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Notices for the Weekly Roundup

If you have information to include in the Roundup, send all information (i.e., who, what, when, where and why) to Tracy Rich (richt@msu.edu)

Seminars will be posted the week preceding and the week of the seminar. Thank you for your cooperation

GOOD NEWS

Award Winning Burger

MSU won an award for their smoked cheddar cheeseburger, which includes MSU Beef and MSU Dairy cheese:

Story
http://statenews.com/article/2013/05/msu-food-trucks-offer-award-winning-burger

News video
http://www.wilx.com/home/headlines/MSU-Food-Truck-Award-209406141.html#.UaeCsDvVxrM.twitter

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Biosecurity At Our Farms

With the summer season here and more people traveling internationally, it is a good time to think about the importance of biosecurity at our farms. Please pay attention to and remind others of the “STOP” sign warnings and biosecurity protocols at our farms.

To help protect our farms, if you or others have been out of the country in the past 7 days please contact the Farm Manager before going out to the farms or refrain from going out to the farms for at least 7 days after returning from another country.

Please inform students, friends, family, and international visitors of this policy as well. If you are aware of international visitors planning to visit MSU through another hosting faculty or organization, please communicate this policy to them prior to their visit.

The reason for this policy is to reduce the risk of accidentally bringing a potentially devastating foreign animal disease, such as Foot and Mouth Disease, into our United States livestock operations.

Thanks for helping us protect our livestock. If you have questions, contact Larry Chapin, Ted Ferris or Dan Grooms.

Next stage for M-43/M-143 construction in East Lansing

Specific impacts to Michigan State University will occur as a result of this work and access to campus from the north will be limited. In short, from June 2 to June 28, it is recommended that motorists and bicyclists access campus from Harrison Road, Bogue Street or Hagadorn Road. Other specific details follow:

- Grand River between just west of Delta Court and just west of Bogue Street will be one lane in each direction starting Sunday, June 2. Two-way traffic will be maintained on the north side of Grand River for the first one to two weeks and on the south side for the remainder of the allotted 26 days.
- Beal Street will be accessible starting May 30 and right-turn-in, right-turn-out traffic will be permitted.
- The crossover (to the north side of Grand River/Michigan) on the west side of the site will begin just west of the Delta Court driveway.
  - Right-turn-in, right-turn-out traffic for cars will be maintained to Delta Court (Lot 5) for the duration of the project.
Trucks (including any that might be necessary for the Landon Hall renovation project) will coordinate with MDOT and MSUPD if they should need access to Delta Court during this time.

- Access to the Mary Mayo loading dock, Abbot Road, MSU Union loading dock, Human Ecology Lot 4, the Grand River Parking Ramp Grand River driveway, Berkey Hall Lot 3, the Broad Art Museum drop-off loop and the Collingwood/Farm Lane entrance will be closed while traffic is maintained on the north side of Grand River as needed.
- MDOT will coordinate with emergency services to allow for access for emergency vehicles if necessary. A map of approximate staging will also be provided to emergency services.
- The MSU Union project as well as the Morrill Hall demolition project will coordinate with MDOT and MSUPD to make necessary changes for access to the Union and Morrill sites respectively.
- The crosswalk on Grand River Avenue at Division Street will be the only crosswalk that will be maintained throughout the entire project.
- The crossover on the east side of the site will be completed east of Bogue Street.
  - Right-turn-in, right-turn-out traffic will be maintained at Bogue Street.

If you have any questions please direct them to TrafficInformation@police.msu.edu.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Farm Manager Position

The Kellogg Biological Station is looking for a Farm Manager (Position #7697) Our existing Farm Manager will be retiring in August. Please share this information with anyone that might be interested. For more information or questions, please call Phil Barry (269-671-2340) or Mark Williams (269-671-2500). This is a full time position with benefits. To apply for this position, go to: https://jobs.msu.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/frameset.jsp?time=1370007213720.

Please see attached Word document for more information.

Public Service Assistant/Associate

This position is located in Calhoun, Georgia and housed at the Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES: The candidate will serve as an Extension Animal Scientist with particular emphasis on beef cattle. Duties are statewide, with concentrated effort in North Georgia. The candidate will provide leadership to the Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program and the Calhoun Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program. The candidate is expected to be a resource person for county extension agents, cattlemen and agribusinesses, produce popular press and extension publications, and effectively communicate research based information. Additionally, the candidate will play an active role in the youth livestock program.

Please see attached PDF document for more information.

ANIMAL FUN FACTS

World’s Smallest Monkey

The pygmy marmoset (Cebuella pygmaea) is a small New World monkey native to the rainforests of the Amazon Basin in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia. The pygmy marmoset lives in groups of five to nine individuals with a dominant male and a breeding female. The communication system is complex and includes vocal, chemical, and visual signals.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pygmy_marmoset
Kellogg Farm and Pasture Dairy Center – Farm Manager III

Basic Function:
Oversees the financial, operational and personnel activities of a large or multiple farm unit in order to facilitate current and future research and provide support services.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities

Farm Operations 65%
- Oversees management of Kellogg Farm and Pasture Dairy Center at the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station (KBS) to ensure compliance with research protocols, MSU and other regulations for crop (grain and forage), pasture and animal management
- Maintains and updates comprehensive records of land use, tilling, irrigation lines, planting and harvesting data, soil tests and chemical applications
- Develops plans for short- and long-term operations including land and stock management to assure that budgetary goals are met and that minimize negative and enhance positive environmental outputs of farming operations
- During the growing season, assists with all crop production activities
- Supervises the maintenance of equipment and building facilities

Budgeting/Administrative/Safety/Personnel 25%
- Develops and manages the operational budget for the Kellogg Farm and Pasture-Based Dairy Center including establishing fees for research projects and contingencies for unanticipated changes in income/expenses.
- Schedules, supervises and coordinates the work of the labor force and provides leadership to assure open line of communication between all members of the Farm staff
- Assures effective communication between researchers and farm staff to ensure a safe workplace, adherence to protocols and effective use of facility and equipment
- Ensures a safe workplace by keeping safety training and records up-to-date

Coordination of Research/Outreach 10%
- Oversees and coordinates all research on crop land of the Kellogg Farm, including the Farming Systems Center.
- Provides input on pasture and animal research in collaboration with Faculty Coordinator and Dairy Manager.
- Supports the outreach/education programming associated with research on the Kellogg Farm and Pasture-Based Dairy by participating in scheduled field days, etc.
- Performs duties normally associated with a Farm Manager II in order to complete necessary tasks
Communications/Interpersonal Relationships

Interacts with:
- Department Chairperson – to discuss operations, plan improvements and resolve problems
- Kellogg Farm and Pasture-Based Dairy Employees – to supervise and provide direction
- Agricultural Departments Staff – to receive and discuss requests
- Faculty/Staff/Students/Public – to answer questions, explain procedures and provide assistance
- Service Organizations – to plan and coordinate projects
- Physical Plant Personnel – to coordinate repairs and construction
- Purchasing – to requisition and purchase supplies and equipment

Responsibility for the Work of Others
First and second level supervision over regular employees and first level supervision over student employees

Responsibility for Health/Safety of Others
This position has responsibility for the health and/or safety of others. Responsibilities include training employees in the safe handling of animals and chemicals and the safe operation of equipment.

Impact on Programs/Services/Operations
The position contributes to reaching ongoing research goals and objectives. The success or failure of a harvest season or breeding and livestock care program directly impacts the success or failure of research projects and the general financial and operational functions of the Unit.

Work Environment
Mildly disagreeable working conditions including exposure to adverse weather conditions. The job requires heavy physical effort including lifting and moving equipment and harvested crops of over 75 pounds and handling animals up to 25% of the time.

Education/Experience
The job requires: knowledge equivalent to that which is normally acquired by completing a four-year college degree program in Agriculture and/or Crop and Soil Science, Animal Science or equivalent; five to eight years of related and progressively more responsible or expansive work experience in supervision, management, crop production and livestock management; or an equivalent combination of education and experience; and a Class A CDL driver’s license and a Pesticide Applicators license.

Desired experience: Masters or equivalent degree in Agriculture and/or Crop and Soil Sciences or related field; working knowledge of farm management, budgeting, purchasing and commodity marketing with significant experience with employee relations, communications,
safety, writing skills, computer knowledge, and general knowledge of cash flow budgets and development of annual projections.

**Additional Requirements**
1. Requires valid vehicle operator’s license where needed to perform duties of the position.
2. Other skills and/or physical abilities required to perform duties of the position.
3. This position requires, or will require prior to the completion of the probationary period, knowledge of basic computer terminology and operations, and the ability to use e-mail and the Internet.
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION TO BE FILLED: Public Service Assistant/Associate working in the area of beef cattle production and management. This is a Public Service track, 100% Extension position in the Animal and Dairy Science Department, University of Georgia, Athens. This position is located in Calhoun, Georgia and housed at the Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES: The candidate will serve as an Extension Animal Scientist with particular emphasis on beef cattle. Duties are statewide, with concentrated effort in North Georgia. The candidate will provide leadership to the Calhoun Bull Evaluation Program and the Calhoun Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) Program. The candidate is expected to be a resource person for county extension agents, cattlemen and agribusinesses, produce popular press and extension publications, and effectively communicate research based information. Additionally, the candidate will play an active role in the youth livestock program.

REQUIREMENTS: The successful candidate must have a minimum of a Master of Science in Animal Science (or related field) with emphasis in Beef Cattle. The candidate must be able to transfer scientific technology through effective and innovative educational programs. Hands-on experience with current cattle production, live animal evaluation, beef cattle reproduction and a working knowledge of production economics will be given strong consideration. Computer proficiency is necessary. Candidates must demonstrate the ability to communicate verbally with youth and adult clientele, as well as through scientific and trade publications. The candidate will be required to submit to a background investigation prior to employment.

POSITION AVAILABLE: September 1, 2013.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS: August 1, 2013 or until a suitable applicant is found. Applicant should submit a letter of application, resume, original transcripts, and request three letters of reference sent to:

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