



March 2012 Update

- Daryl Buchholz, associate director for extension and applied research, moderated a session highlighting program outcomes of Cooperative Extension on issues of national importance. Buchholz is the 2012 chair-elect of the National Extension Committee on Organization and Policy. His session was part of the USDA Agriculture Outlook Conference attended by more than 2,000 leaders from across the nation. The conference celebrated USDA's 150th anniversary and included a forum with eight former secretaries of agriculture.
- The K-State Beef Cattle Institute has launched a Youth Animal Care Training program that features free online educational training modules for youth through high school age. The training is designed to improve participants' knowledge of animal handling, animal welfare, antimicrobial residue avoidance, and food safety. After a training package is completed, a certificate is available for printing. Through sponsor support the training packages, certification, and electronic training record are offered at no cost to youth. For more information about Youth Animal Care Training, visit <http://www.animalcaretraining.org/youth> or <https://blogs.k-state.edu/kstatenews/2012/02/24/online-animal-care-training-now-available/>
- Paula Peters, assistant director for family and consumer sciences, has been named to the leadership team of the Land-Grant University Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) Program. In Kansas, SNAP-Ed is the Family Nutrition Program. The development team serves as a sounding board for national leadership and identifies relationships to support the land-grant university system's broader outreach, education, and research mission. The National Institute of Food and Agriculture's program for food and nutrition education coordinates the team's work.
- The Research Center Administrators Society honored Lyle Lomas with its Distinguished Service Award for his years of service to the organization. Lomas directs beef cattle research at the Southeast Agricultural Research Center and oversees locations in Mound Valley, Parsons, Columbus, and Altamont.
- Two articles written by K-State entomologists attracted significant attention. "Insects in confined swine operations carry a large antibiotic resistant and potentially virulent enterococcal community" by Ludek Zurek and his lab was the most accessed paper in *BMC Microbiology* in 2011, with 6,023 hits. "Bounce fabric softener dryer sheets repel fungus gnat, *Bradysia* sp. nr. *coprophila* (Diptera: Sciaridae), adults" by Raymond Cloyd, was the most downloaded article in *HortScience* four months in a row and the most accessed article ever in any of the journals published by the American Society for Horticultural Science.
- Dale Bremer, turfgrass scientist, received the Outstanding Associate Editor Award from the editorial board of the journal *Crop Science*.
- Kansas State University plant pathology and entomology experts will study emerging plant diseases and insect pests with colleagues from the Australian Plant Biosecurity Cooperative Research Centre in a six-year partnership. Australian policy prohibits bringing in foreign pathogens and organisms, so the research will be conducted at K-State's Biosecurity Research Institute. The scientists will study plant pathogens classified at biosafety level 3, such as wheat blast.