



Animal Science News And Announcements *September, 2005*

1. **MAD COW CONFERENCE**: Students are invited to attend the “Mad Cow and Related TSE Diseases: Science, Risks and Public Policy Conference” on Thursday, October 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at UConn’s Dodd Research Center. The registration fee will be waived for students. Students can register by printing out the registration form at <http://ceh.uconn.edu/conference> and dropping it off to Ms. Vickie Reiser located in G. White Bldg., Room 107. Students can pay \$18 if they would like to attend the luncheon buffet.
2. **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**: The purpose of the ANSC Newsletter is to keep ANSC students informed! Please email Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu if you have suggestions as to topics/news items you would like included in future issues.
3. **ANSC DEPT HEAD SEARCH**: As some students may already know, Dr. Michael Darre has been Interim Department Head since Dr. Cameron Faustman accepted a new position as Assoc. Dean of Academic Programs, CANR & Director, Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture in January, 2005. The Department of Animal Science Search Committee has scheduled to interview candidates in September and October.
4. **STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOPS**: The Center for Undergraduate Education and Instruction Institute for Student Success will conduct workshops entitled “Study Skills” on 10/3 6-7 p.m., 10/11 and 10/19 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. and “Focus on Finals” workshops on 11/7 & 11/15 6-7 p.m. and 11/30 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.. All workshops will be held in CUE 320.
5. **SCHOLARSHIP- STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THE BEEF INDUSTRY**: The Colvin Scholarship Fund will award scholarships of \$2,500 and \$1,000 in January 2006 to a junior or senior level student demonstrating a commitment to the beef industry through the pursuit of a meat science, food science, animal science, marketing, etc., or other degree related to the beef industry. Applications are available at www.certifiedangusbeef.com/press/csf/index.php. Deadline is December 1, 2005. For more details students can stop by room 107 in the George White Bldg.

6. **WRITING CENTER:** Do you need help with getting started on a writing assignment, revising drafts, or style and grammar? You can visit with Gillian Zieger, tutor for the Writing Center Satellite located in the WB Young Bldg. room 211, on Tues. and Thurs. from 9:30 – 3:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome or sign up ahead of time on the Writing Center Web site:
www.canr.uconn.edu/academics/newsarchive.html.
7. **INTERNSHIP – HORSE FARM:** Scarlet Oak Farm located 10-15 minutes from UConn in Eastford, CT has a job and/or internship opportunity for a current ANSC student. A student is needed to assist with caring and riding horses at the farm. \$10 per hour and approximately 2 hours per day. For more information contact Tammy Goodwin at 974-3864.
8. **AGROWORLD E-ZINE:** ANSC Students who are pursuing a career to teach agriculture in secondary schools may want to subscribe to AGROWORLD E-zine (*Science, Technology & Society*). The Utah State University Agriculture in the Classroom developed a bi-monthly magazine that subscribers can receive every two months via email. Each issue features current events, classroom resources, activities and grant opportunities that enhance standards based on science, applied technology, and social studies curricula. To subscribe visit www.agclassroom.org.
9. **HUSKY AMBASSADORS:** The Husky Ambassador program is looking for volunteers. The Husky Ambassador program offers prospective students the opportunity to “shadow” a current UConn student. Volunteers can choose to spend just a few hours or an entire day with prospective students - even an overnight. If any club/sorority/fraternity members or Animal Science students are interested in volunteering please email Jen Simoniello at Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu or call 486-1088.
10. **UCONN POLO ON TV:** The UConn Polo program will be included on “CT Discoveries” to be aired on Sunday, October 2nd on NBC (WVIT Channel 4 or 30). The program will include 2 to 3 minutes of video and interviews conducted at UConn at the beginning of September. The program will be replayed about 2 more times.
11. **THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP EDUCATION MINOR:** The Department of Animal Science now offers a Therapeutic Horsemanship Education Minor. The minor provides students with an opportunity to pursue an interest in therapeutic riding programs, and provides a basis for further study and certification as a therapeutic riding instructor or director.
For more information please visit www.canr.uconn.edu/ansci/minors/therapeutic.htm.
12. **CAREER FAIR:** Career Services will hold its annual fall career fair on Thursday, September 29, 2005 from 11-3 in the Gampel Pavilion. A full listing of employers attending the fair can be found at www.career.uconn.edu.

13. **UCONN BRED HORSES PLACE AT SHOW:** This past summer, two UConn bred horses placed at the New England Morgan Show, the second largest Morgan show in the country. UC Mr. T's Destiny gelding placed 3rd and 6th in the Novice Pleasure Drive division and UC Diamond's Devotion filly placed 2nd in the Filly Foals division.
14. **UCONN HORSE UNIT RECEIVES HEAP AWARD:** The Horse Environmental Awareness Program awarded UConn's Horse Unit the *2005 Horse Farm of Environmental Distinction* award. UConn's Horse unit was recognized for its effective method used for collecting, storing and removing manure and measures the unit takes to protect the environment from surface water contamination, prevent fly breeding, etc. Congratulations to John Bennett, Horse Unit manager and Kathy Pelletier, Asst. Horse Unit Manager and the students who work at the Horse Unit.
15. **INTERNSHIP:** Safe Haven Alpaca Farm in Hampton, CT currently has a herd of 37 Alpacas at their breeding farm. They currently have 3 females expecting in Sept. and 7 more in the spring. Their goal is to get the herd to about 50 and then maintain at that level. If any student is interested in working at this farm and participating in a possible internship, please contact Dr. Michael Darre, Internship Coordinator at 486-1008 or email Michael.Darre@uconn.edu. Details of the farm can be found at <http://www.safehavenalpaca.com/Safe%20Haven.htm>.
16. **NEW WEBSITE:** The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Office of Academic Programs has created a new website for undergraduate students and faculty/staff. In addition to offering information regarding student activities and organizations and scholarships/financial aid, it provides academic forms for students to print. Check out the site at www.MYAGNR.uconn.edu
17. **RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS - PASTURE STUDY:** Have you always wanted to get involved with research but don't know how to go about it? Participate in the New England horse pasture study an ongoing study through November. Email Dr. Nadeau for details at jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu. Willing to train, IACUC training a plus.
18. **CLUB NEWS:** If any clubs or sororities/fraternities want to publicize meeting dates/events or share general news with Animal Science students, just email Jennifer Simoniello at Jennifer.Simoniello@uconn.edu or phone at 486-1088 and she'll place your announcement in the next ANSC Newsletter.
19. **UCONN HORSE SHOW:** The UConn Equestrian Team will host an Intercollegiate Horse Show on campus at the Horsebarn Hill Arena on Saturday, Oct 22nd. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact Janice Callahan at 860-486-3377.
20. **HELP WITH YOUR JOB SEARCH - AGCAREERS.COM** – AgCareers.com provides students an opportunity to search for agricultural jobs that businesses in Agriculture, Food, Natural Resources and Biotechnology post on its Web site. Students can also subscribe to a weekly AgCareers newsletter. Visit Agcareers.com for more information.

21. **ADVISORS**: If you are an ANSC student and you don't know who your advisor is, email Vickie Reiser at Victoria.Reiser@uconn.edu or stop by the main office - room 107 - George White Bldg. and she will assist you.
22. **INDEPENDENT STUDY**: ANSC 299: Techniques in Equine Extension – Will be offered in Spring 2006. Do you enjoy planning horse events, dealing with people, working with 4-H youth to devise activities and talks? Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at Equine Affaire? Then this is the independent study for you. Help Dr. Nadeau organize the Connecticut Horse Symposium and 4-H events in the spring semester. Help add to the growing database of quiz bowl and hippology questions. Flexible schedule. Email Dr. Nadeau at jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu to sign up.
23. **HUSKY BUCKS – UCONN DAIRY BAR**: Students can use their Husky Bucks to purchase delicious UConn ice cream from the UConn Dairy Bar, located behind the George White Building. For more information regarding the Husky Bucks program visit www.onecard.uconn.edu/bucks.html.
24. **DECEMBER GRADUATES**: If you are planning on graduating this December, please **contact your advisor** now to review and submit your plan of study. Students are invited to stop by the G. White Bldg. Room 107 to pick up a copy of “*Steps To A Successful Graduation*” sheet prepared by the Degree Auditor, Office of the Registrar.
25. **CT HORSE COUNCIL MEETING**: Students are invited to attend a CT Horse Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 4. Interested students may ride along with Dr. Nadeau and find out what Horse Council is about – preserving trails for horse use, helping with disaster preparedness, etc. Transportation will depart promptly at 6:00 p.m. and students will return to campus approx. at 10 p.m. Email Dr. Nadeau for info – jenifer.nadeau@uconn.edu