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Livestock Judging Team Wins Again

FORT WORTH, TEXAS (February 2, 2008) - The Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Team enjoyed a consecutive win with their championship title at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show held in Fort Worth. Kansas State, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State and Arkansas completed the top five teams overall. Texas A&M won team divisions in horse judging and oral reasons, and finished second in beef,

sheep, and swine judging. Texas A&M won team divisions in horse judging and oral reasons, and finished second in beef, sheep, and swine judging. Individually, Texas A&M's Lucas Neumayr earned high individual overall honors. Dustin Burke and Brice Mund finished third and seventh. 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. Competition will resume at the Dixie National held in Jackson, Mississippi, later this month.

The Blinn College Livestock Judging Team, coached by Brant Poe, who was a member of the 1999 National Champion Texas A&M Team, won the junior college division. In addition, Koby Davis, who plans to attend Texas A&M next fall, was high individual overall in the junior college division.

Sterle Speaks at Iowa Pork Congress

DES MOINES, IOWA (January 23, 2008) - Dr. Jodi Sterle, Associate Professor and Extension Swine Specialist, spoke to groups of youth and producers at the Iowa Pork Congress. Sterle collaborated with Trent Loos to present to over 200 Iowa FFA members on issues facing livestock production. She then conducted a Reproductive Wet Lab for over 80 producers.

Upcoming Events

Interdisciplinary Faculty of Reproductive Biology Forum - (February 8 - 12:00 p.m. - Room 210 VMS) - Dr. Raymond N. DuBois, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, will present. For more information, please contact Dr. Fuller Bazer at 979-845-5929.

Department of Animal Science Seminar Series (February 13 - 11:30 a.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge) - Dr. Matt Taylor, Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science, will present. Please RSVP to Kristi Smith <k_hemann@tamu.edu> no later than Friday, February 8, 2008. For more information regarding the seminar series, please contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at 979-845-5065.