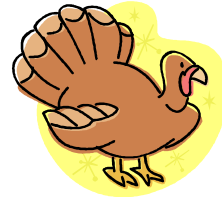




Animal Science News And Announcements *November, 2006*



1. **NORTHEAST REGIONAL DAIRY CHALLENGE:** ANSC Students participated in the Northeast Regional Dairy Challenge in New Hampshire on October 21 & 22, 2006. Each of twenty-four teams consisting of students from various colleges had to evaluate a commercial dairy farm and then give a 20 minute presentation as a team to a panel of judges who are experts in the dairy field. Congratulations to Geoffrey Gelinas whose team won a Gold award, Jennifer Elman whose team won a silver award, and Laura Hietala whose team also won a silver award.
2. **CANR SCHOLARSHIP:** It's time for everyone to apply! All ANSC students should fill out the CANR Scholarship form for the 2007-2008 academic year. Continuing students are required to fill out a scholarship application form each year if they wish to be considered for a scholarship. This form will be available next week on the College of Agriculture's website at http://www.myag.nu.uconn.edu/current_forms.html.
3. **ANSC STUDENT ADMITTED TO VET SCHOOL:** Congratulations to Becky Henderson, 2006 Animal Science Graduate who has been accepted at Ross University beginning in January 2007.
4. **LITTLE INTERNATIONAL SHOW:** The Little "I" Show was held on Saturday, October 28th at the Horsebarn Hill Arena. Animal Science students competed in showing dairy and beef cows, sheep, horses, pigs, and poultry. For results of the competitions visit <http://www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/littleireresults2006.htm>.
5. **CLUB NEWS: TURKEY PROCESSING** - The **UConn Poultry Science Club** will be having its annual turkey processing fundraiser this weekend in preparation for Thanksgiving. Animal Science students are invited to come to the Ratcliffe Hicks meat lab to learn how to process local turkeys in time for Thanksgiving on Friday, November 17 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, November 18 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Contact Dr. Mike Darre at Michael.Darre@uconn.edu or phone 486-1008 for more information.

MEAT SALE – The **Block & Bridle Club** is once again selling ham and tenderloin. Hams are available for \$3.50/lb and choice tenderloin wrapped in bacon is available at \$13/lb. All orders require a \$10 deposit and all orders must

be placed by Monday, November 27th. Orders are available for pick-up on December 13th and December 14th from 3 to 6pm. If you are interested in purchasing either please contact Jennifer.Elman@uconn.edu or call her at (860) 559-1924.

CHEESE SALE - Cabot Cheese is currently being sold by the **UConn Dairy Club**. Items available include Cheddar Shake, Sharp Cheddar Cheese, Classic Sharp, and Private Stock. Contact any Dairy Club member or e-mail the club at uconndairyclub@yahoo.com to place your order. All orders must be received by November 27th.

T-SHIRT SALE - Little I 2006 T-Shirts are still available from the **Block and Bridle Club**. T-Shirts are \$14 and feature the saying "Harvesting 1 Aggie At A Time". Previous years T-Shirts are also available ranging from \$5-\$10. If you are interested in any of these, please contact Jennifer.Elman@uconn.edu.

TRIP TO CANADA - The **Dairy Club** has just returned from its annual trip to Toronto. 17 students accompanied by Mary Margaret Cole traveled to Toronto where they visited 2 superior dairy farms. In addition, they attended the Royal Winter Fair the largest agricultural fair in Canada featuring the premier cattle in the country. On the way home they also stopped and visited Niagara Falls.

MILK BOTTLE SALE - Great Holiday presents are available from the **Dairy Club**. The club is selling T-shirts for \$10, Cow Bells for \$5, and milk bottles. 1999 & 2000 bottles are available for \$7 each, 2001 & 2002 bottles are \$5 each, 2003-2005 bottles are \$7, and 2006 125th Anniversary Bottle is \$10. A full set is available for \$50. Email the club at uconndairyclub@yahoo.com to purchase any of these items.

6. **HORSE ENTHUSIASTS**: The national equine resource team known as HorseQuest began collaborative work to provide clientele and other Internet visitors a source of reliable and up-to-date horse information through a knowledge base of commonly asked questions that have science-based, peer reviewed answers. There is a lesson being introduced is a module for "New and Prospective Horse Owners". HorseQuest experts work one on one with online users through synchronous online chats. These one hour chats feature three expert specialists covering a variety of topics. You can visit the HorseQuest website at http://www.extension.org/pages/HorseQuest_Community_of_Practice.
7. **ANSC STAFF RECEIVES AWARD**: Congratulations to Tina Burnham, Financial Assistant, Department of Animals Science who was recognized for her contributions to the College of Agriculture with the 2006 UConn Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Association Outstanding Staff Award on November 10, 2006.

8. **INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS – EQUINE:** American Horse Publications offers an internship program specifically for college students who have an interest in horses and seek a career in equine publishing. This program offers opportunities for students to work at equine publications and businesses throughout the country and the opportunity for AQHP members to utilize the talents of students with an interest in equine publishing. AHP offers a directory of members participating in the AHP Internship Program. Each listing includes the types of internships offered, availability throughout the year and duration, selection requirements and duties involved. These may vary according to AHP member's needs. Some offer salaries, stipends or college credit as compensation. Interns must apply to the individual AHP member, and each participating AHP member will choose its own interns based on its needs and the intern's completed application package. For an application and a copy of the directory, visit their website at http://www.americanhorsepubs.org/students/internship_program/index.asp.
9. **INTERNSHIP – NEW ZEALAND:** AustrLearn is excited to announce Professional Development for Academic Credit (PDAC) internship placements in New Zealand. Applications are being accepted now for Summer 2007. AustrLearn will offer both custom designed and preset placements. They can custom design options for students in almost any field of study such as business, marketing, communications, finance, biology, and vet science. Students applying must be a junior by the time they depart for the program and must have a minimum 2.50 GPA. Applications will be accepted until February 1, 2007. Interested students should complete the online application at <http://www.austrlearn.org/Programs/Internship/intern.htm>.
10. **SIGMA ALPHA SEMI-FORMAL:** Students are invited to attend the Emerald Ball "Winter Wonderland" Semi-Formal dance sponsored by Sigma Alpha on Saturday, December 2nd. The Emerald Ball will be held at the Franco-American Club in Willimantic. Tickets are \$15 and include hors d'oeuvres and dessert. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please contact any sister or rush. Questions? Email Katherine.Rollinson@uconn.edu.
11. **STUDENT AWARD CONTEST – EQUINE:** American Horse Publications is accepting applications for their Student Award Contest. Seniors in high school or undergraduate college students pursuing a career in equine publishing during the 2006 – 2007 school year, with at least one semester remaining before graduation are eligible to apply. The winner will receive a cash award of \$1000 plus an all-expense paid trip to the American Horse Publication annual seminar. They will also get an intensive three-day "short course" in equine publishing, meet, mingle and participate with publishers, editors, advertising, production, and marketing managers, and have an opportunity to discuss their talents and potential with the men and women who do the hiring. For an application with a complete list of requirements and where to mail your entry, visit their website at http://www.americanhorsepubs.org/students/student_award/index.asp. All entries must be postmarked no later than March 16, 2007. The winner will be notified by April 20, 2007.

12. **SIGMA ALPHA SORORITY:** Sigma Alpha the professional and social agricultural sorority on campus is currently recruiting for the Spring 2007. Sigma Alpha participates in a variety of events including Relay for Life, running their own horse show, social events, and conventions. Any student interested in rushing or if you have questions contact Alyson.Bishop@uconn.edu.
13. **ADOPT A YALE RAM!:** The Yale Animal Resources Center has 2 purebred, polled Dorset rams that are up for adoption, at no cost. They are large (>200lbs.) with birth dates of 6/25/05 and 6/28/05. They were purchased from Parsons Farm in Massachusetts. They come with health certificates of vaccinations, vet exams and assurance of negative Q fever. Before being adopted, they will be reevaluated for blood hematology and chemistry, dewormed and confirmed to be parasite free. They have been used in a noninvasive research project researching Lyme disease. Although large, they are very gentle sheep since they have been handled almost on a daily basis. They would like them to be adopted together since they have bonded and grown up together. They will make fine breeders. If interested, contact Pat Stewart at patricia.stewart@yale.edu or call Pat at (203) 785-2504.
14. **AGR FRATERNITY:** Alpha Gamma Rho is a professional fraternity open to those in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, School of Engineering, Biological Sciences, and several other fields. AGR holds several events each year including a pig roast, formal dance, bonfires and other social events. AGR is a very active fraternity and if you have an interest in such things as sports, snowmobiling, off-roading, or the outdoors, this may be the fraternity for you. For more information, please email Jordan.Takvorian@uconn.edu or call 860-429-0704.
15. **RECEPTION FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN DECEMBER:** Students that are graduating on December 17th are invited, along with their family and friends to a CANR reception at 11:30 a.m. in the North Reading Room of the Wilbur Cross Building. The Reception is open to all CANR faculty and graduating students. We hope you can drop by for a visit and a bite to eat before the Ceremony. If you can plan to attend just call Kathy Wells at 486-0666 or email her at Kathleen.Wells@uconn.edu so she can order enough food.
16. **EQUESTRIAN TEAM NEWS:** Congratulations to the UConn Equestrian Team for receiving High Point College in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) competition at Wesleyan this past weekend.