



*Friday Notes*  
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*MSSTATE Poultry Science*

*Friday Notes - to keep you informed about noteworthy news from Poultry Science at Mississippi State....and let us hear from you as well!*

*Homecoming Update...and Other Dates!*

- Next Friday (**October 4**), **Poultry Science Club members** are selling chicken plates (with homemade baked beans, cole slaw) for \$5 per plate beginning at 11:30am. They will deliver on campus or you can pick up at Hill Poultry Science. Please let **Cole Rogers** ([wcr79@msstate.edu](mailto:wcr79@msstate.edu)) or our front office (325-3416) know.
- The **Club** is also cooking chicken for the LSU game.
- **Please remember** to mark your calendars for the **4-H Poultry Chain Project** sale at the State Fair, **October 12**, and turn out to bid on lots of birds! There's no expectation that buyers will have to take ownership of the birds, so no worries on that. Remember that a large part of this project is about biosecurity! Thanks to Cal-Maine for their support on this!
- **Reminder** that the 4-H Poultry Chain Project show at the State Fair on October 12 is also **Homecoming**. Because most of the faculty and staff will be in Jackson helping with this event, we will not be able to host our typical Homecoming event on that day. We're very sorry about that and will try not to have this happen again! We hope you'll join us **November 16** before the Alabama game; **details to follow!!**

*Congratulations to...*

- **Alex'Zandra Hamilton**, senior Poultry Science major and CALS Ambassador, who was selected to represent CALS in the student roundtable with Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack, September 26.

*Welcome...*

- **Dr. Anfang Liu**, poultry science faculty member from Southwest University, Rongchang Campus, Chongqing, P.R. China, who is spending a year as a visiting scientist with **Dr. Zhai**.

*Faculty and Staff Travel and Activities:*

- **Drs. Tabler** and **Farnell** visited the Sanderson Farms complex at Hazelhurst to collect tissue samples, September 23.
- **Dr. Tabler** visited a Sanderson Farms grower at Collins to discuss litter windrowing, September 24.

- **Dr. Tabler** judged the Oktibbeha County 4-H Poultry Chain Show in Starkville, September 26.
  - **Tegan Morgan** (son of Tim and **Donna Morgan**) was grand champion in the Junior Meat Bird Division;
  - **Luke** and **Rebekah Schilling** (children of Wes and Jenna Schilling of MSU) were recognized as top Cloverbuds.
- We have just completed a four-month **self-study** of our department and submitted it to the Provost for the next step in the process, which will be a thorough review both internally to MSU and externally. This will be shared with our Industry Advisory Group later this year and used in planning future directions.

### ***Departmental Activities***

- **Yemi Olojede** (M.S. grad student with **Dr. Peebles**) presented “Chick Quality and Hatchery Management” to the Commercial Poultry Production class, Sept. 19.
- *Mr. Mark Luther*, Koch Foods, presented “Broiler Housing” to the Commercial Poultry Production class, Sept. 24.
- *Ms. Shelley Gardner*, Peco Farms, presented “Grow Out/Management/Controllers” to the Commercial Poultry Production class, Sept. 26.