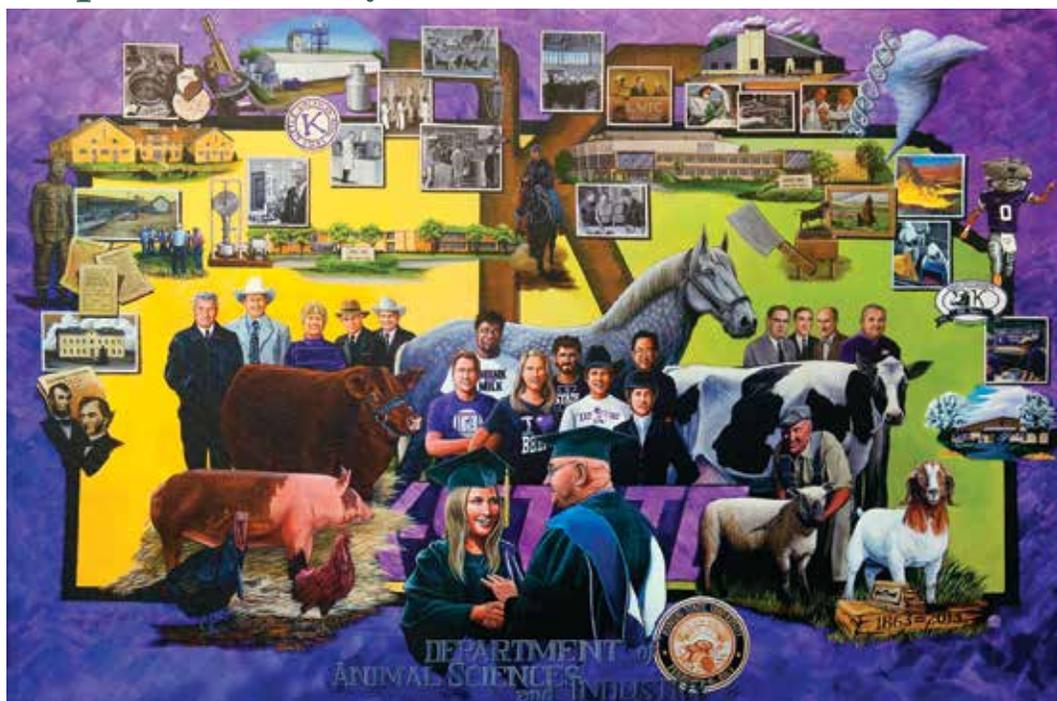


Department Stays True to Land-Grant Mission



To celebrate the university's sesquicentennial, the department commissioned a historical mural for the Heritage Room in Weber Hall. Copies are available from the department.

Cattlemen, Rodeo Club, Collegiate Horsemen, and Pre-veterinary Club.

The first KSAC Livestock Judging Team competed at Chicago in 1903. Today the competition teams include livestock, meats, dairy, dairy products, poultry, and horse judging teams; Dairy Challenge; and Academic Quadrathlon. Competition teams and extracurricular clubs help build strong relationships between students and

faculty. The department has hosted an annual judging team reunion since 1968.

The Livestock and Meat Industry Council was established to help the department recover from tornado damage in 1966 and continues to support various projects.

In 1986, Kansas Statute 76-478 created an 11-member advisory council, the International Meats and Livestock Program, "to assist producers of Kansas livestock, meat products and commodities in the foreign marketing thereof, and to provide research and technical assistance to foreign buyers."

In addition to the popular Dairy Bar in Call Hall, the department has classrooms, offices, and laboratories in Weber and Call halls plus beef cattle, dairy, swine, sheep and meat goat, poultry, and equine facilities north of campus.

Department faculty also lead undergraduate and graduate programs offered through the Food Science Institute, established in 2001.

Professor Emeritus Miles McKee wrote, "Building the Legacy – A History of the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry," which is available from the department. See www.asi.ksu.edu.

Kansas State Agricultural College (KSAC) was established Feb. 16, 1863, as Kansas' land-grant college to focus on the teaching of practical agriculture, science, military science, and engineering.

Department names — farm, poultry science, dairy and animal husbandry — have merged, split, and changed many times over the years, but animal agriculture has been a campus staple.

The first purebred cattle, swine, and poultry breeding animals were purchased in 1873, and by 1910 KSAC was the first institution to win both grand and reserve champion market steer at the Chicago International.

Cooperative animal research began early — including a 1909 experiment with horses from Fort Riley cavalry units to test feeding value of roughages and grain — and continues today.

Faculty and graduate students present research results on timely topics at various events such as Cattlemen's Day, Dairy Day, Swine Day, and others. March 2013 marked the 100th Cattlemen's Day and the 37th legacy bull sale at the new Stanley Stout Center.

Most teaching faculty also have research or extension appointments.

Many are actively involved in the livestock industry, judge at various livestock shows and fairs around the country, and conduct training on animal care and industry leadership.

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the animal industries," said Ken Odde, current department head. "K-State's Department of Animal Sciences and Industry is the only animal science department in the United States with 'industry' in its title."

In 1914, students founded the Saddle and Sirloin Club, now the Block and Bridle Club. Because learning occurs in the classroom, after hours, and on the road, the department also sponsors the Dairy Club, Food Science Club, Collegiate Cattlemen, Collegiate