



August 2009 Update

- Kansas State University and the Agricultural Management Group (AMG) have partnered to provide short-term training for college-aged Pakistanis during the next five years. The program, led by Bill Hargrove, is designed for participants from the Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA) to build awareness of American culture and democratic principles of government, and skills in leadership, volunteerism, and community development. Through the pilot program in 2009, the Pakistani participants developed personal relationships with KSU faculty, other project trainers, and KSU students. The daily schedule included training through formal classroom and discussion as well as interactive and experiential activities to help participants apply what they learned to their context and lives. As left Kansas, they were chanting “KSU WILDCATS,” and in their debriefing with the U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan, they described how the state of Kansas motto, *Ad Astra per Aspera*, applied to Pakistan.
- Professor Jeffrey Stevenson recently was recognized by the American Society of Animal Science with its Animal Management Award. Stevenson has served on several editorial boards and as senior section editor for the Physiology and Management Section of the Journal of Dairy Science. A committed teacher and researcher, he is the author or coauthor of 127 peer-reviewed journal articles. His emphasis is on bovine reproductive physiology.
- K-State Research and Extension has launched a Worksite Wellness program to improve and protect the health of its faculty and staff. The Worksite Wellness Leadership Team is working with the Wellness Council of America (WELCOA) and recently invited participation from everyone in the system in an assessment. The personal assessment data will be provided back to the individual and personal health coaching as requested. Aggregate data will be provided to KSRE at its annual conference in October. Further programmatic plans will be based on the data.
- Using a novella approach, an innovative nutrition education and outreach program has been produced by a team led by Karen Hudson, Extension associate. The public service announcement series includes eight episodes about a family preparing for a girl’s quinceañera or “coming of age” party. Using actors from the Garden City community, the Spanish language series shows how the family supports one another in their effort to lead healthier lifestyles, by incorporating the best of both the “old” country with the “new” country. The novella is being played on cable television in Garden City and DVDs are available at every office of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and with SNAP partners. For a view, see, <http://www.youtube/user/ksrevideos>.