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Judging Teams Compete at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™
HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 8-19, 2008) - The Texas A&M University Livestock, Meat, and Wool Judging Teams competed at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ was organized for charitable, educational and scientific purposes to encourage and promote the breeding, raising and marketing of better livestock and farm products at public fairs and to promote and maintain research and educational functions within the livestock industry. Hundreds of participants representing collegiate teams from across the country competed at this year's events. Complete results are as follows.

Texas A&M finished second in the livestock judging contest while Texas Tech and Oklahoma State Universities were first and third respectively. Individually, Cody Sloan earned sixth high individual overall honors. In the alternate contest, Dustin Burke earned high individual overall honors while Faris Simon finished second. The team is coached by Dr. Chris Skaggs and graduate students Blake Bloomberg and Zach Rambo. Team members include: Dustin Burke, Christian Fridye, Brice Mund, Lucas Neumayr, Ryan Page, Gwen Powers, Faris Simon, Cody Sloan, Ben Warfield, and Randa Yezak. The team's next competition will be the National Barrow Show next fall.

The Texas A&M Meat Judging team finished the spring season with a third place finish. Texas Tech and Colorado State Universities finished first and second. In team categories, Texas A&M earned high team honors in beef judging, pork judging, and total placings. Individually, Haley Deitzel earned high individual overall honors while Audrey Shimek and Billy Bob Moczygemba finished fourth and eighth respectively. The team is coached by Dr. Davey Griffin and graduate student Jarrett Hudek. Team members include: Jay Behrens, Haley Deitzel, Miles Guelker, Billy Bob Moczygemba, Audrey Shimek, Amanda Smith, Katie Treybig, and Carson Ulbrich. Competition will resume next fall.

Ten points separated the high three teams at this year's wool judging contest. Texas A&M finished the season with a third place finish. Texas Tech and Angelo State Universities claimed first and second high team overall honors. Individually, Kaitlyn Grimshaw was high individual overall while Kenton Kirkpatrick, Baylie Miller, and Rebecca Hamilton earned seventh, ninth, and tenth place finishes. The team is coached by Dr. Shawn Ramsey, graduate students Carl Muntean and Will Dickinson, and undergraduate student Aaron Jennings. Team members include: Kaleigh Burnet, Katy Faulk, Katelyn Grimshaw, Rebecca Hamilton, Zach Hubert, Kenton Kirkpatrick, Kandi Knippa, Joslyn Kotzur, Baylie Miller, Greta Monson, Bryan Weaver, and Paul Wunderlich.

Upcoming Events

Department of Animal Science Seminar Series (April 2 - 11:30 a.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge) - Dr. Clare Gill, Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science, will present. Please RSVP to Kristi Smith <k_hemann@tamu.edu> no later than Friday, March 28. For more information regarding the seminar series, please contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at 979-845-5065.

Interdisciplinary Faculty of Reproductive Biology Forum (March 28 - 12:00 p.m. - Room 210 VMS) - Dr. Nancy Wayne will present "Biology of GnRH neuronal development in the living zebrafish embryo". For more information, please contact Dr. Fuller Bazer at 979-845-5929.

Livestock Judging Clinic (March 29) - Register online at <http://www.judgingcard.com>. For more information, please contact Dr. Chris Skaggs <cskaggs@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7616.