



Animal Science News And Announcements *February / March, 2008*

1. **STUDENTS ADMITTED TO VET SCHOOL:** The list keeps growing!
Congratulations to the following Animal Science students: Patrick Burns has been accepted to Ross University; Curt Ciarleglio has been accepted to UPenn; Aly Bishop has been accepted to Iowa State.

If you are an animal science student who has been accepted to veterinary school or to a graduate program, we want to hear from you. Contact Jen Simoniello with your good news either by email Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu or phone 860-486-1088.

2. **AGRI-MARK AWARD TO UCONN DAIRY FACILITY:** Congratulations to Mary Margaret Cole, Dairy Unit Manager, and to her crew for receiving the second place Agri-Mark Milk Quality Award for all of region 1. Region 1 includes eastern New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

3. **CLUB NEWS:**

UCONN Dairy Club

The Dairy Club will hold its Annual Dairy Show on Sunday, April 20th, followed by the club's annual banquet. Anyone who has questions can contact Rachel at Rachel.Leone@uconn.edu.

Block & Bridle Club

The **Block and Bridle Club** is holding their annual **Easter Ham Sale** fundraiser. Hams cost \$3.70/lb. Orders must be received by March 10th. Pick-up dates are Wednesday, March 19th and Thursday, March 20th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Ratcliffe Hicks Arena Meat Lab. For an order form, stop by the Animal Science main office, room 107 in the George White Building.

4. **FALL 2008 REGISTRATION:** Fall 2008 course registration begins on March 24 and runs through May 2. Students should contact their advisor to make an appointment to select courses.
5. **UCONN HORSE AUCTION:** The Department of Animal Science will hold its Annual Horse Auction on April 26, 2008. Any student who would like to volunteer on that day, please contact Jen Simoniello at 486-1088 or

Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu. If you would like to see pictures from the auction that was held last year, visit www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/equine/hsgallery07.

6. **GRADUATE STUDIES – EQUINE REPRODUCTION:** The Equine Reproduction Laboratory at Colorado State University is looking for well-qualified, talented students for their graduate degree programs. Three types of educational programs are available: Master's degree program, Doctoral degree program, Postdoctoral program. Accepted students receive support from a variety of sources and have the opportunity to conduct original research with highly qualified faculty in world class research facilities. For more information and application procedures, visit http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/bms/ERL/erl_gradprog.htm.
7. **SCHOLARSHIPS:**
 - a. **First Pioneer Farm Credit** offers up to twenty-one \$1,500 scholarships in total to be awarded across First Pioneer's Local Service Area. To apply, students must demonstrate, through their experience, academic program of study, extracurricular activities and career interest statement, significant progress toward and a clear intention for a career in production agriculture, agribusiness, forestry, or commercial fishing at a college within First Pioneer's six-state service area. Deadline for applications is **April 18, 2008**, but don't wait until the deadline. The judges are most impressed when the "date received" stamp on your application is well before April 18. For more information and application procedures visit <http://www.firstpioneer.com/about/L3/investing.htm>.
 - b. **The American Savings Foundation Scholars Program** is currently accepting applications for scholarships. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for the academic year and may be renewed for up to four academic years. High school seniors, current college student, students transferring from a two-year to a four-year college are encouraged to apply. **Deadline for applications is March 31**. For more information or to apply online, visit www.asfdn.org or call the foundation at 860-827-2556.
 - c. **FastWeb** is the largest and most complete source of scholarships available to students. New scholarships are added every day, all year long. Students can set up a profile to be matched with scholarships suited to their profile. To register for FastWeb, visit www.fastweb.com.
 - d. **The 100 Years of Women Scholarship Award** was established in 1992 by the University of Connecticut's Women's Center to honor a current UConn undergraduate or graduate student (who will be enrolled for the Fall 2008 semester) or high school senior planning to enroll in the University of Connecticut who has demonstrated a commitment to women's issues through service to their community or school. To find out more about eligibility and how to apply, visit http://www.womenscenter.uconn.edu/Application_08.pdf. Deadline for applications is **March 21, 2008**.
 - e. **Oxbow Academy Scholarship Program** is offering scholarships to students interested in working in the pet industry. More than \$4,000 in scholarships will be awarded to individuals who are passionate about animals and actively pursuing degrees in veterinary sciences, animal sciences and other associated fields. Applicants must be currently working on their undergraduate degree, and must be

enrolled as a full-time student for the semester the scholarship is to be used. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours the semester before applying. Deadline for applications is **March 10, 2007**. For more information on requirements and application procedures, visit www.oxbowhay.com.

f. The Chester M. Wilcox Memorial Scholarships in Poultry is being offered by the Animal Science Department at Oregon State University for graduate study in Poultry Science. The scholarship will be available October 1, 2008 for the ensuing 12-month period. The scholarship provides stipends of \$9,200 for the M.S. or \$10,200 for the Ph.D. per year. Applications for this scholarship must be received by April 4, 2008. More information and application forms are available by contacting: Dr. Thomas F. Savage, Animal Sciences Department, Oregon State University, 114 Withycombe Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331-6702; Phone: 541-737-5066, Email: Thomas.Savage@oregonstate.edu.

8. **INTERNSHIPS:**

a. Laurel Ridge Farm in Litchfield, CT is seeking one or two interns to work on their 700 acre farm. The farm has approximately 220 acres of pasture and hay fields that currently support 82 beef cows. Interns must be self-motivated and have a sincere desire to learn about grass fed beef production and marketing. A minimum of 12 weeks of available work is required with actual dates of work dependent on the intern's academic schedule. Room and board are provided along with a stipend of \$225 per week. A driver's license is essential and to have your own car would be a plus. If interested, please email a resume and a short letter indicating your interest to john@lrgfb.com. For more information on Laurel Ridge Farm, visit www.lrgfb.com.

b. Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc. in Woodbine Maryland is now accepting applications for their internship program. They are a non-profit horse rescue operation working with neglected and abused horses seized by state-wide Animal control agencies. For a detailed description of the Internship Program and its application, visit their website at www.defhr.org.

c. The USDA Foreign Agricultural Service is accepting applications for paid international internships. They are looking for outstanding senior and graduate level college and university students to work in overseas offices to promote U.S. agricultural interests. Online application deadlines are for Fall 2008 - **March 3, 2008**, for Spring 2009 - **July 1, 2008**, and for Summer 2009 - **November 15, 2008**. For more information about the International Agricultural Internship Program, visit <http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/student/iaip/index.asp>. For more information on all FAS intern programs, visit <http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/newjobs/fasjobs.asp>.

d. EcoLife Expeditions offers students the opportunity to travel to South Africa and experience hands-on, behind-the-scenes training in their unique wildlife sector. Academic credits will be awarded to students who complete the programs successfully. They offer programs in the following areas: Wildlife Management, Vets-In-The-Wild, Vet-Nurses-In-The-Wild. For more information on these programs, visit www.ecolife.co.za and the UConn Study Abroad Program at 486-5022.

e. **The Animal Science Summer Internships 2008** are being offered by the Department of Animal Science and the CANR Office of Academic Programs. They are providing 2 A.S. degree (Ratcliffe Hicks) and 4 B.S. degree (4 yr.) internships at the campus farms. Students will be employed for a total of 10 weeks full-time and can receive a stipend of up to \$3,200 depending on hours worked. The goal of this program is to provide students with practical “hands-on” experience in order to learn a variety of skills associated with animal husbandry. Stop by the George White Bldg., Main Office, Room 107 for an application and for further information. **Deadline is March 10, 2008.**

9. **DRESSAGE TEAM NEWS:** UConn’s Dressage Team will be having a home show on **March 8th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Horsebarn Hill Arena. They are also looking for riders who would be available in the morning on the day of the show to help handle horses, time the riders, and possibly ride in the parade of horses at the beginning of the show to showcase UConn’s horses to the other teams before the competition. If you are interested in helping out, please email Jenny.McCoy@uconn.edu.
10. **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:**
 - a. **The Stamford Museum & Nature Center’s Heckscher Farm** seeks an experienced, self-motivated individual to work on their 8-acre farm as an exhibits curator. Responsibilities include daily care and feeding of livestock, maintaining facilities and grounds, gardening, interpreting farm activities to visitors. Previous experience with large animals, operant conditioning, and / or basic veterinary skills are desired by will train the right person. For more information about how to apply, visit <http://www.stamfordmuseum.org/careers.html>.
11. **NEED ACADEMIC FORMS?:** Students will find a variety of forms such as Excess Credit Authorization, Petition for a Late Drop, and “How to find the Appropriate Plan of Study” at www.myagrn.uconn.edu/current_forms.html.