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JOB WELL DONE!

Our department has been well represented at this year's annual KFB convention. In addition to a lot of commodity and policy development sessions the convention (attended by around 2000 individuals) centers around three main keynote speakers over the three day convention -- Governor Beshear, Senator McConnell, and State Rep Tommy Thompson (Davies Co.). All three speakers referred to both the UK study on the Agricultural Development Board funding and the results from our annual outlook press conference that was presented on Thursday. The press conference received front-page coverage from the Herald-Leader. Thanks to all of you who contributed to these efforts.

Dean Smith MC, Will Snell, Lee Meyer, Kenny Burdine, Cory Walters, Jerry Pierce and Greg Halich did the press conference, Will, Greg and Cory did a farm bill in-service for 69 agents (we were expecting about half that number).

Will also spoke at the Tobacco Conference and participated in a strategic planning meeting with the Dean and other farm leaders. Craig Infanger and Rick Maurer led the ADB evaluation study.

PAST UK STUDENTS FEATURED IN BLOODHORSE MAGAZINE

For more information please read
<http://news.bloodhorse.com/viewstory.asp?id=48312>



University of Kentucky student **Sean Feld** and alumnus **Billy Ajello** have defied the notion that one must reach a particular age or gain a certain level of experience to invest in the Thoroughbred industry.

The two friends, who became hooked on the business via separate avenues, jointly solidified their aspirations by purchasing a Tumblebrutus colt at the 07 Fasig-Tipton KY Oct. sale.

While Feld's involvement in the horse business started at a young age on the backside of Hollywood Park where his father, Bob, was an assistant trainer, Ajello had no prior experience with Thoroughbreds before moving to the KY from Texas to attend UK.

DECEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**Schedule of Events**

- Dec. 15, 08-Dec. 19, 08-Finals Week
- Dec. 16, 08-Dept. Holiday Party
11:30am-2:00pm.
- Dec. 18, 08—Goodie Day— 11:00am-2:00pm.
- Dec. 19, 08-Staff Walk 10:30am-11:00am.
- Dec. 24, 08-Jan. 2, 08-Holiday Break.
- Jan. 13, 08-1:30pm-2:30pm RM 341.

AWARDS:

Will Snell, Steve Isaacs and Larry Jones recently received a \$1 million grant From the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board for funding The Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program (KALP). KALP was immediately awarded \$150,000 to be matched with existing KALP funds to start the next leadership class in the Fall 2009. The remaining \$850,000 will be placed into an endowment which must be matched by outside contributors to create the funds necessary to run future classes. The program will be administered at UK in Agricultural Economics but now becomes a truly statewide program with an advisory board consisting of members from the regional universities, UK, the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy and program alumni.

On December 3, Craig Infanger and Rick Maurer reported to the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee (a joint Senate-House committee) in Frankfort on their two-year evaluation of \$209 million spent by the Agricultural Development Board. The evaluation covered the Model Programs (formula funds for cost-share programs at the county level), Non-Model Projects (investments like the ethanol plant, wineries, ag processing, etc.), and the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation. They were assisted in this study by James Mansfield (whose was the senior staff person); Laura Powers, and graduate student John Woolley. You can find their report at this web address: http://agpolicy.ky.gov/board/uk_study.shtml

PUBLICATIONS:

Saghaian, S., G. Ozertan and A. Spaulding (2008) "The Dynamics of Price Transmission in the Presence of a Major Food Safety Shock: The Impact of N5N1 Avian Influenza on the Turkish Poultry Sector" *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* 40(3): 1015-1031.

Zhao, J., P.J. Barry and A.L. Katchova (2008) "Signaling Credit Risk in Agriculture: Implications for Capital Structure Analysis" *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* 40(3): 805-820.

Agricultural Economics' Department News

WELCOME:

We have the official response from **Jack Schieffer**. He will be joining us around June 17, 2009 as the new assistant professor in environmental and resource economics. Welcome Jack!

Farwell:

On January 2nd our current most senior specialist, **Rick Costin**, from the Lincoln Trail Association will be retiring. Upon his retirement Rick will have been an employee of the University of Kentucky for 31 and half years, spending the last 18 years of that time as an Area Farm Analysis Specialist.

Lucia Ona will be leaving the University of Kentucky Agricultural Department 12/12/08 to return to her homeland, Ecuador. She has been a student in Agricultural Economics for seven years and before that a student pursuing her master in the Patterson School. She and her family will be surly missed. Best of luck, Lucia!

Memory Lane:



Lucia



Christmas-2004-2007



Job Listings

Location	Position	Closing Date	Contact Info.
Texas Tech. Assistant Prof. in Agribusiness & Applied Economics of College of Agri. Sciences & Natural Resources Position #: 2009 TLF 055	Texas Tech. Assistant Prof. in Agribusiness & Applied Econ. Emphasis is Agricultural Business/Marketing	Now-Until Filled	Dr. Jaime Malaga, Search Committee Chair (806) 742-0261 Ext 241 Fax: (806) 742-1099 Texas Tech Univ. Box 42132 or Jaime.malaga@ttu.edu Lubbock, TX 79409
Oregon State University Instructor, Extension Community (Economist) Western Oregon Position #: 0002153	OSU Full time Instructor. Twelve month fixed-term.	Now-Until Filled	Kathy.carpenter@oregonstate.edu or bruce.weber@oregonstate.edu.
Oregon State University Instructor, Extension Community (Economist) Eastern Oregon Position #: 0002155	OSU Full time Instructor. Twelve month fixed-term.	Now-Until Filled	Kathy.carpenter@oregonstate.edu or bruce.weber@oregonstate.edu.
Louisiana State University Center for Natural Resource Econ. & Policy Department of Agri. Econ. & Agribusinness	Three Post-doc. Research Positions in the fisheries/natural resource economics	Now-Until Filled	http://www.laseragrant.org/opps/employ.htm#anticipated and http://www.laseagrant.org/org.opps/emply.htm#researcher .
Texas A & M-AgriLife Research & Extension-Undergraduate teaching & enhance the distance learning and outreach programs.	9 month-Budgeted non-tenure track	Now-Until Filled	John P. Nichols, department head, Dept. of Agri. Econ, 2124 TAMU College Station, TX 77843-2124 or @jpn@tamu.edu.
CSIRO -Research Assoc. Or Research Fellow work	Research Assoc. Or Research Fellow work	Now-Until Filled	http://jobs.uwa.edu.au/ .
North Dakota State University, Agribusiness & Applied Economics	Assist Prof. Agribusiness & Applied Science- Tenure track, 55% Research, 45% Teaching	Now Until Filled	Contact Robert Hernerne @ Robert.hearne@ndsu.edu
Cal. Poly-SLO, Ca. Assist. Or Assoc. Prof. Agribusiness Dept.	Aca. Yr. Appt. Assis. Or Assoc. Prof. FT, Tenure Track Fall 2009.	Now-Dec. 19th-Until Filled	www.agb.calpoly.edu or calpoly-jobs.org

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University Of Massachusetts @ Amherst-Dept. of Resource Econ.	Assistant Prof. of Experimental Econ. & Public Policy	Now-Until Filled	Prof. John Stranlund, Search Committee Chair, Dept. of Resource Econ. 211 Stockbridge Hall 80 Campus Center Way University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003-9246 or email- appliedeconometrics@resecon.umass.edu
University of Maryland @ College Park-Dept. of Agr. & Resource Econ.	Assistant/Associate Prof.		Search Committee Chair-Agri. & Resource Econ. 2200 Symons Hall Univ. of Maryland College Park, MD 20742-5535 USA
Ohio State University- Agroecosystems Mgt. Program	Postdoctoral Research Assoc. in the Social/Behavioral Sciences	Now-Dec. 15, 08	Casey W. Hoy Kellogg Endowed Chair in Agr. Ecosys. Mgt. Agroecosys. Mgt. Program Ohio State Univ. Ohio Agr. Research & Dev. Center 1680 Madison Ave. Wooster, Ohio 44691 Jeff Sharp Rural Sociology Program Dept. of Human and Community Resource Dev. Ohio State University 254 Agr. Adm Bldg. 2120 Fyffe Rd. Columbus, Ohio 43210.
Ohio State University- Sustainable Sciences through an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Rural Sociology	Fellowship Opportunity	Now-Jan. 2, 2009	Dr. Thomas E. Burk, Chair, Human Dimensions Search Committee. Dept. of Forest Res., University of Minnesota 115 Green Hall 1530 Cleveland Ave. N. St. Paul, MN 55108 or jschnadt@umn.edu.
University of Minnesota- Human Dimensions of Natural Resources & Env. College of Food, Agr. & Natural Resource Sciences	Assist. Or Assoc. position-9 month, tenure-track with 50% teaching and 50% outreach.	Now-Feb. 16, 2009	
University of Guelph- Public Health Agency of Canada.	Post Doc. Fellow-Multi factorial Framework for Prioritization of Microbial Risks in Foods.	One Year Fellow-Now	Professor Valerie Davidson (Project PI) School of Engineering, Univ. of Guelph, or email @vdauidso@uoguelph.ca
University of Wyoming- Dept. of Agri. & Applied Econ.	Assistant Prof. in Water Resource Econ, Dept. of Agri. & Applied Econ	Now-Until Jan. 12, 09-Until Filled	Dale Menkhous, Search Chair, Dept. of Agri. & Applied Econ. University of Wyoming Dept. 3354, 1000 E. University Ave. Laramie, WY 82071 or menkhous@uwyo.edu
Pennsylvania State University- Dept. of Agr. Econ. and Rural Sociology College of Agr. Sciences	Dept. Head for the Dept. of Agr. Econ. and Rural Sociology	Now-Feb. 27, 09 and on.	Ms. Dawn Holsopple, Search Committee Coordinator College of Agr. Sciences 238 Agr. Adm Bldg. University Park, PA 16802 or dlh5@psu.edu.

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Univ. of Florida North East- Extension director position	Extension Director	Now	Contact Marilyn N. Norman, Ph.D. Associate Dean, 4-H-Youth Dev. Phone 352-846-0999 or e-mail mnnorman@ifas.ufl.edu .
University of Minnesota, Dept. of Applied Economics College of Agri., Food and Env. Sciences.	Assistant, Associate/Full Professor, Energy Economics.	Now	http://employmentent.umn.edu .
Kansas State University- Extension Assistant/Associate Office of Local Gov Agri Econ.	Extension Assistant/Associate	Oct. 16, 2008-On	Dr. Arlo Biere, Acting Head, Dept of Agri. Econ 342 Walter Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506 or jleather@agecon.ksu.edu
Iowa State University- Egg Industry	Program Mgr. FT	Feb. 1, 09-sooner	http://www.iastatejobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=76282 .
Food System Leadership Institute (FSLI) is currently accepting new Fellows.	New Fellows	Open	http://www.fsli.org or Dr. Ken Swartzel @ krs@ncsu.edu (919) 513-2063.
South Dakota State University, Economics Department	Department Head-12 month, tenure track to begin Jan. 1, 09.	Oct. 15, 08-On	http://yourfuture.sdbor.edu or Dr. Kurt Cogswell at (605) 688-6196 or Kurt.Cogswell@sdsstate.edu .
University of Tennessee-Knoxville Agricultural Economics Department.	Eighteen month post-doc research associate position in food demand, nutrition, health and public policy.	Now and On.	http://web.utk.edu/~syen/postdoc.html .
University of Connecticut- Dept. of Agricultural & Resource Econ	Postdoctoral Fellow-Research in industrial organization, food marketing and agribusiness mgt.	Now-Jan 20, 09 start date	Rigoberto.Lopez@uconn.edu or mail to Rigoberto Lopez, Dept. of Agr. & Resource Econ. University of Connecticut 1376 Storrs Road, Rm 319 Storrs, CT 06269-4021 Phone 860-4861929, Fax 860-486-1932.
CSREES- Econ. & Community Systems Unit Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA)	One year opportunity with CSREES in Economics	Now-Until Filled	Franklin E. Boteler, Deputy Administrator, CSREES (202) 720-5305 fboteler@csrees.usda.gov
University Of Massachusetts @ Amherst-Dept. of Resource Econ.	Assist. Prof. of Applied Econ.	Now-Until Filled	Prof. Daniel Lass, Search Committee Chair, Dept. of Resource Econ. 211 Stockbridge Hall 80 Campus Center Way University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003-9246 or email- appliedeconometrics@resecon.umass.edu .
University of Wyoming- College of Agriculture	Agricultural Systems Project Manager. Will evaluate agronomic, economic, and ecological parameters of crop/range/livestock sys. 4Yr. FT benefited position. Start 3/1/09.	Now-Jan. 15,09	SAREC; Dr. Jay Norton (307)-766-5082 or email jnorton4@uwyo.edu .