



May 2014 Update

- Employees of the year recognized in the department/unit category at the April 30 K-State Classified Employee Recognition Ceremony were Pat Evans, research technologist, Northwest Research-Extension Center, and C. Mike Cramer, agricultural technician senior, Southeast Agricultural Research Center.
- Maurice MacDonald, director of the School of Family Studies and Human Services in the College of Human Ecology, received the 2014 Friend of [Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance \(IDEA\)](#) honor for leadership in developing three Master of Science degree programs during the past five years.
- Kai Yuan, doctoral candidate in animal science, earned the \$17,000 [Alvin and RosaLee Sarachek Predoctoral Honors Fellowship](#) in Molecular Biology. He researched the interactions between inflammation and metabolism, and developing strategies to improve immune function, metabolism, and health of dairy cows. His major professor is Barry Bradford. Jessica Rupp, doctoral candidate in plant pathology received a \$1,000 Sarachek scientific travel award.
- During April, Elizabeth Kiss — assistant professor in the School of Family Studies and Human Services — provided information to agents and specialists to help promote Money Smart Month in Kansas and national financial literacy month.
- The K-State Agricultural Research Center-Hays hosted its 100th Roundup on April 17. The event provided historical and current beef cattle research information, available at: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/SRP1104.pdf>
- Results from the March 26 K-State Research Forum:
Undergraduate Oral Presentation: Third — Brooke Harshaw, agricultural communications and journalism
Agricultural Sciences Poster: First — Nathaniel Dorsey, master's student in agronomy; Second — Jennifer Frederick, doctoral student in grain science
Interdisciplinary Oral Presentation: Third — Kyle Probst, doctoral student in grain science
Graduate Student Agricultural Sciences Oral Presentation: First — Joshua Craver, master's student in horticulture; Second — Jonathan Wilson, doctoral student in grain science; Third — Leonardo Bastos, master's student in agronomy
Biological Sciences Session I Oral Presentation: First — Joshua Urban, doctoral student in entomology; Second — Alice Harris, doctoral student in entomology
Biological Sciences Session II Oral Presentation: Third — Cameron Hunter, doctoral student in plant pathology
Social Sciences, Humanities, and Education Oral: First — Donka Milke, master's student in animal science
- Most visited publications for April on the [K-State Research and Extension Bookstore website](#): *Kansas Garden Guide*; *Kansas Land Prices and Cash Rental Rates*; *Spring Freeze Injury to Kansas Wheat*; *Vegetable Garden Planting Guide*; *2014 Chemical Weed Control for Field Crops, Pastures, Rangeland, and Noncropland*; *Buffalograss Lawns*; *Tall Fescue Lawns*; *Foliar Fungicide Efficacy Ratings for Wheat Disease Management*; *Grain Sorghum Production Handbook*; *Stored Product Protection*; *Deciduous Shrubs for Kansas*; and *Prairie Star Annual Flowers*.
- Dinesh Erram took second in the Ph.D. poster competition at the 2014 meeting of the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America for *Diversity and significance of the microbial community in the larval development and vector competence of *Culicoides sonorensis* for EHDV*. The poster was co-authored by Bob Pfannenstiel, Mark Ruder, Dana Nayduch, and Ludek Zurek.
- [McNair Scholars](#) honored at an April 21 recognition ceremony: Jack Lemmon and Alexia Sampson-Bellot, both animal sciences and industry, for completing their summer 2013 research internships. The new cohort of McNair Scholars includes: Monica Farfan, Simone Holliday, Jessie Lyne, and Mary Muckey, all animal sciences and industry. Special recognition went to Jose Guzman, who earned a doctorate in agronomy from Iowa State and to his K-State mentor, Dave Mengel, for excellent preparation.