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October 2011 Update

- K-State is hosting the 63rd Kansas Income Tax Institute in eight locations — Topeka, Hays, Garden City, Colby, Olathe, Salina, Wichita, and Pittsburg — between Oct. 26 and Dec. 15. The institute, focusing on tax issues in agriculture, is a cooperative effort of the Department of Agricultural Economics, K-State Research and Extension, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Kansas Department of Revenue.
- The 12th annual Beef Stocker Field Day drew more than 200 participants to learn more about the cattle and corn market outlook and stocker cattle management. Dale Blasi, Lois Schreiner, Tim Carson, Chelsea Tomascik, and the unit crew coordinated the event.
- Nearly 600 fourth-grade students from Riley, Geary, and Pottawatomie counties attended the Kids' Field Days Sept. 8 and 15. See: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMWzDc-Lrac>
- A 4-H Tech Team developed a mobile application for smartphones to help visitors find their way around the Kansas State Fair. The app included general locations and attractions as well as services, such as food vendors or family-friendly restrooms, in the virtual map.

Awards and Honors

- Entomologist Raymond Cloyd, horticulturist Kimberly Williams, and colleagues in New Hampshire, Indiana, North Carolina, and New York won a Gloeckner Foundation grant to develop and offer e-GRO, a series of free online modules to enhance greenhouse facility employee training and education.
- Abbey Nutsch, assistant professor of food science, is one of 10 active K-State faculty members named as a top scientist by *Ad Astra Kansas* as part of the sesquicentennial celebration.
- Chuck Rice, university distinguished professor of agronomy, participated in the launch of the Global Soil Partnership at the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization headquarters in Rome and attended a soil security meeting in Washington, D.C., in September. The USDA's Agricultural Air Quality Task Force, on which Rice serves, held a public meeting at K-State in September.
- Daniel Sweeney, professor of soil and water management at the Southeast Agricultural Research Center, received the 2011 Werner L. Nelson Award for Diagnosis of Yield-Limiting Factors from the American Society of Agronomy.
- Entomologist Kun Yan Zhu was appointed to the editorial board of *Pesticide Biochemistry and Physiology*. He received the 2011 Entomological Society of America-North Central Branch Recognition Award.
- Naiqian Zhang, professor of biological and agricultural engineering, was recently named a fellow of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.
- *NurseryWorks*, a nursery production conference, received an innovative program award for noncredit programs from the University Professional & Continuing Education Association – Central Region. Cheryl Boyer, assistant professor of horticulture, led the conference.
- An essay by Ted T. Cable, professor of recreation resources, was published in *Wildbranch: An Anthology of Nature, Environmental, and Place-based Writing*, published by University of Utah Press.