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Meat Science Prime Cuts

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Certified Angus Beef Stampede a Success

Over 60 restaurateurs and other foodservice managers attended the 2001 Certified Angus Beef Stampede on October 1 in College Station, Texas. The participants began their day at Texas A&M's Beef Center located in the Animal Science Teaching, Research and Extension Center (ASTREC) where they learned about live animal evaluation, purebred cattle operations, animal health and feedlots, feed resources, and received an overview of meat science. Following lunch at the Beef Center, the group then traveled to the Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center to learn about carcass fabrication and grading along with product sensory evaluation. The Meat Science Section at Texas A&M were honored to host another program for Certified Angus Beef with the assistance of many Department of Animal Science faculty and staff.



Meat Judging Team Performs Well at First Two Fall Contests

The Texas A&M Senior Meat Judging Team began fall competition at the Eastern National Intercollegiate contest in Wyalusing, Pa., on October 6 and placed second out of a field of eight teams in the contest. The team was sixth in grading, first in lamb/veal judging, first in pork judging, first in beef judging, first in placings, first in specifications, and second in reasons.

The next competition was in Plainview, Texas, at the Excel High Plains Intercollegiate contest on October 21. At the contest, Texas A&M placed second out of a field of 10 teams. The team was third in grading, third in lamb judging, third in pork judging, sixth in beef judging, fourth in placings, second in specifications, and third in reasons. The next two contests are the American Royal in Emporia, Kan., and the International contest in Dakota City, Neb. The team members are: Jason Bagley (San Antonio, TX), Danielle Espitia (College Station, TX), Chanda Hoppe (Winters, TX), Meredith McGowan (Hereford, TX), Stacy Mueller (New Braunfels, TX), Ingrid Oman (Avoca, TX), Johnny Philipello (Bryan, TX), Lesley Rakowitz (Pleasanton, TX), Laura Real (Marion, TX), Celeste Schuehle (Hondo, TX), and Kristin Voges (Austin, TX). The team is coached by master of science graduate student Ryan Person of Clovis, Calif.

Beef 20/20 Programs Helpful for Beef Cattle Producers

Two Beef 20/20 programs were conducted in the month of September in Amarillo and Corpus Christi. On September 6-7, approximately 60 people attended Beef 20/20 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. Then, on September 27-28, at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Corpus Christi, approximately 40 people participated in the Beef 20/20 program. This program features case studies of how total quality management (TQM) works in the beef cattle industry as well as in other industries. Beef 20/20 is sponsored by the Texas Beef Council and conducted by the Meat Science Section at Texas A&M University.

Mini Beef 706 Conducted at Tarleton State University

Several faculty members and graduate students from the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University traveled to Stephenville on October 4 to host a mini Beef 706 program for approximately 35 cattle producers at Tarleton State University. The participants then graded the beef carcasses from the program at the Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center in College Station, Texas, on October 12.

TAMU Meat Judging Team Reunion a Fun Event

The 2001 TAMU Meat Judging Team Reunion was held September 21-23. Even with the tragic occurrences the week before, we had a great turnout. Team members from as far back as 1939 (Mr. Roy Moore) to the present and from all over the country attended the 10th reunion of the Meat Judging program. Approximately 200 former meat judging team members, current students and guests took part in a variety of activities including a reception at the Animal Science Teaching, Research and Extension Center, a brunch prior to the TAMU vs. OSU game, a prime rib dinner and a golf tournament. Due to a change in the game time, the traditional former member judging contest was cancelled, but the current and 2002 teams did compete for individual awards. Senior team honors went to Stacy Mueller (1st), Celeste Schuehle (2nd) and Johnny Philipello (3rd). Junior team honors went to Joe Bhrluk (1st), Kelton Mason (2nd) and Carrie Adams (3rd). Special thanks go to Shanna Boleman, Jennifer Wyle, Aaron Wyle, Kristina Fritz, Audra Grona, Shawn Harris, and Randal Garrett for volunteering to grade reasons.

During the prime rib dinner, Scott and Shanna Boleman, Shawn Harris, James Henderson and the 2001 TAMU Meat Judging Team were all recognized for their significant contributions of \$1,000 or more to the Meat Judging Fund. Each were awarded with a plaque with a duplicate being displayed at the Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center. During the reunion, Mike Coleman became the latest member to reach the \$1,000 plateau as well! Also during the dinner event, a silent auction coordinated by Shanna Boleman and Jennifer Wyle was concluded. Fourteen items ranging from American flags flown over our U.S. capitol to some wonderful prints were auctioned to raise over \$2,000 to aid in travel for the current teams. Thank you to each of the donors and buyers!

The Sunday morning G. C. Smith Scholarship Golf Tournament raised \$1,000 in hole sponsorships and over \$600 in player donations for the endowment! Twenty-eight players braved the early morning hours for a fun time on the TAMU golf course. The event was won by the team of Joe Harris, Brian Luensmann, Gerald Hicks and Davey Griffin. Second place went to Shawn Ramsey, David Grams, Justin Kotzur and Kirk Jones with third place winners Raphe Shipmann, Craig Belew, Randy Phariss and Don Palmer right behind. Thanks to everyone who donated or participated to make this a successful end to the weekend.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the TAMU Meat Judging endowment can send a check payable to the Development Foundation – Meat Judging or call Davey Griffin or Jeff Savell for more information. Also, anyone who would like to receive periodic email updates about the TAMU Meat Judging Team and future reunions, please email Davey Griffin (dgriff@tamu.edu).

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Junior Meat Judging Team winners



Senior Meat Judging Team winners



TAMP HACCP Course Conducted

On September 13-14, 10 people participated in an Introductory HACCP Course sponsored by the Texas Association of Meat Processors (TAMP) and the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University. Davey Griffin, Jeff Savell, and Kerri Harris taught the course in College Station.

HACCP Course and Beef Quality Workshop Conducted for International Agriculture Guests

On October 2-3, meat inspectors from Mexico participated in a HACCP course conducted by the Department of Animal Science. The group was sponsored by a Cochran Fellowship and the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). Kerri Harris and Jeff Savell served as instructors for the HACCP course. On October 4, participants were taught U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) beef grading and were shown U.S. beef fabrication styles by Jeff Savell, Dave McKenna, Pat Mies, and Barret Kolle. Joe Harris, executive director of the Southwest Meat Association (SMA), served as moderator of the carcass fabrication session. Joe has extensive knowledge of cut names and utilization in Mexico.

Texas A&M and SMA Host Successful Sausage School in August

The 2001 Meat and Poultry Sausage School was held August 28 - 30 at the Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center. Approximately 30 people attended the three-day course, which included hands-on laboratory experiences, product evaluation sessions, and demonstrations covering smoked sausage, dried, and semi-dried sausage, meat and poultry emulsions, and processing technology. Meat scientists from Texas A&M led the workshop along with assistance from industry leaders in processed meats. The program was sponsored by Alkar, Dewied International, Inc., Brechteen, Risco, Wolfking, Red Arrow, and Heller Seasonings and Ingredients, Inc. Thanks to all of the industry sponsors for making this program such a success! This workshop was conducted by the Meat Science Section at Texas A&M University in cooperation with the Southwest Meat Association (SMA).

Aggie Notables:

- ★ Jim Butler, deputy vice chancellor of agriculture at Texas A&M University, has been named deputy undersecretary of Marketing and Regulatory Programs by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman. As deputy vice chancellor of agriculture at Texas A&M, Butler served for 10 years as chief liaison with industry groups and federal and state officials for the university's Agriculture Program. Congratulations, Jim!

Upcoming Events: