



April 2011 Update

- The State Library of Kansas has compiled the 150 “Best” Kansas Books list, including some by K-State Research and Extension authors: *The Rise of the Wheat State: A History of Kansas Agriculture 1861-1986* was compiled and edited by George Ham and Robin Higham (1987); *Land of the Post Rock: Its Origins, History and People*, co-authored by Grace Muilenburg (1979); and *Farming in the Dark: A Discussion about the Future of Sustainable Agriculture*, by Rhonda Janke (2008).
- The Center for Engagement and Community Development and the Kansas PRIDE Program were recently highlighted in *A Field Guide to Community Coaching* for designing the Community Coaching Academy — a six-day training session designed to equip agents and others involved in community development with skills and processes to support local improvement teams.
- GEAPS International, formerly the Grain Elevator and Processing Society, presented the Industry Leader Award to Dirk Maier, head of the Department of Grain Science and Industry. The award is given to individuals who have made extraordinary contributions that advance industry operations in safety, health, environmental responsibility, efficiency, or stored-grain quality management excellence.
- The patent, “pH dependent adhesive peptides,” was issued to the Kansas State University Research Foundation. The patent covers an adhesive made from peptides — a compound containing two or more amino acids that link together — that increases in strength as moisture is removed. The adhesive was created by John Tomich, professor of biochemistry, and Xiuzhi “Susan” Sun, professor of grain science and industry. Assisting in the research was Takeo Iwamoto, an adjunct professor in biochemistry, and Xinchun Shen, a former postdoctoral researcher.
- Karen Garrett, professor of plant pathology, represented KSU as a board member on a Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel. The panel addressed pesticide exposure modeling and climate change.
- More than 220 attendees registered for the Women Managing the Farm conference, February 12–13 in Wichita. K-State Research and Extension co-sponsored the event, which offered approximately 15 hours of educational programming. In addition, several faculty helped plan the conference and delivered concurrent workshops. The goal of the conference was to give women involved in agricultural operations a comfortable setting to learn more about agricultural financial, human, legal, production, and price issues.
- Ted Cable, professor in the Department of Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources, co-authored *Interpretive Perspectives: A Collection of Essays on Interpreting Nature and Culture* with Larry Beck, professor at San Diego State University.