

# Animal Science Weekly

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## Judging Teams Compete at National Western

DENVER, COLORADO (January 19, 2008) - The Texas A&M University Livestock, Meat, and Wool Judging Teams competed at the 102nd National Western Stock Show bringing home two championship titles. The National Western Stock Show, inspired by their non-profit and charitable purpose of providing educational opportunities, commits to serving producers and consumers throughout the world. Hundreds of participants representing collegiate teams from across the country competed at this year's events. Complete results are as follows.

Seventy-one points gave Texas A&M the dominating edge over the University of Illinois in the livestock judging contest. Their high team overall performance was supported by team wins in cattle, swine, and reasons. Oregon State, Texas Tech, and Oklahoma State completed the top five teams overall. Texas A&M's Lucas Neumayr earned high individual overall honors while Gwen Powers and Christian Fridye finished fifth and eighth. The team is coached by Dr. Chris Skaggs and graduate students Blake Bloomberg and Zach Rambo. Team members include: Tyler Andrews, Dustin Burke, Christian Fridye, Brice Mund, Lucas Neumayr, Ryan Page, Gwen Powers, Faris Simon, Cody Sloan, Ben Warfield, and Randa Yezak. Competition will continue with the Southwestern Exposition in Fort Worth on February 1.

The Texas A&M Meat Judging Team competed in their first contest of the season finishing fifth. Texas A&M was fifth in beef judging, lamb judging, and specifications and third in reasons. Individually, Haley Deitzel was fifth in total placings and Amanda Smith was first in beef judging and fourth in reasons. The team is coached by Dr. Davey Griffin and graduate student Jarrett Hudek. Team members include: Jay Behrens, Haley Deitzel, Miles Guelker, Billy Bob Moczegemba, Audrey Shimek, Amanda Smith, Katie Treybig, and Carson Ulbrich. Their next contest will be held at the Southwestern Exposition in Fort Worth.

The Texas A&M Wool Judging Team is now one step closer to claiming the National Championship after a win in Denver. Texas A&M's Bryan Weaver earned high individual overall honors while Greta Monson and Paul Wunderlich finished seventh and ninth. To complete the National Championship, Texas A&M will need to win the high team overall award at the Houston Livestock Show. The team is coached by Dr. Shawn Ramsey, graduate students Carl Muntean and Will Dickinson, and undergraduate student Aaron Jennings. Team members include: Kaleigh Burnet, Katy Faulk, Katelyn Grimshaw, Rebecca Hamilton, Zach Hubert, Kenton Kirkpatrick, Kandi Knippa, Joslyn Kotzur, Baylie Miller, Greta Monson, Bryan Weaver, and Paul Wunderlich. The San Antonio Livestock Exposition marks their next competition.



Pictured above: The Texas A&M Livestock Judging Team earned High Team Overall honors at the National Western Stock Show.



Pictured above: The Texas A&M Wool Judging Team earned High Team Overall honors at the National Western Stock Show.

## USDA Publishes Departmental Research

USDA recently published an NRI Research Highlight article regarding swine nutrition and reproduction research conducted in the Department of Animal Science.

Mateo, R. D., G. Wu, F. W. Bazer, J. C. Park, I. Shinzato, & S. W. Kim. (2007). Dietary L-arginine supplementation enhances the reproductive performance of gilts. *Journal of Nutrition*, 137, 652-656.

The article is available at: <<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/newsroom/impact/2008/nri/pdf/swine.pdf>>

## Upcoming Events

Department of Animal Science Seminar Series (January 30 - 11:30 a.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge) - Dr. Stephen B. Smith, Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science, will present "Calf vs Yearling Feeding: Which One Produces More Healthful Beef." For more information, please contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at 979-845-5065.

Interdisciplinary Faculty of Reproductive Biology Forum - (February 1 - 12:00 p.m. - Room 210 VMS) - Dr. Bert Binas, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, Texas A&M University, will present "The isolation of yolk sac endoderm precursor cell lines. Implications for stem cell science and reproductive biology." For more information, please contact Dr. Fuller Bazer at 979-845-5929.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association Coffee Break (February 1 - 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge) - For more information, please contact Katelyn Edwards <[katelynedwards@tamu.edu](mailto:katelynedwards@tamu.edu)>.



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