



Friday Notes
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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...and Other Dates!

- If anyone is coming to campus tomorrow (**September 21**), watch for **Poultry Science Club members** selling chicken plates (with beans, cole slaw, bottled water) for \$5 per plate beginning at 2:00pm. They will be out in front of Hill Poultry Science and also roving with a golf cart.
- Please mark your calendars for the **4-H Poultry Chain Project** sale at the State Fair, **October 12**, and turn out to bid on lots of birds! There's no expectation that buyers will have to take ownership of the birds, so no worries on that. Remember that a large part of this project is about biosecurity! Thanks to Cal-Maine for their support on this!
- Unfortunately, the 4-H Poultry Chain Project show at the State Fair on October 12 is also **Homecoming**. Because most of the faculty and staff will be in Jackson helping with this event, we will not be able to host our typical Homecoming event on that day. We're very sorry about that and will try not to have this happen again! We hope you'll join us **November 16** before the Alabama game; **details to follow!!**

Faculty and Staff Travel and Activities:

- **Dr. Tabler** visited a Sanderson Farms grower in Collins to assess gait scores, Sept. 9;
- **Dr. Tabler** attended the MPA Grower Advisory Committee meeting in Magee, Sept. 10;
- **Drs. Tabler** and **Farnell** visited the Marshall-Durbin complex in Waynesboro, Sept. 11;
- **Dr. Beck** participated in the US Poultry & Egg Foundation Board meeting in Atlanta, Sept. 11;
- **Drs. Wamsley, Farnell, Tabler** and **Beck** and **Ms. Wooten** participated in the MPA annual convention in Destin, FL, Sept. 12-15; the following undergraduate students also attended and assisted with the fund-raising auction:
 - **Alex Hamilton**
 - **Tameka Gibson**
 - **Sam Adams**
 - **Lynford Seibel**
 - **Chase McNeil**
- **Drs. Tabler** and **Farnell** collected leg samples at the Sanderson plant in Collins, Sept. 16;

- **Dr. Wamsley** gave an invited presentation, “Cocci vaccines in conjunction with coccidiostats: Finding the right combination,” to the US Poultry & Egg seminar on Poultry Production & Health, Memphis, Sept. 17;
- **Drs. Tabler, Farnell, Sharma** and **Beck** visited Techno-Catch in Kosciusko and watched a demonstration of the LAPS stunning methodology, Sept. 17;
- **Drs. Tabler** and **Farnell** and **Cari Chisholm** (M.S. grad student with Dr. Farnell) met with a group of Canadian poultry industry and government representatives in
- **Drs. Tabler** and **Yakout** and Bill Rosenblatt from MPA visited a Peco grower in Okolona, Sept. 18;
- **Drs. Zhai, Wamsley, Kiess, Tabler, Farnell, Yakout,** and **Beck** met with Bill Peterson from DSM, Sept. 18;
- **Drs. Farnell** and **Tabler** traveled to Jackson to meet with the Board of Animal Health and to participate in a foam disinfection demonstration, Sept. 19;
- **Dr. Wamsley** met with Peco Foods managers in Philadelphia and with Wayne Farms mill managers, Sept. 19;
- **Dr. Tabler** visited the Peco hatchery and several farms around Philadelphia, Sept. 20;
- **Dr. Farnell** visited Sanderson Farms to collect tissue samples, Laurel, Sept. 20.