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EVENTS

Exciting fall events ahead for CASNR students

After what seemed like the shortest summer break ever, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources' students are heading back to school in just a few weeks. A number of activities for returning students are on tap, including a triumph of tradition known as Ag Fest and the always yummy annual homecoming breakfast. [more »](#)

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Taylor awarded NAADA Volunteer Service Award

Longtime supporter of Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Daniel Taylor of Ropesville, has been named recipient of the 2008 Volunteer Service Award from the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association. He received the honor June 17 at the organization's national conference in Kona, Hawaii. [more »](#)

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Meyers joins Agricultural Education and Communications

Courtney Meyers has been



Ranch Horse Team conducts European horsemanship clinics

Four students from Texas Tech University's Department of Animal and Food Sciences gained valuable international experience this summer as they taught a series of special horsemanship clinics in Germany, Switzerland and the Czech Republic. [more »](#)

CASNR faculty retreat focuses on 'Gen Y'

Understanding today's undergraduate, deliberating development needs, and presentation of annual awards honoring superior service highlighted the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources' faculty retreat, held Aug. 20 at Texas Tech University's United Spirit Arena and the National Ranching Heritage Center. [more »](#)

Texas Tech ready to unveil new biotechnology-ready greenhouse

Officials with Texas Tech University's Department of Plant and Soil Science are set to unveil a new biotechnology-ready greenhouse at the school's Quaker Avenue Research Farm, northeast of the main campus. Construction on \$300,000 facility began in June and is scheduled to wrap up in early September. [more »](#)

Good prices lead some growers to swap cotton for grain

As grain prices spike on the back of biofuels demand and the Plain's burgeoning dairy industry brings an influx of hungry milk cows to the region, South Plains producers are increasingly giving cotton acreage over to crops such as corn and sorghum. [more »](#)

NRM students part of large study on prairie chickens

They set out into the dune land from their temporary home - a shack on a dirt alley in sparsely populated Yoakum County. No road signs to guide, just miles and miles of shrub-covered hills. The pair kicks up fine sand as they waded through dense fields of shinnery oak. The grassland plants are ankle tall and crackle under their boot-covered feet. [more »](#)

named an assistant professor in Texas Tech University's Department of Agricultural Education and Communications, according to officials with the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. She began her teaching and research duties on Aug. 1. [more »](#)

Dabbert tapped as new NRM associate chairperson

An expert on the environmental factors influencing the population dynamics of wildlife has been selected as the new associate chairperson in Tech University's Department of Natural Resources Management, officials announced July 14. [more »](#)

Wall native Sarah Dierschke served D.C. internships

The daughter of a cotton and wheat farmer from Wall spent the summer harvesting knowledge from the nation's capital. Sarah Dierschke, a 22-year-old Texas Tech University senior, served not one but two congressional internships, the first in a West Texas representative's office. [more »](#)

Tech Equestrian Center hosts early FFA event

Many of the horses at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center this summer carried two ponytails - one in the rear and one under a cowboy hat up top. More than 60 cowgirls flocked to the equestrian center with their spurs and lassos, eager to compete in this year's rodeo portion of the Texas FFA Convention, which Lubbock hosted. [more »](#)

Beating the heat with COWamongus Creamery & Meat Co.

Cool down this fall with your favorite treats; homemade ice cream, sorbets and custards. Made right on campus, COWamongus! dairy treats are a great way to beat the heat. [more »](#)

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