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Livestock Judging Team Named Champions at Dixie National

The University of Arkansas livestock judging team was named the Champion Team Overall at the Dixie National Livestock Show and Rodeo on Feb. 14. The student team is part of the Department of Animal Science in the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture and the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Science.

Members of the judging team are: Blaine French; Emily Hasenauer; Morgan Marley; Kolton Moore; Jacie Sweeney; and Trenton Tosh.

In the Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest, contestants from across the nation judged 12 classes of cattle and gave eight sets of oral reasons defending their placings. The classes included: Brahman, Continental, steer and English among others.

In a field of 13 senior college teams; the team placed first in all but one division, and placed second in the English division. "I am extremely



Members of the team include: (sitting left to right) Blaine French; Trenton Tosh; Jacie Sweeney; Emily Hasenauer; Morgan Marley; Kolton Moore; and (standing) coach Bryan Kutz.

proud of the team," Coach Bryan Kutz said. "It's nice when all the team members come together and place consistently with each other. That's when they

see their full potential."

Hasenauer led the team, winning high individual overall. She was also first in steers, fourth in English, fifth in Continental, and tenth in reasons. Sweeney was second in reasons, second in Brahman, third in Continental, third in steers, and fourth overall. French was third in Brahman, seventh in reasons, and seventh overall. Marley was second in English.

According to the association's website, this year marked the 50th annual Dixie Livestock Show and Rodeo. The show is the site of the largest junior market livestock show in Mississippi and is the largest professional rodeo east of the Mississippi River. It runs for 24 days at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds and sees thousands of people in attendance. }

Faculty Notes

Troxel Receives ASAS Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Tom Troxel was presented with the Southern Section Distinguished Service Award during the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) Southern Section. The ASAS Southern Section Distinguished Service award is presented to a member for outstanding service to the livestock industry. The nominees are selected by their peers.



Dr. Tom Troxel

"It was a great honor to be selected the distinguished service award winner at the recent southern section ASAS meeting," Troxel said. "I've been a member of the Southern Section of ASAS my entire career (32 years). Having served on many committees and as president of the Southern Section in 2001-2002 I have grown a great respect for my colleagues of the Southern Section. Therefore, it is with that respect I am honored to receive this award."

The Southern Section annual meeting was held in Atlanta in early February.

Animal Science Faculty Member Honored with AFGC Merit Award

Dirk Philipp, assistant professor of Animal Science, was recently honored with a Merit Award for his work in sustainable forage production and livestock management to minimize environmental impact. The award was presented by the American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC).

According to the council: "The Merit

Award is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions in some phase of forage and grassland agriculture. Nominees must also have earned recognition from their colleagues in public service or private industry for contributions in support of some phase of forage and grassland agriculture in research, teaching, extension, industrial development, production or service."



Dr. Dirk Philipp

Merit recipients are nominated by their peers. Philipp was presented with his award in mid-January at the council's annual awards banquet, and was one of four Merit Award winners for 2015.

Gadberry Awarded Faculty Award

Shane Gadberry, associate professor of Animal Science, received the John W. White Outstanding Extension State Faculty Award. He has developed one of the nation's most progressive and respected ruminant nutrition educational programs. His program includes working with youth and country agents for in-service trainings, research, publications, grants and electronic communications.



Dr. Shane Gadberry

Gadberry has conducted numerous meetings to assist cattle producers to aid in selecting the correct types and amounts of supplemental feed to ensure cattle performance at the least cost. }

Student Happenings

Academic Quadrathlon Team

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Dale Bumpers College, Department of Animal Science was well represented at the Southern Section Academic Quadrathlon Competition. The competition was held in Georgia on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

Hunter Burnett, Caleb Crelia, Lyndsie McGhee and Lensey Watson earned the honor of competing for the Department by winning both a quiz bowl and a tie-breaking round in early December. The team was one of a record 13 teams competing in the 2015 Southern Section Quadrathlon.



The team traveled to Athens, GA for the hands-on lab practicum and written exam. For the lab practicum, the students were required to handle lambs, hogs, and horses; identify several livestock breeds, feed stuffs, and equipment; demonstrate the correct way to artificially inseminate a cow, assemble a meat grinder, bridle a horse, and process newborn piglets.

On Sunday, the students traveled to Atlanta for the oral presentation part of the competition and the quiz bowl. After all was said and done, the team placed 1st in the swine practicum; 3rd in sheep and 4th in reproductive physiology.

ASAS Midwest Meeting

Masters candidate, Daniel Cook won 3rd place honors in the MS Poster presentation competition during the Midwest Meeting, in Des Moines, Iowa.

His presentation was titled: Effects of crystalline amino acid supplementation of reduced crude protein (RCP) diet on net energy basis on longissimus muscle and the jowl subcutaneous fat fatty acid composition. }