



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

Departmental Notes:

- Poultry Science hosted an External Advisory Group meeting Monday, May 6, to have a dialogue on departmental progress and strategic directions and industry needs. **MSU President Mark Keenum** and **CALS Dean/MAFES Director George Hopper** participated. Representatives of *Peco Foods, Sanderson Farms, Koch Foods, the Mississippi Poultry Association, and the Farm Bureau Federation* were present.
- Poultry Science commercial houses are undergoing upgrades, thanks to *Peco Foods* working with several other companies:
 - *GA Poultry* has donated feeders and brooders and has arranged for new fans for one house and wiring for LED lighting.
 - *GA Poultry* and *Acme Engineering* is providing greatly reduced costs for 10 new fans for one house to match the fan system in the other house.
 - *Weeden Environments* donated a sprinkler system for each house to allow management studies with heavy broilers in hot weather.
- *GA Poultry* has also arranged for us to purchase two new feed bins for the feed mill at a greatly reduced cost.

Faculty and Staff Travel and Activities:

- **Jessica Wells** provided hatching eggs to the 5th grade class at Poplarville, MS, for a unit on chick biology.
- **Jessica Wells** and **Dr. Beck** met with Dr. Jesse Smith, president of Jones County Junior College, on Friday, May 3, to discuss curricular adjustments for a 2+2 articulation agreement between JCJC and MSU. This new program will make it easier for students to transfer from JCJC into the Poultry Science major at MSU and reduce the length of time needed to complete the degree.
- **Dr. Tabler** visited Koch Foods in Carthage and Marshall-Durbin in Waynesboro to test grower LED light intensities.
- **Dr. Beck** participated in the Board of Animal Health bi-monthly meeting in Jackson, May 8.

Recent Publications:

- **Dr. Tom Tabler, Dr. Yi Liang, Dr. Haitham Yakout, Jessica Wells, and Dr. Wei Zhai**, "Evaporative Cooling Systems: How and Why They Work," <http://msucare.com/pubs/publications/p2774.pdf>.