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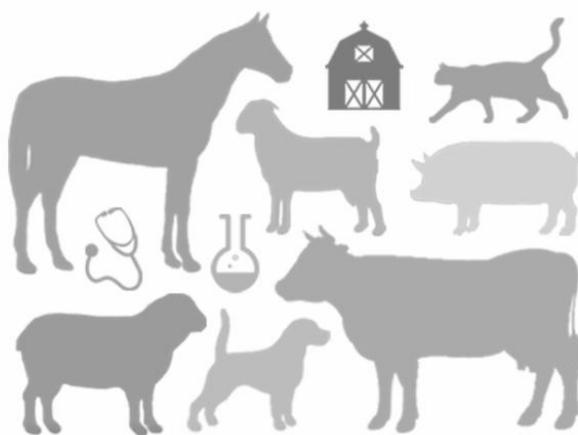
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## Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Visits Division of Agriculture Facilities for 'Inside the Farm' Tour

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) sent members and guests to the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture facilities for an 'Inside the Farm' tour on Thursday, September 5.

The group began their visit at the Don Tyson Center for Agricultural Sciences where they met with Ryan Dickson, assistant professor of horticulture, who shared information about research on hydroponics, closed production systems and hemp production. Additionally, John Clark, distinguished professor of horticulture, and Margaret Worthington, assistant professor of horticulture, led the group on a tour where they discussed the history of the division's muscadines and cotton candy grapes.

Following information sessions by Brian Haggard of the Arkansas Water Resources Center's research wing, along with Jamie Baum, professor of nutrition, the group was treated to a brisk hayride over to the Washington County Cooperative Extension Service office. Next, the group enjoyed a tour of the Animal Science research farm, where Dirk Philipp, associate professor of animal science, and Darren Bignar, manager of the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center (PWASC), presented riparian zone and animal science research demonstrations.

In their final stop, the group visited the PWASC to view a demonstration from the UA ranch horse team. Head coach, Jordan Shore, discussed the various events and disciplines featured in ranch horse competitions, while four team members and their horses offered impressive showcases of each section.}



UA ranch horse team members and their horses who showcased each event. From left to right: Brady Barnard, Madison Powell, Ashton Williams, Anissa Edwards

## Michael Looper Receives 2019 Arkansas Cattlemen's Association Producer Education Award



Michael Looper received the 2019 Arkansas Cattlemen's Association (ACA) Producer Education Award while attending the annual ACA convention and trade show from August 29-31 in Hot Springs.

"It was a huge surprise to receive this award," said Looper. "I accepted it on behalf of the entire department, as it is a testament to the strong relationships we have with stakeholders—specifically the cattlemen and women of Arkansas."

The Producer Education Award is presented during a banquet on the final night of the event and recognizes the awardee's commitment to the education of producers in Arkansas and for their support of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association. }

## Animal Science Faculty Speak at Cattlemen's College Convention

Three Animal Science faculty members spoke at the Cattlemen's College during the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association (ACA) Convention and Trade Show from August 29-31 in Hot Springs.

Charles Looney (pictured) spoke on developing beef heifers; Shane Gadberry provided a GoGreen (Green Tag) program update; and Heidi Ward provided information on beef quality assurance. All three sessions were well-attended.



The Cattlemen's Colleges provide educational opportunities for cattle producers of all types from leaders and experts in the industry. The annual ACA trade show and convention features information sessions with colleges; updates from throughout the industry; and opportunities for cattlemen-to-cattlemen fellowship. Additionally, the ACA also showcases a large farm and ranch show where cattlemen and women can meet with businesses from around the state. }

## Animal Science Participates in Two Bumpers College Events

- The University of Arkansas began classes on August 26, and students were greeted with several back-to-school activities including the *Bumpers Bash* event. This event gave all students on campus a chance to learn about clubs, organizations and extracurricular activities available through the college.
- A second event, *Animal Science Welcome Back Bash*, let students spend time with peers, faculty and staff while grabbing a free hot dog and chips between classes. The Animal Science REPS members greeted attendees and served the food. We wish all students and faculty a successful fall semester. }



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