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Animal Science Co-Hosts Webinar: Farm to Freezer - Direct Marketing Arkansas Beef

The U of A System, Division of Agriculture, Department of Animal Science teamed up with the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, the Arkansas Farm Bureau and the Arkansas Beef Council to host a webinar on Thursday, June 4, to cover the basics of a few need-to-know ideas for getting started with marketing beef directly off the farm. The webinar, Farm to Freezer – Direct Marketing Arkansas Beef, had over 450 participants register for the event.

The webinar featured four speakers who covered information on feeding, inspection requirements for selling cattle versus beef, and developing a happy customer base:

- Shane Gadberry, U of A System, Division of Agriculture, Animal Science – Feeding Farm-Raised Cattle for Local Slaughter
- Janeal Yancey, U of A System, Division of Agriculture Animal Science – Carcass Perspective; how much product should I expect?
- Andy Shaw, CEO at Cypress Valley Meat Company – Do's and Don'ts of a Processing Facility
- Kenny Simon, U of A System, Division of Agriculture Animal Science - Alternative Production – Pasture-raised Beef from a Producer Perspective

The webinar can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_u1fb6AYU, and the presentation PowerPoints can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/farmtofreezer>. }



FARM TO FREEZER
DIRECT MARKETING ARKANSAS BEEF
Thursday, June 4 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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Department of Animal Science Sets New High in Number of Veterinary School Acceptances

The Department of Animal Science set a record this year for the number of students accepted into veterinary school with a total of 24 individuals who have already been granted admission.

“I’m so proud of our pre-professional students,” said animal science faculty member and veterinarian, Lauren Thomas. “They’ve put in a lot of hours of hard work- both inside and outside of the classroom- to achieve their ultimate goal of veterinary school acceptance.”

While the U of A does not have its own vet school, the Department of Animal Science has consistently done a stellar job in both assisting students with the admissions process and preparing them for the rigors of vet school. This year, the department currently has an 83% acceptance rate overall, and has consistently seen over 70% of its applicants get admitted each cycle.

“I think that this level of collective success not only speaks to the quality of our student body, but also to the various opportunities that exist here at the University of Arkansas and Department of Animal Science,” said Thomas. “From the variety of classes offered to the various leadership and research opportunities that are available, there is ample opportunity for every student to put together an excellent individual vet school (or med school) application.”

“We had a banner year this year,” added Thomas. “And I can’t wait to see what the future holds for these future doctors!” }

Department Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Department of Animal Science recently announced the recipients of its numerous departmental scholarships. The scholarship recipients were selected by a committee of animal science faculty, and winners were chosen based on academic merit and departmental involvement. In total, nearly \$55,000 was awarded to 53 deserving students. Congratulations to all!

Alvin L. Neumann Animal and Poultry Scholarship

Abbigail Merrill, Alexa Wandrey, Anissa Edwards, Arykah Cotton, Brady Rowland, Brittney Reed, Christopher Tarkington, Davina D'Angelo, Emily Efrid, Grace Clark, Haley Stanton, Jaylon Carothers, Jesse Pratt, Kaitlyn Babb, Katherine Gilmore, Katie Long, Katy Burks, Kole Rector, Laney Wiles, Lauren Hogner, Madison Stamps, Mikayla Mayfield, Shelby Horton, Spencer Thraikill and Victoria Reid

Arkansas Cattlemen's Association Endowed Scholarship

Joshua Oldham

Arkansas Farm Credit State Federation Endowed Scholarship

Catherine Rankin

Beefmasters Endowment

Victoria Lehmann

Ben Israel Family Equine Studies Endowed Award

Kelsea Davis

Brangus Endowed Scholarship

Danielle Reeves

Carl B. and Florence E. King Pre-Veterinarian Scholarship

Annalee Parker, Caitlyn Ferguson, Emma Fortner and Laurel Dhority

C.J. Brown Endowment

Mary Phillips

Danny Metz Memorial Scholarship

Alisun Watson and Jordan Looper

Dr. Calvin Willis Endowed Scholarship in Animal Science

Alexa Wandrey and Dixie Miller

Dr. Richard and Ann Fulton Endowed Award

Bralee Lansdell and Nicholas Valentini

Florence E. King Scholarships in Equine Studies

Paige Williams

Gary L. and Gaywyn Golden Endowed Scholarship

Kelsey Willis

Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Lewis, Sr. Scholarship

Iris Wormington, Laykyn Rainbolt, Mesa Kutz and Sine Pippenger

Paul R. Noland Endowed Scholarship

Devin Whiteside and Eva Short

PLR Farms/J.O. and Marie Parker Endowed Scholarship

Dixie Miller

Robert Felsman Scholarship

Astrid Adrian

William and Frances Dorough Scholarship in Animal Science

Chloe Smith and Micaela Giddens }

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