

## May 2012 Update

- Kevin Miller, Ph.D. candidate and manager of the K-State Beef Cattle Research Center, was awarded first place in the graduate student competition at the Plains Nutrition Council in San Antonio for his presentation, "Orally Dosing Cattle with Lactipro to Accelerate Adaptation to High-Concentrate Diets."
- David Mengel, professor of agronomy, has been selected as president-elect of the American Society of Agronomy. His term as president-elect begins Jan. 1, 2013, and he will become president Jan. 1, 2014.
- The Agricultural Research Center-Hays hosted its 98th annual Beef Cattle Research Roundup April 19.
- K-State Research and Extension and College of Agriculture faculty helped design and launch the recently opened Discovery Center in Manhattan.

  http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\_embedded&v=i0UunvKZIoU
- U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack presented a Landon Lecture April 10. He also spoke at the USDA 150th anniversary event and dedication of the new Wind Erosion Building at the Center for Grain and Animal Health Research. He toured other campus sites, including the Biosecurity Research Institute, and met with College of Agriculture students.
- Ron Graber, watershed specialist for the Lower Arkansas River, was featured in the March 2012 issue of *Successful Farming* magazine. The article, "Cleaning up the Water: Fine-tuning atrazine applications reduces runoff," highlights best management practices.
- Clayton Seaman, senior agricultural technician at the Agricultural Research Center–Hays, was recognized at the unclassified recognition ceremony April 25. He was nominated by Bob Gillen, head of the Western Kansas Agricultural Research Centers.
- Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture, presented the following awards April 25: Distinguished Alumnus Pat Coyne, Agricultural Research Center–Hays; Distinguished Faculty Subramanyan Bhadriraju, grain science and industry; Early Career Cheryl Boyer, horticulture, forestry and recreation resources; Outstanding Research Vara Prasad, agronomy; Outstanding Teaching Jennifer Bormann, animal sciences and industry; Outstanding Advising John Unruh, animal sciences and industry; Excellence in Extension Charles Barden, horticulture, forestry and recreation resources; Outstanding Undergraduate Student Research Dorothy Menefee, agronomy; Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching, M.S. Krista McKay, food science; Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching, Ph.D. Bryce Gerlach, animal science; Outstanding Graduate Student Research, M.S. Cole Thompson, horticulture; and Outstanding Graduate Student Research, Ph.D. Craig Smith, agricultural economics.
- Several Wichita schools participated in "Purple Up! For Military Kids" April 13, according to Ann Domsch,
  Operation Military Kids coordinator. Teachers and students wore purple to show their support and bring
  attention to military children and their sacrifices.