



March 2011 Update

- Food scientist Randall Phebus is serving as the 2011 program committee chairperson for the 100th anniversary convention of the International Association for Food Protection, scheduled for this summer in Milwaukee, Wis. IAFP publishes the *Journal for Food Protection* and *Food Protection Trends*. Approximately 3,000 scientists from around the world will attend the conference.
- In July 2011, six new counties are approved to join K-State Research and Extension districts, making a total of 39 counties in 14 districts. The districting initiative, begun in 1991, has been effective in maintaining excellent educational delivery in all counties while capitalizing on administrative efficiencies. Further, it allows the districts to develop staffing plans that allow for greater specialization and expertise.
- Bikram Gill, university distinguished professor of plant pathology, authored four of the top 100 cited papers from the *Journal of Heredity*. The articles are listed on the journal's website: http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/jhered/100_top_cited_articles_of_all_ti.html
- Charles W. Rice, university distinguished professor of soil microbiology, has been selected as one of the Top 150 scientists in Kansas. This selection is part of the "Science in Kansas: 150 Years and Counting" project of the Ad Astra Kansas Initiative, celebrating the Kansas Sesquicentennial. This project highlights scientists of accomplishment with the goal of inspiring young Kansans. Also honored was Charles O. Swanson, former head of the Milling Department. An agricultural chemist, Swanson was an expert in wheat varieties who worked at the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station from 1906 through 1923. He was head of the Milling Department from 1923 to 1939.
- Nine international corn quality webinars were hosted for U.S. Grains Council by Jay O'Neil, International Grains Program economist, and delivered to 119 participants. Each webinar was offered via audio broadcast, and chat type functionality was leveraged for Q&A at the end of each webinar. Five of the webinars were consecutively translated.
- Nearly 200 Kansas 4-H'ers from 51 counties traveled to the state capital in Topeka in February to learn about the legislature. The Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action event is intended to give youth an opportunity to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voices and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities.
- Grinnell, Kan., was awarded the BlueCHIP® award from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas and the Kansas Recreation and Park Association. The award recognizes communities that encourage healthy lifestyles through programs, policies, and events. Grinnell addressed several community health issues through the development of a 63-mile paved walking trail and exercise stations and by hosting the "Get-It-Do-It Annual Health Fest," featuring health screenings, educational materials, and physical fitness activities. The partner organizations are Grinnell GAB PRIDE; Grinnell Youth PRIDE; City of Grinnell; USD 291; Grinnell Middle School Student Council; K-State Research and Extension—Gove County; Friends of Grinnell, Inc.; Gove County Health Department; Gove County Sheriff's Department; Grinnell Fire Department; Grinnell Senior Center; Grinnell EMS; and Senior Companion Program.