Teaching

On Wednesday October 28, 2015, Dr. Erdogan Memili gave a seminar titled "From Bench to Barn: Sperm Factors Influencing Bull Fertility and Cattle Agriculture" at the Department of Animal Science, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. The Endocrinology and Physiology Seminar series is hosted by the Departments of Animal Science, Biomedical Sciences, and the Baker Institute for Animal Health at Cornell

Research

Mississippi State University GRAZING Dairy

After considerable work Kenneth Graves, Dr. Stephanie Ward and the entire crew at the Bearden Dairy have developed a fully functioning grazing operation.
Dr. Brandi Karisch received the first annual Dr. Joe Street Outstanding Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Award at the Extension Annual Conference awards dinner on November 11, 2015.

This is a well-deserved recognition of Dr. Karisch’s hard work and dedication to Mississippi beef producers.
UPCOMING EVENTS

4-H Events:

- February 29, 2016—FARMTASTIC, Jackson County
- For more events, go to Mississippi 4-H Calendar of Events or contact Dean Jousan dj230@msstate.edu

Beef Extension Events:

- March 2, 2016 - BCIA Annual Meeting and Supper, Hinds Bull Sale Facility, Raymond, MS
For more events go to Beef Cattle Calendar of Events or contact Brandi Karisch brandi.karisch@msstate.edu or Cobie Rutherford cobie.rutherford@msstate.edu

Riding Clinics:

- Horse Management 101 Clinic in Winona, MS - This 8-wk course starts March 22 and runs from 6-9 PM each Tuesday night through May 10, 2016.
- April 2, 2016 - Ranch Riding Clinic in Richton, MS.
- July 2016 - Basic Horsemanship Clinics at the county/district level. Agents have been asked to organize riding clinics in their areas to address topics such as making a more enjoyable horse, leads and lead departures, side passing and two tracking, speed control, bridling up, stopping, and much more! Clinicians from MSU will teach these clinics. Please contact your county agent to organize one of these clinics if you are interested.

The Mane Event:

The MSU Extension Service is proud to introduce a new informational video series! The Mane Event is a monthly "how-to" video series concerning horse management, nutrition concerns, and training tips. These short informative videos provide a source of information to all who are interested in horse care, use, and riding.

- Neck Reining - February (newest video)
- Link to Video web page: The Mane Event

For more info, go to Horse Production in Mississippi or contact Clay Cavinder clay.cavinder@msstate.edu
Mississippi State Fair 2015

Tim Armstrong and James Cannon did an awesome job at the State Fair cooking Bully Burgers. They worked 16 - 18 hours each day for over 12 days representing the department. They were the greatest ambassadors for Animal and Dairy Sciences.
Dr. Molly Nicodemus, advisor for the Horseman’s Association, reported that their members worked the Horse Poor Barrel Race at the Mississippi Horse Park in Starkville, MS on October 16-18, 2015.

To date, this was the largest event the Mississippi Horse Park has hosted. The barrel race was an American Qualifier and included $20,000 in cash prizes.

Club members were responsible for running the gates during the race. Members signed up for 5-8 hour shifts with shifts starting Friday afternoon at 5 pm and running through Sunday with the last shift ending Sunday night at 9 pm. A total of 6-8 members signed up for each shift with well over 20 members getting a chance to be a part of this event.

Due to the members’ exceptional work during the event, the Mississippi Horse Park donated $500 to the Gary Woodruff Memorial Scholarship, which was started by last year’s Horseman’s Association officers to recognize members that are dedicated to the improvement and development of the Mississippi horse industry.
Departmental Activities

MSU Equestrian Team Competes at the Fall Classic

The equestrian team traveled to their first competition for the season, the Fall Classic, at Berry College November 7-8. This was the largest intercollegiate equestrian competition hosted by Berry College with 13 colleges competing. The team consists of 10 riders. They competed in hunt seat equitation, western horsemanship, and equitation over fences classes. The MSU team members got their names called out with 12 top 10 placings including 2 7th placed ribbons, 4 6th placed ribbons, 4 4th placed ribbons, 1 3rd placed ribbon, and a 1st placed ribbon won by Kelly Moore in novice equitation over fences. Next competition will be in February. Dr. Molly Nicodemus is the team’s advisor.
Dr. Jamie Larson, Block and Bridle’s advisor, reports that they had nearly 30 new pledges this school year. First place went to Amalea West (center of photo in red and blue bright plaid) and second place went to Mr. Quinton Gibson (Carhart jacket far right). We had an alumni show and Matt Janzan won first place. And for the third year in a row (we’ll have to schedule this when she’s out of town next year), the faculty award went to Jessica Graves.

Special thanks to Mark Crenshaw, Caleb Lemley, Shengfa Liao, Trent Smith, and Jessica Graves for braving the show ring in the faculty competition!

Also, a special thanks to Kenneth Graves, William White, Cody Glenn, Corey White, Jamie Burkhardt, and Mark Crenshaw for helping these students prep their animals and get them to the Horse Park!

And the cutest photo of the day… Maggie (Dr. Larson’s daughter) took a liking to the pigs.
Dr. Clay Cavinder is proud to report the results of the Mississippi State Horse Judging Team in the competition at the 2015 AQHA World Championship Show in Oklahoma City, OK. In all, 17 University teams competed. Team members consisted of Hannah Miller, Hannah Collins, Ashley Greene, Samantha Miller, Ashley Palmer, Carlee West, and MaeLena Apperson.

Hannah Miller: High Individual in Performance; 5th High Individual in Reasons; 5th High Individual Overall

Hannah Collins: 10th High Individual in Performance; 9th High Individual Overall

Team Awards: High Team Performance; 3rd High Team Overall

Out of a possible 3,600 points, Mississippi State was only 6 points behind Reserve World Champion, West Texas A&M University and 20 points behind the World Champion Team, Oklahoma State. Top 5 teams were:

Mississippi State Livestock Judging Team

The 2015 Livestock Judging Team ended the year at the National Contest in Louisville, KY. The event was host to thirty-three teams from across the country, and the MSU team finished twenty-third. Team member Tucker Wagner ranked tenth in the Performance Swine Division. A new generation of young stockmen has been developed to go make an impact on our state and its livestock industry.

These young people are among the first representatives of our newly revitalized livestock judging program, and their impact on the future success of our program will be immeasurable.

We’d like to say a special thanks to our Animal and Dairy Sciences Department Head, Dr. John Blanton for his support of this group and future teams to follow!

All the alumni, donors, livestock breeders and faculty, along with our administration, have truly changed the culture for the better, and only time will tell what the true measure of success will be for the young competitors on this year’s team.

Team members are as follows:
Michael Agar-Woodstock, GA
Claylee Chism-Pontotoc, MS
Harrison Lang-Brandon, MS
Dana Richardson-Wauchula, FL
Jay Slater-New Hebron, MS
Tucker Wagner-Collinsville, MS

Mississippi State University Horse Judging Team with Brett Crow and Kipp Brown
2015 Refereed Publications:


2015 Book Chapters:


