



Friday Notes from *MSSTATE Poultry Science*

Friday Notes - to keep you informed about noteworthy news from Poultry Science at Mississippi State....and let us hear from you as well!

Homecoming Update!

- **Save the date - November 16!** That will be our Homecoming celebration in Hill Poultry Science Building with a BBQ chicken lunch provided by the Poultry Science Club. We'll know the time for the **Alabama game** this coming Monday around noon, so a detailed invitation will be sent out then.

Faculty and Staff Travel and Activities:

- **Dr. Tabler** presented a talk entitled, "Windrowing Litter Benefits Outweigh Challenges," and a talk entitled, "Identifying and Solving Water Problems," at the Sanderson Farms broiler grower meetings in Hazlehurst, Oct. 22 and 23, respectively.
- **Drs. Wamsley** and **Farnell** participated in the Quadrennial Extension Conference in Orange Beach, AL, Oct. 22-24. **Dr. Wamsley** presented a talk entitled, "Backyard Poultry Opportunities and Pitfalls."
- **Jessica Wells** and **Drs. Tabler, Farnell** and **Beck** attended the Annual Extension Conference on campus October 29-30.
- **Dr. Beck** traveled to Laurel for discussions about future directions with Sanderson Farms, Oct. 29.
- **Drs. Kiess, Farnell, and Tabler;** and undergrad students **Cole Rogers** and **Tyler Tate** cooked chicken at the **Legislative Hobnob** in Jackson, Oct. 31.
- **Jessica Wells** and members of the **Poultry Science Club** cooked chicken for the MSU Retirees Dinner, Oct. 31.
- **Dr. Tabler** traveled to Sebastopol to collect water samples and check water flow rates at a Peco breeder farm, and to perform pullet health checks at Sebastopol.

Congratulations to...

- **Jessica Wells**, who received the 2013 "Friend of 4-H" award from the Mississippi Association of Extension 4-H Agents in recognition of outstanding support of the Mississippi 4-H program!
- **Dr. Tom Tabler**, who was nominated for the 2013 Mark E. Keenum Outstanding Extension Faculty Award; thanks to those of you in the industry who supported this nomination!

Departmental Activities:

- **Mr. Bill Peterson, DSM**, spoke to several classes in Hill Poultry Science about future opportunities and options in the poultry industry, October 31.
- We held a ***Global Lunch*** on Nov. 1, with dishes from the various countries and US regions represented by our faculty, staff, and students.

Recent Publication:

- **Tom Tabler, Morgan Farnell, Jessica Wells, and Haitham Yakout**,
“Phosphorus, phytase, and poultry litter,”
<http://msucares.com/pubs/publications/p2805.pdf>