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# Department of Animal Science E-Newsletter



## Equine Program

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To read more of this article [click here](#).



## Events

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## Initiatives

### Animal Science Survey

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# University of Arkansas Equine Program to Host 13th annual Razorback Roundup Horse and Tack Auction

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – The Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture, Food and Life Science Department of Animal Science Equine Program at the University of Arkansas will host their 13th annual Razorback Roundup Horse and Tack Auction on Saturday, November 16 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center in Fayetteville.

For complete details on the horses that will be for sale, see the complete online catalog at [www.RazorbackRoundup.org](http://www.RazorbackRoundup.org).

The schedule is as follows:

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Close Inspection of the Horses

2:45 – 2:45 p.m. Student Presentations with Horses

4:30 p.m. Tack Sale

5:00 p.m. Horse Auction

From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. guests will be invited to a close inspection of the horses and will be able to meet the student trainers. These students will have had all semester to gain first-hand experience training and caring for their assigned horse.

From 2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. students will present their project horses under saddle and over an obstacle course. Staff, faculty, volunteers and students will help run the event, educate bidders and answer any questions about the horses and merchandise for sale.

The tack sale will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the horse auction following at 5 p.m. Nineteen horses will be offered in this year's sale. There will be a wide variety of western and english horses, including a well-trained palomino appaloosa gelding, a triple registered buckskin gelding with multiple world championships, an Arabian gelding that has been successfully shown in dressage, a flashy black and white pony, a palomino Warmblood mare and many more.

Kathi Jogan, barn manager and instructor adds, "Getting horses ready for the Razorback Roundup is a team effort. Student trainers learn non-traumatic training techniques and are assigned individual horses to train throughout the semester. Whether you're interested in purchasing a horse or not, please take the time to come to this year's Razorback Roundup to support the students and see what they have achieved. The student trainers, barn staff, interns and volunteers have done a wonderful job and are eager to show you what they have accomplished!"

Dr. Nancy Jack, Director of the Equine Program says, “The students are very excited about this event. It’s a rite of passage for them to run the auction and the horses this year are stunning. If you want to stand out in a crowd, we have color, color and more color.”

Questions about the sale can be directed to Dr. Nancy Jack at 479-575-8423 and more details can be found in this year’s catalogue at [www.razorbackgroundup.org](http://www.razorbackgroundup.org) . The event benefits the Department of Animal Science Equine Program. For more information about the program, visit [www.equineprogram.org](http://www.equineprogram.org) or email [razorbackgroundup@uark.edu](mailto:razorbackgroundup@uark.edu) .

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The event took place Monday, Oct. 14, on campus. High school seniors and juniors, as well as college transfer students, met with current students and faculty members to learn more about the opportunities in their majors. Visiting students were also provided information on international programs, scholarships, the honors program and clubs. In addition, Donna K. Graham, director of employer relations, visited with students about internships and career opportunities. Graham’s main job is finding internships and career opportunities for students in the college.

For more information, contact the coordinator of undergraduate student recruitment, Michelle Pribbernow, at 479-575-2253 or [mpribber@uark.edu](mailto:mpribber@uark.edu).

Fun Fact: The Bumpers College is tied for No. 51 in the world and tied for No. 22 in the QS World University Rankings published by TopUniversities.com.

# **Animal Science Survey Results**

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The overall response rate was 8.5% or 323 respondents. Participants categorized themselves as livestock producers (47.3%), current or former students in the department (35.4%), hay or forage producers (27.6%), extension personnel (16.3%), allied industry personnel (6.9%) and other government agency personnel (5.0%).

Results identified programs/services that have value as well as programs/services that have minimal exposure to stakeholders. These data will be used as background information for a departmental review and will be presented at the American Society of Animal Science Southern Section Conference in February, 2014. The summarized results are included below.

## **Teaching**

Roughly half of the respondents said they were current or former students at the U of A (not necessarily Animal Science majors) and of those, roughly 81% indicated they were alumni. The majority of current/former students (66.7%) said their major was through the Department of Animal Science. The vast majority of respondents rated the following teaching experiences, resources and activities either extremely valuable or valuable; access to and availability of professors, atmosphere of Department, hands-on experiences, scholarships, coursework, classroom instruction, advising, classrooms and facilities, student clubs and internships.

Stakeholders responding to the survey had minimal knowledge about international experiences, social media (Facebook, Twitter), and undergraduate research.

## **Research**

Research programs or resources rated either extremely valuable or valuable by stakeholders were beef cattle health, beef cattle nutrition, parasitology, forages, and beef cattle reproduction. Similarly, extension personnel surveyed rated beef cattle nutrition, health, reproduction, forages, parasitology and forage research programs/resources as extremely valuable and valuable.

Meats and swine management/nutrition were rated valuable and extremely valuable by the majority of stakeholders. Stakeholders responding to the survey reported minimal knowledge about swine management/nutrition, beef cattle genetics/genomics and meats research programs offered by the Department.

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## **Extension**

The programs or services rated either extremely valuable or valuable by stakeholders were factsheets, forage management programs, livestock market news, beef/forage demonstrations, electronic newsletters, beef cattle management programs, county programs and field days, 4-H livestock programs and experiment station field days. The programs or services rated either extremely valuable or valuable by extension personnel were livestock market news, regional beef cattle conferences, sheep and goat programs, grassland evaluation program, electronic newsletters, the 300 day grazing program, and videos/podcasts.

Extension personnel also were asked to rate additional activities and services that involved faculty in the animal science department. The extension personnel rated availability of Department of Animal Science extension faculty for county programs, Animal Science in-service trainings, ease of access to and response from Department of Animal Science extension faculty, county agent/Animal Science advisory committee, and Animal Science webinar meetings either extremely valuable or valuable.