

Animal Science Weekly

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Department Animal Science Hosts American Angus Association® Cattlemen's Boot Camp

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS (August 22-23, 2008) - The Department of Animal Science hosted over 60 beef cattle producers attending the American Angus Association® Cattlemen's Boot Camp at the Beef Center and Rosenthal Meat Science & Technology Center. The camp is a learning opportunity for all cattle producers, including newcomers to the beef industry, as well as experienced producers. This year's participants traveled from four states to learn about all segments of production, both in the classroom and through hands-on opportunities. Topics covered include reproduction, nutrition, herd health, marketing, and producing a high-quality end product.

Dr. Bill Mies, Texas A&M Professor Emeritus in Beef Cattle Science, presented the keynote address discussing both customer service and producing a high-quality product that meets consumer demands. Other Texas A&M University experts giving presentations included Dr. Buddy Faries, Dr. Davey Griffin, Mr. Paul Maulsby, Dr. L. R. Sprott, and Dr. Tryon Wickersham. Industry experts providing expertise included Bill Bowman, American Angus Association®; Gary Fike, Certified Angus Beef, LLC; Ty Groshan, American Angus Association®; and Erin Johnston, Texas Beef Council.

The 2008 edition held on the campus of Texas A&M University marked the ninth Cattlemen's Boot Camp. Organization of the camp was a collaborative effort of the American Angus Association® and Texas A&M University. Additional funding for the Boot Camp was provided through the Angus Foundation. Cattlemen's Boot Camps are planned at various universities across the country and are open to all cattle producers. For more information, please visit <http://www.angus.org>

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Scott Coordinates Statewide 4-H Hippology Contest

SCURRY, TEXAS (August 30, 2008) - Texas AgriLife Extension Horse Specialist Dr. Brett Scott along with County Extension Agents Carrie Sharp and Tommy Phillips coordinated the Statewide 4-H Hippology Contest. Over 165 contestants from 12 counties participated in the event that is comprised of five different components: station identification (parts of the horse, breeds of horses, leg and face markings, etc.); short exam; slide show quiz; one halter and one performance class; and one team question. This year's winning senior team, Tarrant County, was awarded a trip to compete at the National Western in Denver, CO. This event continues to be an extremely popular contest for Texas 4-H members and continues to grow in size every year. There currently is no district qualification for this contest, and it is open to both junior and senior 4-H members. For more information on the Statewide 4-H Hippology Contest, please contact Dr. Brett Scott <bdscott@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-1562.

Sterle a Howdy Camp Namesake

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS (September 3, 2008) - Dr. Jodi Sterle, Associate Professor & Extension Swine Specialist, was surprised last week with Howdy Camp namesake revelations. Camp Sterle will be one of two camps for incoming freshmen and transfer students in January. Similar to Fish Camp, Howdy Camp namesakes are chosen based on nominations from students.



Recent Publications

Archer, G. S., T. H. Friend, D. Caldwell, P. D. Krawczel, C. M. Iacono, H. Keen and T. Martin. 2008A. The impact of feeding several components of the seaweed *Ascophyllum nodosum* on transported lambs. *Animal Feed Science and Technology*. 140:258-271.

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Upcoming Events

Saddle & Sirloin Club Back to School Bash (September 16, 2008 - Pearce Pavilion - 7:00 p.m.)

J. Wayne Stark Galleries Exhibition "A Breed Apart: The Heritage of Livestock in Art" (September 17 - October 30, 2008 - College Station, TX) - Dr. Jodi Sterle will give the gallery talk entitled "All Around You: Livestock's Impact on Society" on September 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call 979-845-6081 or visit the Stark Galleries web site: <http://stark.tamu.edu>

Departmental Seminar Series (September 24, 2008 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 11:30 a.m.) - Dr. Ron Gill, Texas A&M Department of Animal Science, will present. Please RSVP to Dr. Tryon Wickersham <tryon@tamu.edu> no later than Wednesday, September, 17, 2008.

Rosenthal Lecture Series (September 26, 2008) - For more information, please contact Dr. Jeff Savell <j-savell@tamu.edu> at 979-845-3935.

Fall BBQ (October 7, 2008 - Beef Center - 6:00 p.m.) - Details to be provided soon.

Aggiefest Livestock Judging Contest (October 25, 2008) - For more information, please contact Dr. Chris Skaggs <cskaggs@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7616

Aggiefest Horse Judging Workshop (November 15, 2008) - For more information, please contact Dr. Pete Gibbs or Teri Antilley at 979-8745-1562



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