



*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!

*Faculty and Staff Travel and Activities:*

- **Drs. Beck** and **Tabler** participated in the Mississippi Board of Animal Health meeting in Jackson, January 7, and met with personnel from BankPlus.
- **The Poultry Science faculty** participated in a day-long mini-retreat at the MSU Bull Barn, January 9, to initiate a strategic planning process that will continue throughout the semester and will culminate in an industry advisory board meeting and retreat in May.

*Noteworthy News from Recent MSU Publications:*

- **Mississippi LandMarks, Volume 10, Number 3, October 2014** at [www.dafvm.msstate.edu](http://www.dafvm.msstate.edu) features two Poultry Science Faculty:
  - “Poultry Partnership,” p.7, describes the 2+2 articulation agreement between MSU and Jones County Junior College;
  - “Tornado Recovery,” p.16, is an article about MSU assistance to farmers affected by the Louisville tornadoes, including **Dr. Tabler’s** inputs.
- **“Prosperity in Poultry”** from **“Influence”** – the upcoming inaugural CALS alumni publication, a feature article on **Steve McLaurin, Peco Foods:**  
<http://www.cals.msstate.edu/alumni/pdf/mclaurin.pdf>

*Congratulations and Welcome:*

- Little **Miss Sophia Zheng**, daughter of **Drs. Wei Zhai** and Lei Zheng, December 30, 2014; 7lb, 9oz; 20” long. Mother and baby are doing well.

*We welcome our students back as they return this week from the holiday break; best of luck in your classes this semester!*