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Upcoming Events

Due to COVID-19 coronavirus and the shelter in place order, there are no events planned at this time.
Stay safe and well!

Words from Waller

Transition to Online Classes-Thank You Everyone

I want to start this AGECO Friday column with a thank you to all of our faculty, staff, and students for their efforts, teamwork, and cooperation over the last couple weeks. During spring break, the COVID 19 situation evolved and Texas A&M University along with much of the nation began to make serious adjustments to deal with the growing pandemic. As the University, the College, and AgriLife Research and Extension made recommendations, everyone in our department put in extra effort to adjust. At the beginning of this week all of our spring semester face-to-face classes transitioned to an online format, our undergraduate and graduate offices transitioned to phone or online meetings, faculty and staff transitioned to mostly working from home, and our students prepared to complete their semester online. Many of our spring activities including graduation were canceled or postponed. Our Extension faculty are also adjusting as quickly as possible to move more of their educational programming online since face-to-face Extension meetings have been canceled/postponed, currently, through April 17. All of this transition has been a huge undertaking, and I want to thank all of you for the sacrifices you have made to make this it happen.

Sad News

Dr. Robert (Rob) Hogan passed away at his home in Bandera, Texas on March 17, 2020, and was laid to rest in Mobeetie, Texas on Friday, March 20, 2020. Rob was born in 1950 in Pampa, Texas, and grew up on a ranching operation in the Eastern side of the Texas Panhandle. He received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State University. Rob came to work for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and the Department of Agricultural Economics in 2007, serving as our District Economist-Management in Fort Stockton from 2007 through 2013, and then moved to a similar position at the Uvalde Research and Extension Center from 2013 until he retired in November 2019. Rob was a good friend, and a good coworker. He will be missed.



New Faculty Hire

In late February, we brought three very well-qualified interview candidates to College Station to interview for the Agricultural Marketing and Quantitative Analysis position. The position was offered to Dr. Yong Liu. Dr. Liu received his Ph.D. from the University of Guelph in Canada, and is currently working in a Post-Doc position there. Dr. Liu has accepted our offer, and will join us as a faculty member on September 1, 2020.

Given our transition, the AGECO Friday may be released less frequently for the remainder of the semester.

I hope you all have a great weekend and stay safe.

Happy Birthday!!

Valerie Gerbig	4/6
George Knapek	4/8
Cody Wright	4/8
Ron Lacewell	4/15
Yvette Zhang	4/15
Ximing Wu	4/26
Craig Carpenter	4/27



A man is driving down a country road, when he spots a farmer standing in the middle of a huge field of grass. He pulls the car over to the side of the road and notices that the farmer is just standing there, doing nothing, looking at nothing. The man gets out of the car, walks all the way out to the farmer and asks him, "Ah excuse me mister, but what are you doing?" The farmer replies, "I'm trying to win a Nobel Prize." "How?" asks the man, puzzled. "Well, I heard they give the Nobel Prize . . . to people who are out standing in their field."



Position Announcements

Assistant/Associate Professor, Economics of Agricultural Financial Markets, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics. The Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics is seeking to fill a tenure-track position in the area of agricultural financial markets, an essential component of modern commercial agriculture in Illinois and the nation. Ph.D in Agricultural Economics, Consumer Economics, Consumer Finance, Economics, Finance, or related fields. To ensure full consideration, apply by March 20, 2020. To apply, please create a candidate profile at <http://jobs.illinois.edu> and upload a brief cover letter, a CV, a sample of written work, a research statement, a teaching statement, and three letters of reference. Applicants who are currently graduate students or post-doctoral fellows must also submit transcripts from graduate program(s). For general questions about the department see www.ace.illinois.edu or contact Melissa Warmbier at (217) 333-1810, mwarmbie@illinois.edu.

Assistant Professor, Regional Economics, The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Wyoming seeks applications for a 9-month tenure-track appointment, with a focus on community economic development. Ph.D. by time of hire in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or equivalent. Demonstrated coursework, experience or focus in regional economics or community economic development. For full consideration, complete applications must be received by April 3, 2020. Application Requirements: Complete the online application and upload: CV, Cover Letter, Job Market Paper, Four references names and contact information, • Statement of research, extension/outreach, and teaching interests. Complete the online application and upload: https://uwyo.taleo.net/careersection/00_ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=20000580&tz=GMT-07%3A00&tzname=America%2FDenver

Research Associate, College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, University of Missouri-Columbia. The Division of Applied Social Sciences seeks applications and nominations for a Research Associate. This is a non-tenure track, 9-month appointment with both applied research (60 percent) and extension (40 percent) responsibilities. The successful candidate will provide expertise to the Division's Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) and Agricultural Business and Policy Extension programs around farm management, agricultural policy and value-added agriculture. Please visit <http://hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job/academic/> to submit an application. All applications must include a letter of application, current resume/CV and contact information for three professional references. The finalist for the position will be required to provide official transcripts for graduate courses. Questions regarding this position should be directed to: Joe Horner, Chair, Research Associate Search Committee, 223 Mumford Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211, Email: HornerJ@missouri.edu. Phone: 573-882-9339. Start date: September 1, 2020.

[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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