ADS 3223 Horse Management Summer Tours

Submitted by Dr. Molly Nicodemus

Students enrolled in ADS 3223 Horse Management this summer got a chance to work outside of the classroom as they toured local equine facilities. The course consisted of 10 students and took place during the second summer session with students meeting 3 days per week. During the session, students toured various equine facilities and met with those that worked at the facilities. These facilities included the West Point 4-H Elizabeth A. Howard Arena, MAFES South Farm Horse Unit, Redbud Farm, and MSU CVM Equine Clinics. During the tour, students were asked to assess the facilities and compare those to other facilities. Outside the class tours, students got to select a facility to tour on their own. Many students picked facilities near their hometown where they enjoyed touring and getting to know local horse professionals. Students made comparisons between the facilities they toured, both in class and on their own, and gave recommendations for facility improvement. While this was the third year this summer course has been offered, this year’s student response to the facility project was definitely the most positive response yet.
Summer Livestock Judging Camps

Submitted by Brett Crow

This year’s livestock judging camps were host to over 100 youth from across the Southeast. Subsequent state 4H and FFA contests have left participants from camp responsible for 7 state champion teams and 5 state overall high individual honors this year alone. In Mississippi, both junior and senior state winning teams in both 4H and FFA contests had representatives of our camps as members and the state high individuals in all four of those contests were attendees of this year’s MSU camps.

Check out the following link for a related short story published by our Ag. Communications Department: http://extension.msstate.edu/news/feature-photo/2016/msu-livestock-judging-campers-sweep-4-h-and-ffa-competitions
Upcoming Extension Events

Beef Extension – Dr. Brandi Karisch, Cobie Rutherford

- BQA Meeting: Sept. 19th in Corinth, MS
- BQA Meeting: Sept. 20th in West Point, MS
- BQA Meeting: Sept. 29th in Tylertown, MS

Equine Events – Dr. Clay Cavinder

- Creating a Strong Foundation: horse riding clinic to ensure a strong foundation of softness and willingness for a more enjoyable horse. Marshall Co. Fairgrounds, Holly Springs MS. Sept. 10th 9 am - 4 pm. Registration: $50 per rider or $25 to audit. Make checks payable to MSU Animal and Dairy Science Department.

4-H Events – Dr. Dean Jousan

- Mississippi State Fair: October 6 - 17
Beefin’ up the Bulldogs

Submitted by Dr. Trent Smith

On August 20th, ADS served the MSU Bulldog Football team and coaches a steak dinner at the Seal Football complex. They also enjoyed the farm animals and activities outside.
Welcome Back ADS Students

Submitted by Jessica Graves

This year’s Welcome Back Picnic was held on Tuesday, August 23rd at Ballew Hall. New students were able to mingle with current students to learn more about the opportunities available for involvement with clubs/organizations and competitive teams. In addition, many faculty and graduate students participated in a “Career Fashion Show” designed to highlight possible career opportunities for students upon graduation. To name a few, we were visited by a lawyer, equine breed association manager, companion animal nutritionist, pharmaceutical rep, and even graced by the presence of a “gut truck” driver who was so kind to bring his work (guts) with him! Many thanks to those who participated in this activity that was both educational and entertaining! A special thanks to the Department for sponsoring this event and the Meat Chemistry & Cuisine group for preparing the meal.
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