



## November 2011 Update

- Xiuzhi “Susan” Sun, distinguished professor of grain science and industry, will be recognized Nov. 9 with a Higuchi-University of Kansas Endowment Research Achievement Award. The award includes a plaque and a \$10,000 grant to be used for research materials, summer salaries, fellowship matching funds, hiring research assistants, or other research support.
- Sajid Alavi, associate professor of grain science, has been named an adjunct professor by the academic council of Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology College of Technology and Engineering, and the Department of Processing and Food Engineering in Udaipur, India.
- Riley County 4-H members represented Kansas at the National Junior Horticultural Association Identification and Judging Contest, Oct. 7–10 in San Diego, Calif. Gregg Eyestone, Riley County horticulture agent, coached the team, and several area business sponsorships helped cover their expenses.
- Cindy Evans, Shawnee County family and consumer sciences agent, and David Key, Meadowlark District director, were selected as north-central region participants in the 2012 National Extension Leadership Development Program. The program consists of four seminars, with the first set for Jan. 18–21 in Colorado Springs, Colo., and continuing with a trip to Costa Rica. See more at <http://www.neld.extension.umn.edu>.
- The board of directors for the Association of Communication Excellence in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Life and Human Sciences (ACE) — composed primarily of land-grant university and research communicators — met Oct. 3–5 at Manhattan’s Konza Prairie Conference Center. The group’s president, Elaine Edwards, news media and marketing services coordinator in the Department of Communications, hosted the meeting. Jason Ellis, an assistant professor in the department, represents the north-central region on the board.
- An external panel discussed how land-grant university faculty and staff could foster a new model for engagement using social media at the K-State Research and Extension annual conference Oct. 19. The panelists were: Jim Langcuster, Alabama Cooperative Extension System; K-State grad Jeff Caldwell, Meredith Corporation; Eli Sagor, University of Minnesota Extension; and Dan Toland, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. A wiki with presenter information and links to the Connect sessions is available at <http://ksusocialmedia.wikispaces.com>. The panel discussion was partially funded by a grant to Kansas ACE members from the Association of Communication Excellence.
- William Riley, Manhattan, Kan., was one of 15 people inducted Oct. 7 into the National 4-H Hall of Fame in Chevy Chase Md. Riley, former CEO and president of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, was honored for his lifetime achievements and contributions to 4-H Youth Development. He was recognized at a reception in the center’s Kansas Courtyard. K-State 4-H specialist Pam Van Horn is the committee chair for the National 4-H Hall of Fame. Several Kansas alumni, foundation, and 4-H staff members attended the event.
- Dolph Simons, Kansas 4-H Foundation board of trustees member from Lawrence, sponsored a tent on KU’s Campanile Hill before the K-State/KU football game Oct. 22. The “House United” tent included both K-State and KU 4-H alumni and friends. Douglas County 4-H ambassadors hosted the event.
- K-State risk management specialist Art Barnaby is co-hosting a series of crop insurance workshops in four states in early November. Farmers, agricultural lenders, and insurance agents attend the policy-oriented meetings to discuss the next farm bill, the U.S. ethanol market, updates on the crop insurance program, and tips from the regional USDA Risk Management Agency office.