IN CREATING THIS NEWSLETTER, IT'LL BE HELPFUL TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE FOCUS SHOULD BE ON THE EMPLOYEES MORE THAN ANYTHING. WHILE IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYEES TO HEAR FROM THEIR HIGHER-UPS, IT'S ALSO A CHANCE TO CREATE A COMMUNITY THAT'S BUILT UP ON POSITIVE MORALE WITHIN THE OFFICE. YOU CAN GET STARTED ON THAT GOAL BY DEDICATING A COUPLE OF PAGES OF YOUR NEWSLETTER TO PROFILES ON DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, TEAMS, AND INDIVIDUALS AND RECOGNIZING THEIR MOST RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS. YOU CAN EVEN INVITE MORE SOCIABLE ASPECTS INTO THE PLAYING FIELD BY INCLUDING PIECES OF FLUFF INFORMATION, SUCH AS NEWLYWEDS AND PARENTS-TO-BE WITHIN THE OFFICE.

Creating a newsletter that's of practical use around the office can also motivate your employees to "MORE PIZZAS, MORE STORES" MSU HEADS TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

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What a year with an incredible group of young men and women who represented our 2018 team!! With a 7th place team rank in the “Performance Cattle Division”, this year we achieved our first top-ten division finish at our National Contest in Louisville, KY since having re-established our program! We’re proud to have also achieved the highest overall team rank since we brought the program back!

Also at the National Contest, team member, Abigail Jenkins, became Mississippi State’s first ever, “All American” team member!

Abigail ranked 2nd individually in the “Performance Swine” division (tied for first) as well as 7th overall in the “Performance Cattle” division! Team member, Cody Maddox, was just one point shy of a top-ten finish in that division.

Every team member received individual contest recognition at some point throughout the year and each played a vital role in the best season we’ve had in modern history! We wish each one only the best as they enter the next phase of life!

2018 Mississippi State Livestock Judging Team

Members:
Abigail Jenkins
Cody Maddox
Gresham Stephens
Logan Strock
Mikaila Walker
HIGH POINT CHAMPIONS!
CONGRATS TO OUR WESTERN TEAM FOR WINNING BIG!
Feeling pretty excited to see you all making an impact with food pantries in MS. Through sales of our Hail State and Drink Milk t-shirts, we've been able to donate all this - and are working on even more. Not only are dairy products getting into the hands of families who need it, we are also getting some dairy products off the shelves to help with oversupply.

I know this is a small way to help, but if we all do some small things to help dairy producers, it can become huge! If you bought a shirt, thank you! If not, there are still some left (but not all sizes and colors). If you want to help producers beyond getting a shirt, consider donating milk to a local pantry!
ANIMAL AGRICULTURE IN CHINA

A Study Abroad Course:
- GA 4710/6710 Study Tour - Animal Agriculture in China (3 credit hours)
- Stationed at Anhui Agricultural University in Hefei, Anhui, China, the world's 2nd-largest economy, for 3 weeks, students will learn a great deal of China's animal agricultural practices, animal product consumption patterns, and its veterinary service
- To experience Chinese culture, cuisine, language, and its several very attractive sights

Application Deadline
March 8, 2019

Program Dates
May 8 – 29, 2019

Eligibility/Prerequisites
All undergraduate and graduate students with at least a 2.5 GPA are encouraged to participate

Contact:
Dr. Liao: s.hiao@msstate.edu

Price: $2,290
March 8, 2019 – Application fee: $150
March 22, 2019 – Program fee: $2,140
UPCOMING EXTENSION EVENTS

Beef Extension - Dr. Brandi Karisch & Cobie Rutherford

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Beef Calendar: http://extension.msstate.edu/livestock/beef/beef-calendar

Dairy Events - Dr. Amanda Stone

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2018 Refereed Publications


Griffin, Courtney M., BS; Jenna A. Scott, BS; Brandi B. Karisch, MS, PhD; Amelia R. Woolums, DVM, MVSc, PhD, DACVIM, DACVM; John R. Blanton, MS, PhD; Ray M. Kaplan, DVM, PhD, DEVPC, DACVM; William B. Epperson, DVM, MS, DACVP (Epidemiology); David R. Smith, DVM, PhD, DACVP (Epidemiology). A randomized controlled trial to test the effect of on-arrival vaccination and deworming on stocker cattle health and growth performance. *The Bovine Practitioner,* Vol. 52, No. 1.
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2018 Book Chapters: