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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo honored at CASNR luncheon

More than 120 Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources students, faculty and guests welcomed 14 representatives from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, including the organization's chairman Charles "Butch" Robinson, at a special luncheon at the university's International Cultural Center. [more »](#)

Swinburn named distinguished alumni by Alumni Association

The Texas Tech Alumni Association honored Dale Swinburn as a Distinguished Alumnus at their annual reception and dinner Nov. 7 at the Merket Alumni Center. [more »](#)

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Hajji selected National FFA Central Region VP

Laila Hajji didn't aspire to have such a decorated FFA resume. In fact, she stumbled across the organization by accident when she was placed in an agriculture class. She had no idea then that it would eventually lead her to find her



Livestock judging team takes national championship

Texas Tech University's Livestock Judging Team was crowned national champions Nov. 18 at the 2008 North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville. The team won by a 50-point margin, shattering the previous contest record by 11 points. [more »](#)

Texas Tech meat judging team wins national title

Texas Tech University is the newly crowned champion of intercollegiate meat judging. The team was named 2008 National Champion Intercollegiate Meat Judging Team at the recent international intercollegiate competition on Nov. 16 in Dakota City, Neb. [more »](#)

Soil judging team takes 3rd at regional soils contest

A five-member team from Texas Tech University's plant and soil science department claimed a third-place finish Oct. 24 at the Region VI Collegiate Soils Contest at the University of Arkansas in Monticello, Ark. The Red Raiders' win qualifies them to compete next March at the National Soils Contest hosted by Southwest Missouri State. [more »](#)

Cotton boll license plates provide scholarships for ag students

Texas residents can help students at Texas Tech University earn a degree in the field of agriculture by purchasing license plates bearing an image of a cotton boll. [more »](#)

Student Profile: Kasie Pigg - 2008 Agri-Techsan Coordinator

While Colorado offers some of the nation's — and world's — most dramatic landscapes, Kasie Pigg, a native of Pueblo, Colo., chose the wide-open spaces of the Texas South Plains to be her university home. [more »](#)

Tech study measures food safety in popular cooking shows

While the masterful chefs of the highly-popular Food Network cook up plenty of finger-licking-good food, a new Texas Tech University study on food safety measures suggests that it's not a good idea for some of their stars to actually lick their fingers while cooking the grub. [more »](#)

purpose in life: to serve. She will have more than enough opportunities to do just that now that she is the National FFA Organization's 2008-2009 Central Region Vice President. [more »](#)

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

New aquatic ecologist arrives at Texas Tech

David Rogowski, an aquatic ecologist with international experience, has been named an assistant professor in Texas Tech University's Department of Natural Resources Management, according to officials with the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. He began his teaching and research duties on August 1. [more »](#)

CASNR honored for support of FFA Career Show

The National FFA Organization paid tribute to Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources for its outstanding support as a 10-year exhibitor at the FFA National Agricultural Career Show, recently held at the Indiana Convention Center. [more »](#)

Small cotton harvest translates into economic losses

A new Texas Tech University Cotton Economics Research Institute study indicates that the economic impact of the cotton crop on the Texas High Plains economy will be sharply down this year. [more »](#)

Tech equestrians take high point team honors in Gainesville

Texas Tech University's equestrian team returned home last weekend with another set of awards after the latest Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Western Show, hosted by North Central Texas College in Gainesville. [more »](#)

JBS-Swift acquisitions could have implications for beef markets

In 2007, JBS S.A., Latin America's largest beef processor, purchased Swift & Co., the third largest beef processor in the United States. In March 2008, JBS-Swift then announced the acquisition of National Beef, LLC and Smithfield Beef Group, Inc., which included 100 percent interest in the Five Rivers Ranch cattle feeding operation with a one-time feeding capacity of 811,000 head. These acquisitions have renewed concerns about industry consolidation. [more »](#)

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