

# Animal Science Weekly

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### Student Wins Outstanding Thesis in Science Award

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS - Clayton Boldt, a genetics major and Undergraduate Research Fellow in Dr. Clare Gill's laboratory won Outstanding Thesis in Science for his research project entitled "A study of cattle disposition: Exploring QTL associated with temperament." This completed a successful spring for Clayton, who also won first place honors for his oral presentations at the Southern Section of the American Society of Animal Science meeting, at Student Research Week, and at the Texas Genetics Society meeting. Clayton will begin his doctoral studies at the University of Texas Southwestern this summer.

### Paschal Speaks at Gulf Coast Brangus Breeders Association

TAFT, TEXAS (May 10, 2008) - Dr. Joe Paschal spoke to over 45 Brangus breeders at the annual Gulf Coast Brangus Breeders Association at the Wentland ranch near Taft, TX. Unit cost of production and the top 10 things beef cattle producers should pay attention to more than ever with increases in feed, fuel, and fertilizer costs were the focus of Paschal's presentation. In addition, he also addressed current topics in the industry ranging from genetic markers for feed efficiency and their use to downer cows and the possible ban on their use.

### Williams Conducted Cattle Handling Workshop

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS (May 8, 2008) - Dr. Gary Williams and Bee County Extension Agent Donnie Montemayor co-hosted and sponsored a Cattle Handling Workshop at the Bee County Expo Center where Dr. Ron Gill and Montana stockman Curt Pate demonstrated handling management techniques. The techniques were demonstrated in a herd setting and in a corral to 50 area ranchers and Research & Extension faculty. In addition, corral designs, with a focus on making current designs work more efficiently, were discussed.

*Pictured right:* Dr. Gary Williams conducted a cattle handling workshop at the Bee County Expo Center.



### Inaugural Equine Symposium & Sale Huge Success

COLLEGE STATION, TX (May 13, 2008) - The inaugural Equine Symposium and Sale, sponsored by the Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science and Texas AgriLife Extension Service and held at the N. W. Freeman Arena, proved to be a huge success. The day-long event targeted for horse enthusiasts of all disciplines featured training demonstrations from dressage trainer Paul Kathen, reining horse trainer Dell Hendricks, and reining horse trainer and Stock Horse Association founder Jack Brainard. Additional educational programs were presented by Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science faculty members Drs. Clay Cavinder, Josie Coverdale, and Dennis Sigler. The event completed with the Texas A&M University Horse Sale, which featured horses from the Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University, and Texas Tech University Equine Science programs. Plans are already underway for next year's event. For more information regarding the Equine Symposium and Sale, please contact Dr. Brett Scott or Dr. Dennis Sigler at 979-845-7731.

### Recent Publications

Niebuhr, S. E., A. Laury, G. R. Acuff and J. S. Dickson. 2008. Evaluation of nonpathogenic surrogate bacteria as process validation indicators for *Salmonella enterica* for selected antimicrobial treatments, cold storage and fermentation in meat. *J. Food Prot.* 71:714-718.

## Upcoming Events

Texas A&M University Club Lamb Sale (May 25 - College Station, TX) - For more information, please contact Dr. Shawn Ramsey <sramsey@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7616 or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/sheep/center/sales.html>

Show Cattle Camp (May 30-31 or June 6-7 - College Station, TX) - For more information, please contact Mr. Paul Maulsby <beefcenter@tamu.edu> at 979-862-4736 or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/beef/show-cattle-camp/08.pdf>

Livestock Judging Camps (June 15-18 or June 22-25 - College Station, TX) - For more information, please contact Dr. Chris Skaggs <cskaggs@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7616 or visit [http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/livestock\\_camp/index.html](http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/livestock_camp/index.html)

Horse Judging Camp (July 9-11 - College Station, TX) - For more information, please contact Dr. Clay Cavinder <cac@tamu.edu> at 979-845-1562 or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/equine/judging-camp.html>

Aggieland Lamb & Goat Camps (July 25-27 - College Station, TX) - For more information, please contact Dr. Shawn Ramsey <sramsey@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7616 or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/sheep/center/camps.html>

Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course (August 4-6, 2008 - College Station, TX) - For more information, please contact Dr. Jason Cleere <jjcleere@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-6931 or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/ansc/BCSC/>



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