



June 2013 Update

- Mike Tokach, professor and extension specialist, was named a university distinguished professor. He researches practical swine nutrition and works with Kansas livestock producers on rapid adoption and technology transfer. He has written numerous articles, received more than \$4 million in research funding, and has been awarded seven patents.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a \$9.6 million, five-year grant for a multistate partnership that includes Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Noble Foundation, and Tarleton State University to find solutions so cattle producers can better adapt to any future climate extremes in their grazing operations. See: <http://www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/may13/grazing51313.html?category=research&referredBy=K-State%20Today%20Archive>
- A team of K-State scientists and national and international collaborators have been awarded a U.S. Department of Agriculture \$5.5 million grant to develop novel disease control strategies for two closely related diseases in rice and wheat, the latter of which has wreaked havoc in some South American wheat growing areas. See: http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/story/rice_blast042413.aspx
- Akinbode Adedeji earned the 2013 Dr. Evangelina Villegas Excellence in Postdoctoral Research award from the Department of Grain Science and Industry. He is researching value-added grain processing using extrusion technology. His adviser is Sajid Alavi, associate professor of grain science.
- Jerry Remsbecker, computer information specialist for the dean and director's office, received an Outstanding Contribution to College Roller Hockey Award from the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association. Remsbecker serves as head coach and faculty adviser to the K-State team.
- Brad Purdue, horse unit manager, and Kiffnie Holt, coordinator of the K-State Insect Zoo, each earned the President's Award of Excellence for Unclassified Professionals. Dorith Rotenberg, research associate professor of plant pathology, received the University Distinguished Faculty Award for Mentoring Undergraduate Students in Research. They were recognized at the All-University Awards Ceremony.
- Jim Drouillard's research on omega-3 enriched beef is being recognized, including an article on an *NPR blog* and the June 2013 issue of *Food Network Magazine*. The K-State student marketing team conducted market research on "Omega Beef," wrote a marketing plan, and developed a presentation for the National Agri-Marketing Association.
- James Marsden, professor of meat science, was referenced as the E. F. Hutton of the beef business in the May 24 *Drovers CattleNetwork*. Marsden's research has led to major breakthroughs in meat safety and has earned him a reputation as one of the nation's foremost food safety experts.
- The *Kansas 4-H Foundation* presented 57 students with \$45,700 in scholarships for their dedication and leadership as Kansas 4-H members at the 2013 Emerald Circle Banquet in Manhattan. Former members often sponsor scholarships in appreciation of their 4-H experiences.
- On April 29, K-State Research and Extension celebrated the opening of its new building at the *John C. Pair Horticulture Center* in Haysville. The 3,000-square-foot metal building includes reception and classroom space, as well as offices. A 1,300-square-foot covered patio accommodates outdoor events.