Texas Tech awarded USDA grant for new carbon cycling focus
A leading research scientist from Texas Tech University's Department of Plant and Soil Science and her team have been awarded a $200,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant to study how carbon cycles through large-scale agricultural systems.  

In Profile: Landscape Architecture’s Melissa Currie
Though some might believe that Melissa Currie, a native of Niceville, Fla., who spent most of her college years in Ithaca, New York, would feel out of place in the windswept South Plains, the new addition to the faculty in Texas Tech University's Department of Landscape Architecture couldn’t disagree more. 

Allen named ‘Reserve Champion All-Around Cowboy’ at Vernon
The Texas Tech University rodeo team turned in strong performances last weekend at the Vernon College Rodeo in Wichita Falls, with the standout rides from Canada’s Luke Creasy and Iowa’s Logan Allen, officials reported today.

Faculty, students, alumni honored at AFS hall of fame banquet
National championship buckles were presented to the 2009 Meat Animal Evaluation and Meat Science Quiz Bowl teams, in addition to commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the 1999 National Champion Meat Judging Team, on Friday (Oct. 9) at Texas Tech University’s Hall of Fame and Meat Science Recognition Banquet in the United Spirit Arena.
Raising the Bar: CASNR rolls to near record enrollment
Texas Tech’s College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources reached a benchmark in student enrollment with a near record number of students signed up for classes in the fall semester, university officials said this week. Final enrollment stood at 1,685, up 8.8 percent from last fall’s 1,548.  

International: CASNR leads training for two Thai Cochran Fellows
CASNR hosted two agricultural experts from Thailand in October as part of a 25-year old program sponsored by the USDA’s Foreign Agricultural Service. Known as the Cochran Fellowship Program, it’s the first time that Texas Tech has been selected to host Cochran fellows in the area of food safety and security. 

Texas Tech rodeo places well at West Texas A&M University
The Texas Tech University women’s rodeo team took second place this weekend at the West Texas A&M University Rodeo in Perryton. Hosted by Frank Phillips College and West Texas A&M, the National Collegiate Rodeo Association event featured 16 colleges from across the region.