

## Class Notes

### '70s

**Lee Borck** (BS '70 agricultural economics) was honored as Stockman of the year at the 44th Annual Stockmen's Dinner on March 6.

**Robert Ebert** (BS '70 animal science) was named Father of the Year by the Alabama Cattlewomen's Association. As an Auburn University and Alabama Cooperative Extension System specialist, he was responsible for the 4-H/youth livestock programs in Alabama. He retired Dec. 31, 2013.

**Janice Earl** (BS '71 animal science) retired from the American Kennel Club as an approved dog judge in 2013 and moved from Missouri to Florida.

**Jeffrey K. Schmidt** (BS '77 agronomy) worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service for 34 years in Anthony, Lacrosse, Elkhart, and Liberal. He retired in Fredonia.

### '80s

**Karol Lohman** (BS '80 animal science) is an agriculture and natural resources agent for K-State Research and Extension – Leavenworth County. She worked previously as the general manager for St. Francis Mercantile Exchange Cooperative in St. Francis.

**Cathy Bandyk** (BS '82, MS '86, PhD '99 animal science) recently accepted a technical sales and support manager position with Westway Feed Products. She and husband **Kim** (BS '82 agronomy) live in Morrilton, Fla.

**Kurt Dillon** (BS '86, MS '91 agricultural education), state FFA advisor with the Kansas Department of Education (KDE) and agricultural education state supervisor, accepted a Teach Ag Champion recognition at the National Association of Agricultural Educators. The award for Kansas Team Ag Ed — which includes K-State, KDE, Kansas Association of Agricultural Educators, Kansas FFA, and the Kansas FFA Foundation — recognizes work to ensure a quality supply of agriculture teachers.

### '90s

**David Sjeklocha** (BS '90 animal science, DVM '94) received the 2013 Academy of Veterinary Consultants Consultant of the Year Award for outstanding achievements in beef-cattle medicine.

**Dale Helwig** (BS '95 animal science) is the K-State Research and Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Cherokee County.

**Mark Dikeman** (BS '96 animal science, MS '02 agricultural economics) now serves as extension agricultural economist, coordinator of professional development and training for the Kansas Farm Management Association program.

**Jorge Gattini** (MS '98 agricultural economics) was sworn in Aug. 15, 2013, as Paraguay's new Minister of Agriculture. He has held several positions mostly in the agriculture ministry's marketing department under three agriculture ministers. Allen Featherstone, interim department head, oversaw Gattini's master's thesis, *The Agricultural Financial System in Paraguay*.

**Justin Kastner** (BS '98 food science and industry) is director of the University Honors Program. He continues as associate professor in the Department of Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology and co-director of the Frontier program in the College of Veterinary Medicine. He also received an Excellence in Teaching Award from the University Professional and Continuing Education Association central region.

### '00s

**Adam Beel** (BS '00 animal science) is an owner/manager for Beel Brothers. The Beel family ranch received the 2013 Leopold Conservation Award in Nebraska, which recognizes achievements in voluntary conservation and the vital role private landowners play in conservation success.

**Elissa (Good) Mullinix** (BS '01, MS '04 animal science) is a program coordinator for K-State's Division of

Continuing Education. Her husband, **Chris** (BS '96 animal science) coaches the K-State Livestock Judging Team and is an instructor in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. They previously taught at Butler Community College.

Videos by Kansas farmer **Derek Klingenberg** (BS '01 agricultural economics), Peabody, are getting millions of hits on YouTube and mentions on agriculture-related websites.

**Matt Douglas** (BS '02 horticulture) and wife Bronwyn run Kistner's Flowers in Manhattan. They were featured in *That's Rural* on Sept. 26, 2013. <http://www.huckboydinstitute.org/p.aspx?tabid=21>

**DeAnn Presley** (MS '02, PhD '07 agronomy) associate professor and extension soil management specialist, has been named a certified professional soil scientist by the Soil Science Society of America.

**Laura Marks** (BS '06 animal science), joined K-State Research and Extension in Dec. 2013 as Dickinson County agriculture and natural resources agent.

**Nathan Hoffman** (BS '07 agricultural economics) is an attorney with Cargill, Inc., working with Cargill Meat Solutions Corp. in Wichita. He and wife Kristen announced the birth of their son Jameson Robert Hoffman on April 26, 2013.

**Jabin Olds** (BS '07 bakery science and management) was recently promoted to director of new product development at Delorios Foods in Utica, N.Y.

**Mary (Geiger) Soukup** (BS '07 agricultural communications and journalism) became editor for *Drovers CattleNetwork* in Jan. 2014.

**Aaron Sawyers** (BS '08 animal science) joined K-State Research and Extension – Comanche County, as an agriculture and natural resources agent. He previously worked for Lohrding Three Bar Ranch in Protection.

**Lakshmikantha "Kantha" Channaiah** (PhD '09 grain science), is director of microbiology for AIB in Manhattan.

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## '10s

**Michael Feingold** (BS '13 food science and industry), a Marine Corps reservist and food technologist/food scientist and laboratory manager at Cereal Ingredients Inc., will be featured in the May issue of *G.I. Jobs* magazine. He also earned an Outstanding Continuing Education Student Award from the University Professional and Continuing Education Association central region and the Extraordinary Student Award from the K-State Division of Continuing Education.

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## 40 Under 40 Awards

Vance Publishing Corporation presented 40 Under 40 in Agriculture Awards to **Joel DeRouchey** (MS '99, PhD '01 animal science), K-State associate professor of animal science; **Jeffrey DeFrain** (BS '99, MS '01 animal science), research nutritionist for Zinpro Corporation; and **Ty Lawrence** (PhD '02 animal science) West Texas A&M University associate professor. They were selected for their leadership and commitment in advancing the cause to double food production by 2050.

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## Kansas Department of Agriculture

College alumni working for the Kansas Department of Agriculture: **Jackie McClaskey** (BS '93 agricultural economics, PhD '14 animal science), secretary of agriculture; **Chad Bontrager** (BS '03 milling science and management, MS '09 agribusiness), deputy secretary; **Jake Worcester** (BS '01 agricultural economics), assistant secretary; **Stacy Mayo** (BS '07 agricultural communications and journalism), trademark program director; **J.J. Jones** (BS '04 animal science), director of marketing; **Beth (Gaines) Riffel** (BS '91 agricultural journalism), director of communications; **Nellie Hill** (BS '12 agricultural communications and journalism), education and events coordinator; **Annarose Hart** (BS '12 agricultural communications and journalism), From the Land of Kansas specialist; **Billy Brown** (BS '10 animal science), agribusiness development

coordinator; **Josh Roe** (BS '03 agricultural economics), economist.

Alumni serving on the 12-member KDA advisory board: **David Foster** (BS '03 agricultural communications and journalism/animal science), dairyman, Fort Scott; **Ron Hirst** (BS '67 animal science), rural economic development professional, Hutchison; **Lindsey (George) Huseman** (BS '06 agricultural education, MS '10 secondary education), agricultural education instructor, Ellsworth; **Greg Peterson** (BS '13 agricultural communications and journalism), agricultural advocate, Assaria; **Jennifer Ryan** (BS '01 agricultural communications and journalism), farmer and rancher, Pratt; **Derek Sawyer** (BS '02 animal science), farmer and rancher, McPherson.

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## In Memoriam

**Hobart Boles** (MS '57, PhD '67 entomology), 95, Huntsville, Ala., died Jan. 9, 2014. He worked at Huron College, University of Arkansas, USDA Stored Rice Insects Lab in Houston, and the Stored Products Insects Lab in Savannah, Ga. From 1965 until his retirement, he was a K-State adjunct assistant professor of entomology and researcher at the U.S. Grain Marketing Research Center in Manhattan.

**Albert Davis** (MS '48, PhD '53, agronomy), 91, Spanish Fork, Utah, died June 28, 2013. He taught agronomy at the universities of Alabama and Arkansas. He moved to Pullman, Wash., to work for the USDA Plant Introduction Station until his retirement in 1986. He returned to his home state of Utah in 1995.

**Morris Ewing** (MS '57 dairy production), 87, Tucson, Ariz., died Oct. 30, 2013. He worked for the Kansas Artificial Breeding Service Unit from 1951 to 1958. He was senior dairy sire analyst with American Breeders Service at the time of his retirement.

**George Krause** (BS '49 agronomy), 91, Mechanicsville, Va., died July 29, 2013.

**Clifford Meireis** (BS '53 dairy production), 84, Newton, died Jan. 7, 2014. He was a club agent in Pratt and Sumner counties. He completed his 31 years of service in Norton County as the extension agricultural agent and county director.

**Alfons Stiebe** (BS '39 agricultural economics), 97, Kinsley, died Feb. 24, 2014. After serving in the U.S. Army, he returned to the family farm. He retired after harvesting his 60th wheat crop in 2006.



Alumni participated in a panel discussion for dairy producers and K-State Research and Extension agents in the new Stanley Stout Center. From left: **Steve Irsik** (BS '69 agricultural economics), Royal Farms Dairy LLC, Garden City; **Nathan Campbell** (BS '98 animal science), Campbell Farms, Winfield; **Brent Buessing** (BS '04 animal science), Buessing Dairy, Baileyville; **Justin Ohlde** (BS '07 animal science), Ohlde's Dairy, Linn; **Melissa (Hildebrand) Reed** (BS '07 agricultural communications and journalism), Hildebrand Dairy, Junction City; **Billy Brown** (BS '10 animal science), KDA agribusiness development coordinator; **Ken McCarty** (BS '05 animal science), McCarty Family Farms, Rexford.



Warren Weibert (BS '69 animal science) spoke to faculty and students when he was named the 2013 Animal Sciences and Industry Distinguished Alumnus. Since 1977, Weibert has operated Decatur County Feed Yard near Oberlin, Kan. He has served as president of the Kansas Livestock Association and Cattle-Fax, chairman of the board for the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership program, and is a member of the College of Agriculture and K-State Research and Extension Advisory Council.



Professor Bryan Schurle, left, presents the 2013 Agricultural Economics Distinguished Alumnus Award to Craig Jagger (BA '74 speech, MS '82 agricultural economics). Jagger spent 27 years in Washington, D.C., as chief economist for the House Committee on Agriculture, principal analyst for agriculture at the Congressional Budget Office, and as the wheat program analyst at USDA's Farm Service Agency. In 2012, Jagger founded Legis Consulting, LLC — a consulting practice focusing on agricultural and budget policies.



Raul Guedes, left, (PhD '97 entomology) accepts the 2013 Department of Entomology Distinguished Alumnus Award from John Ruberson, department head. Guedes has had a successful career at the Federal University of Viçosa in Brazil, where he built an international reputation in pesticide–arthropod interactions, stored product pests, insect communications, and arthropod ecophysiology. He also serves as the scientific director of the Arthur Bernardes Foundation and is a fellow of the Royal Entomological Society.

### Ag Alumni Class Notes

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