:45 a.m.) - Dr. Josie Coverdale, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science, will present "Possible relationships between nutrition and joint health in horses." Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. with the presentation beginning at noon. For more information, contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at <tryon@tamu.edu>.

**Parents' Weekend** - April 15 - **Little Southwestern** (Pearce Pavilion - 5 p.m.); **Barbecue Cookoff** (Pearce Pavilion - 5 p.m.); **Ham Auction** (Pearce Pavilion - 7 p.m.) & April 16 - **Little Southwestern** (Pearce Pavilion - 9 a.m.); **Scholarship Donor Reception** (Brazos County Expo Exhibit Hall - 5 p.m.); **Saddle & Sirloin Spring Banquet** (Brazos County Expo Exhibit Hall - 6 p.m.)

**Spirit of Aggieland Sale** (April 17, 2011 - TAMU Beef Center) - For more information, please contact Paul Maulsby at (979) 862-4736 or email <beefcenter@tamu.edu>. More information will be available soon.

**Department of Animal Science Seminar Series** (April 20, 2011 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 11:45 a.m.) - Dr. Glenn Holub, instructional assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science, will present "From backpack to briefcase." Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. with the presentation beginning at noon. For more information, contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at <tryon@tamu.edu>.

**2011 Mid-South Ruminant Nutrition Conference** (April 20-21, 2011 - Grapevine, TX) - For more information, please go to [http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/2011\\_Ruminant\\_Nutrition\\_Conf.pdf](http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/2011_Ruminant_Nutrition_Conf.pdf).

**Department of Animal Science Seminar Series** (April 27, 2011 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 11:45 a.m.) - Dr. Clay Cavinder, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science, will present "Factors potentially affecting reproductive performance in horses." Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. with the presentation beginning at noon. For more information, contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at <tryon@tamu.edu>.

**Children's Barnyard** (April 27-29, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Kaitlyn Grimshaw at <kaitlyn\_grimshaw@neo.tamu.edu> or go to <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/students/clubs/s&s/announcements/index.htm>.

**Southwest Dairy Day** (May 5, 2011 - Stephenville - 9:30 to 4 p.m.) - For more information, please visit <http://texasdairymatters.org/2011-southwest-dairy-day/>.

**TAMU Department of Animal Science Horse Center Horse Sale** (May 7, 2011 - Freeman Arena) - Viewing of horses will begin at 9 a.m. with the sale beginning at 11 a.m.

**Texas A&M Livestock Judging Camp** (May 27-29, 2011 & June 24-26, 2011) - For more information, please contact Jake Franke at (979) 845-7616 or visit [http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/livestock\\_judging\\_camp.htm](http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/livestock_judging_camp.htm).

**Texas A&M Show Cattle Camp** (June 10-12, 2011 & June 17-19, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Paul Maulsby at 979-862-4736 or email <[beefcenter@tamu.edu](mailto:beefcenter@tamu.edu)> or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/beef/beef-center/camps/show-cattle-camp/index.htm>.

**Texas A&M Horse Judging Camp** (June 22-24, 2011 & July 6-8, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Dr. Clay Cavinder at (979) 845-7731 or email <[cac@tamu.edu](mailto:cac@tamu.edu)> or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/tamu-horse-judging-camp.htm>.

**Aggieland Lamb & Goat Camps** (July 15-17, 2011 & July 22-24, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Dr. Shawn Ramsey, Katie Fritz or Kelsey Willberg at (979) 845-7616 or email <[aggielandlambandgoatcamp@gmail.com](mailto:aggielandlambandgoatcamp@gmail.com)> or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/sheep-goats/sheep-center/youth-camps/index.htm>.

**57th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course** (August 1-3, 2011 - College Station) - For more information, please contact Beef Cattle Extension at (979) 845-6931, email <[extansc@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:extansc@ag.tamu.edu)> or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/ansc/BCSC/index.html>.

**Rosenthal Lecture Series** (Sept. 15, 2011 - College Station) - Dr. Temple Grandin will be the speaker at the Rosenthal Lecture Series to be held at the Annenberg Conference Center at the George Bush Presidential Library. For more information, please contact Dr. Jeff Savell at <[j-savell@tamu.edu](mailto:j-savell@tamu.edu)>.



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