



# AgEco Friday Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### **December**

- 13th-Commencement
- 23rd-1/1/20-Holiday Break
- 27th-Aggies vs Oklahoma State

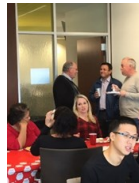
## Words from Waller

### **Graduation Friday**

Congratulations to all of our students who are crossing the stage today and starting the next phase of their lives. As the Acting Department Head, it will be my privilege to shake their hands and congratulate them on this fantastic achievement. We expect to have 5 Master of Science and 10 Master of Agribusiness graduates, and we expect to have a total of 88 undergraduate degrees, with 69 in Agricultural Economics, and 19 in Agribusiness. I would like to extend an extra congratulations to the students who are graduating with honors. We also had 1 PhD graduate walk the stage last week. It has been a great semester, thank you to all.

### **Department Holiday Social**

Thursday at noon was our annual Holiday Luncheon for faculty, staff and graduate students, and retirees. There was a good turnout, with lots of great food, fellowship and fun. Thank you to all who brought side dishes and desserts-they were excellent. Thank you to the Commons Committee and everyone that pitched in to make the luncheon a memorable event.



### **Dr. Kerry Litzenberg is getting better**

Many of you have asked about Dr. Litzenberg over the last month or so. After a hospital stay here in College Station and a several week stay at a rehab facility in Luling Texas, Kerry is back in town. He has been transferred to St. Joseph's Rehab, 1600 Joseph Boulevard in Bryan Texas. Kerry reports that he is getting better by the day, and please feel free to give him a call or stop by for a visit. Kerry says that visits in late afternoon and evening would be easier so that they do not conflict with rehab activities.

### **Rob Hogan is getting better**

Our District Extension Economist, Dr. Rob Hogan has been in the hospital three time with heart related problems in October and November. I spoke with Rob on Thursday of this week, and he reported that he is feeling much better, and he has been released from the hospital and rehab, and he is back home recuperating.

### **AgriLife Conference – January 8-10**

For those who had not seen the previous announcements, the AgriLife Conference is scheduled for January 8-10, 2020. Dr. Patrick Stover, Vice Chancellor and Dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences, and Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research, and Dr. Jeffrey Hyde, Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, will be providing addresses on Wednesday afternoon. The conference agenda is available at: <https://agrilife.org/conference/2019-conference-agenda/>

This is the last Ag Eco Friday before the break. The next Ag Eco Friday will be published on January 17, 2020.

Have a great weekend. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a safe, pleasant Holiday Season. Remember, the Aggies are playing in the Texas Bowl on Friday, December 27, so BTHO Oklahoma State!

## 2019 AGECE Memories



## Happy Birthday!!

Monica Irick	12/22
Natalie Outlaw	12/23
Marco Palma	12/24
Marc Raulston	12/28
Chris Moore	12/29
Mark Welch	1/8
David Ernstes	1/15



*Friday Coffee will  
return next year!*

## Position Announcements

**Assistant/Associate Professor: Economics of International Agricultural Development**, Virginia Tech. The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor with a specialization in economics of international agricultural development. Required Qualifications: PhD in Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics, or a closely related discipline, Coursework/experience in international and/or rural economic development. Application Procedure: Applicants are asked to complete an online faculty application at: [http://www.hr.vt.edu/jobs/job\\_seeker/index.html](http://www.hr.vt.edu/jobs/job_seeker/index.html) (position # 511870 ) and submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, official copies of academic transcripts, a statement of research interests, and a statement of teaching philosophy. Applicants should list three referees and their contact information in the letter of application. Review of applications will begin by December 15, 2019. The search committee will conduct screening interviews at the ASSA Annual meetings in San Diego during January 3-5 and during the subsequent weeks via Skype. Direct questions about this position to Jeff Alwang, Search Committee Chair: Phone: (540) 231-6517, Address: 215-I Hutcheson Hall, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0401. Email: [alwangj@vt.edu](mailto:alwangj@vt.edu)

**Idaho Wheat Commission Endowed Chair in Commodity Risk Management**. The University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS), Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology is seeking an exceptional individual to fill the Idaho Wheat Commission Endowed Chair to support research, teaching and experiential learning in the area of risk management. The position is a nine-month, tenured appointment at the level of Associate or Full Professor in the CALS Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology with affiliate status in the CBE Department of Business (60% research, 20% teaching and advising, 15% outreach, 5% service and administration). Qualifications: Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, finance, or a related field with proven expertise in risk management practices in the areas of agricultural commodity and financial markets. If interested, please contact Christopher S. McIntosh, Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, 208-885-0703, [mcintosh@uidado.edu](mailto:mcintosh@uidado.edu)

[Click here for more position announcements](#)

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events

Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday.

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