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COLLEGE NEWS

Jensen named fisheries, aquaculture interim director
Longtime College of Ag faculty member and administrator John Jensen will return to the college full time as interim director of the School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences, effective Sept. 1. He succeeds David Rouse, who is retiring from 32 years on the Auburn faculty and 12 years as interim head and head of the Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures. Jensen came to Auburn as a fisheries research associate in 1972 and in 1991 became department head. In 2001, he was named interim dean and director of the College of Agriculture and Alabama Ag Experiment Station and served in that role for more than two years before returning to his faculty position. He retired in 2007 but has continued to serve the college in several capacities, including professor emeritus, visiting professor, co-director of the Aquaculture and Fisheries Business Institute and part-time development officer. He holds a bachelor’s degree in fisheries and wildlife management from the University of Minnesota and master’s and Ph.D. degrees in fisheries and allied aquacultures from Auburn.

Poultry science faculty honored for research, teaching
Two Auburn poultry science faculty received top honors from the Poultry Science Association during the global organization’s annual meeting in San Diego recently. Poultry nutrition professor Bill Dozier was awarded the 2013 National Chicken Council Broiler Research Award in recognition of his research program and its strong economic impact on the broiler industry, and, as previously announced, poultry product quality and safety associate professor Shelly McKee received the 2013 Novus International Teaching Award recipient. Also at the meeting, professor Joe Hess was elected to a three-year term as a director on the Poultry Science Association’s Executive Board.

Wilson new chair of committee representing black ag economists
Norbert Wilson, associate professor of agricultural economics at Auburn, was selected chair of the Committee on the Opportunity and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics during the joint annual meeting of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association and the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society in Washington, D.C., recently. The association established the committee in 1980 to promote the welfare of black agricultural economists by representing their interests and by engaging in activities that encourage their professional advancement.

PUBLICATIONS

Terrill Hanson, FISH, and Curtis Jolly, AERS, “Comparative advantage of the U.S. farm-raised catfish industry: a cross-regional domestic resource cost analysis,” in Journal of Aquaculture Economics and Management


Dennis Shannon, Charles W. Wood and Edzard van Santen, AGRN, and Wheeler Foshee, HORT, “Partial shade, irrigation and added nutrients maximize dry matter yield of American skull cap (Scutellaria lateriflora L.),” in HortScience

Walter Owslley and Russell Muntifering, ANSC; Charles Wood, AGRN; and J.L. Holliman, BBREC, “Productivity and nutritive quality of Johnsongrass (Sorghum halepense) as influenced by commercial fertilizer, broiler litter and interspaced white clover (Trifolium repens),” in Applied and Environmental Soil Science


David Heid, ENT/PLP, “Black cutworm (lepidoptera: noctuidae) flight activity on a golf course in central Alabama,” in The Florida Entomologist

Alan Wilson, FISH, "Biomagnification or biolution of microcystins in aquatic food webs: meta-analyses of laboratory and field studies," in Harmful Algae

Jeffery Terhune, Zhanjiang Liu and Eric Peatman, "RNA-seq analysis of mucosal immune responses reveals signatures of intestinal barrier disruption and pathogen entry following Edwardsiella ictaluri infection in channel catfish, Ictalurus punctatus," in Fish and Shellfish Immunology

Stephen Szedlmayer, FISH, "A comparison of size and age of red snapper (Lutjanus campechanus) with the age of artificial reefs in the northern Gulf of Mexico," in Fishery Bulletin

Jeffrey Sibley, HORT, "Winter stem cutting propagation of Heller's Japanese holly with and without use of a conventional auxin treatment," in HortTechnology

Shelly McKee, POUL, "Consumer acceptance of visual appearance of broiler breast meat with varying degrees of white striping," in Poultry Science

Kenneth Macklin, Laura Bauermeister and Joseph Hess, POUL, "Live performance characteristics, pathogen load and foot pad lesions in range-reared heritage vs. conventional turkeys (Meleagris gallopavo)," in International Journal of Poultry Science

GRANT AWARDS

Joseph Kloepper and Kathy Lawrence, ENT/PLP, received $125,000 in year two funding from Bayer Crop Science for the project, “Cooperative research and development on VOTIVO.”

Jim Stoeckel, FISH, was awarded $19,213.57 from Stratus Consulting to fund the second phase of his fiddler crab research.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources awarded Eric Peatman and Huseyin Kucuktas, FISH, $128,971 for the project, “Alabama largemouth bass genetic management plan.”

Fudd Graham, ENT/PLP, received $10,000 from WellMark International Inc. for his research on the effectiveness of different ratios of (s)-methoprene and adulticide combinations for the suppression of red imported fire ants.

Allen Davis, FISH, received $2,120 in additional U.S. Soybean Export Council funding for his regional animal production course for shrimp production projects.

Austin Hagan, ENT/PLP, was awarded $5,000 from NexSteppe to support his project on disease resistance and yield potential of hybrid sweet sorghum experimental lines.

COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out with CRIS, in with REEport

The USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture has pulled the plug on the CRIS report system, replacing it with a new singular grant and formula project reporting system known as REEport. John Liu, associate dean for research for the College of Ag and assistant director of the Alabama Ag Experiment Station, says although REEport is not a user-friendly system and is still being fine-tuned, all new Hatch projects must be initiated through it. For instructions on using REEport, contact Kelley Terry at terryk@auburn.edu.

CASIC ribbon-cutting ceremony set Sept. 13

The Auburn University Board of Trustees, President Jay Gouge and the Auburn Research and Technology Foundation will hold a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Mike Hubbard Center for Advanced Science, Innovation and Commerce at the Auburn Research Park Friday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m. The 84,000-square-foot center features 20 laboratories as well as shared support spaces and specialized equipment areas for scientific research in bioenergy, water quality, food safety, genomics, information science and ecosystem health. Several AAES researchers will be moving their labs into the facility.

College, Extension announce position search

The College of Agriculture and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System are conducting an internal search for the position of Assistant Director of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Programs and Assistant Dean for Extension. The post, located in the college, is a two-year limited-term position that, at the end of the two years, will be formally reviewed for renewal. Among other qualifications, the selected candidate must have a Ph.D. in an agricultural science discipline or related field, hold the rank of professor with tenure in the college and have Extension experience. The review date is Sept. 15, with a projected start date of Jan. 1. The complete job announcement is posted online.
Fisheries society’s shrimp sale winding down
The Auburn University Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is in the final days of its annual shrimp sale fundraiser, and anyone interested in preordering fresh, farm-raised shrimp has until Friday, Aug. 23, at 3:30 p.m. to do so. The 25- to 30-count Pacific White shrimp, heads on and not frozen, are available only in 5-pound lots for $5 per pound. For orders of 100 pounds or more, the price is $4.50 per pound. To place an order and prepay, call 844-4667 or email kleinvw@auburn.edu between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. through Friday. Pickup will be Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 27 and 28, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., at the market building adjacent to the E.W. Shell Fisheries Research Center, 2101 N. College St. The pickup dates are subject to change due to weather.

Mitchell to present seminar Aug. 23
Charles Mitchell, professor and Extension specialist, will discuss soil testing in the South and 60 years of soil testing in Alabama during a Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences seminar Friday, Aug. 23, at 2 p.m. in 246 Funchess Hall. The seminar is open to all.

All invited to Welcome Back Picnic Aug. 29
The Student Services office and Ag Council invite all College of Ag faculty and staff to join students for free food and fun at the Welcome Back Picnic, set for 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, on the Comer Hall lawn. The event is a combination picnic and O-night, and information on all student organizations in the college will be available to freshmen and other new ag majors. For questions or to publicize upcoming departmental events at the picnic, contact Megan Ross at mhr0001@auburn.edu.

Ag Adventure, Roundup dates fast approaching
Circle Sept. 28 and Oct. 12 on your calendars now for two popular Auburn agriculture events: Ag Discovery Adventure and Ag Roundup. Ag Discovery Adventure will be Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the E.V. Smith Research Center in Shorter. Discovery is free and open to the public and is a day devoted to showing today’s consumers what 21st-century agriculture is all about. For information, contact Lisa Kriese-Anderson, kriesa@auburn.edu, or John Fulton, fultojp@auburn.edu. Ag Roundup is set for Homecoming Saturday, Oct. 12, at Ag Heritage Park. As always, the 2013 Ag Roundup will feature a plethora of Alabama-grown and/or -produced foods, and for an admission fee of just $5 for adults and children 7 and up, it’s all you can eat. Kickoff time for the Auburn-Western Carolina game has not been announced, but Ag Roundup typically starts four hours before kickoff and wraps up three hours later. Contact Amanda Martin at azb0020@auburn.edu for details.