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**Extension Specialist - Beef Cattle Nutrition and Management**

Dale A. Blasi received his B.S. in Animal Sciences at Colorado State in 1984. In 1986, he received his M.S. in Beef Systems Management at Colorado State. After earning his Ph.D. degree in 1989 from the University of Nebraska, he accepted an appointment as a Livestock Specialist in South Central Kansas at Hutchinson for KSU. In 1997, he transitioned to the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry as a State Beef Specialist where he currently has a 10% teaching, 20% research and 70% extension appointment. His responsibilities include providing statewide Extension educational leadership in stocker cattle nutrition and management and utilization of grazed and harvested forages by beef cattle and other livestock. He is manager and director of the KSU Beef Stocker Unit and Animal Identification Knowledge Laboratory.



**Larry Hollis** ([lhollis@ksu.edu](mailto:lhollis@ksu.edu); 785-532-1246)

**Extension Beef Veterinarian**

A graduate of Texas A & M University's College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Hollis spent 4 years in private practice in the Texas Panhandle where he was heavily involved in cow/calf and stocker production medicine and feedlot consultation. He then joined the staff of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab, where he served as Head of Diagnostic Services. He received a Master of Ag degree in Beef Management and Nutrition from West Texas A & M University. He worked as a Technical Service Veterinarian for Syntex Animal Health and Pfizer Animal Health. Since 2002 he has served as the Extension Beef Veterinarian at KSU. He currently holds a 10% teaching, 20% research, and 70% extension appointment.



**Chris Reinhardt** ([cdr3@ksu.edu](mailto:cdr3@ksu.edu); 785-532-1672)

**Extension Specialist-Beef Feedlots**

Dr. Reinhardt received a B.S. in Meat and Animal Science from the University of Wisconsin, an M.S. in Nutrition from Texas A&M University, and a Ph.D. in Nutrition from Kansas State. Chris' focus has been on nutritional and hormonal manipulation of body composition and beef quality. Dr. Reinhardt was hired on at Kansas State University in the fall of 2005 as the Feedlot Extension Specialist with a 20% research and 80% extension appointment.



**Scott Schaaake** ([simmi@ksu.edu](mailto:simmi@ksu.edu); 785-532-1242)

**Extension Specialist-Beef**

Dr. Scott Schaaake graduated from Kansas State University in 1984 with a B.S. in Animal Sciences. He earned his M.S. at Clemson University and Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky, specializing in the area of Meat Science. Currently he serves as the coach of the Livestock Judging Team. In addition to his teaching responsibilities he advises 30-40 undergraduate students each year. He also serves as the faculty advisor for the Purebred Beef Teaching Unit, including 280 head of Angus, Hereford, and Simmental cattle. Dr. Schaaake has an 80% Teaching and 20% Extension appointment.



**Bob Weaver** ([bweaver@ksu.edu](mailto:bweaver@ksu.edu); 785-532-1460)

**Extension Specialist-Beef**

Dr. Bob Weaver grew up on a cow-calf operation in southern Colorado and went on to earn a BS in animal science followed by a Master of Agriculture degree in the Beef Industry Leadership Program at Colorado State University. He completed his doctoral studies in the Animal Breeding and Genetics Group at Cornell University. Dr. Weaver, joined the faculty of the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry at Kansas State University in August of 2011 as Cow-Calf Extension Specialist. Previously, Weaver served in the Division of Animal Sciences at the University of Missouri (MU) as Extension Specialist-Beef Genetics and was responsible for educational programming in the area of beef cattle genetics. He also serves as central regional secretary of the Beef Improvement Federation, is a co-coordinator of the National Beef Cattle Evaluation Consortium education programs and has served as a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Policy Division Board of Directors.



**Sandy Johnson** ([sandyj@ksu.edu](mailto:sandyj@ksu.edu); 785-462-6281)

**Extension Specialist, Northwest Area-Livestock Production, Reproduction Physiology**

Sandy Johnson received a B.S. degree in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska in 1982 and a M.S. degree in Reproductive Physiology from the University of Missouri in 1984.. Sandy received a Ph.D. degree from West Virginia University in Reproductive Physiology in 1991 and continued there as a post doctoral fellow until 1993. She held a teaching position at Fort Hays State University before beginning her current position in October of 1998 as Extension Livestock Specialist at the Northwest Research and Extension Center in Colby.



**Justin Waggoner** ([jwaggon@ksu.edu](mailto:jwaggon@ksu.edu); 620-275-9164)

**Beef Systems Extension Specialist, Southwest Area**

Justin Waggoner was hired as the Beef Systems Specialist at Kansas State University's Southwest Area Extension Office in Garden City. Waggoner was raised on his family's farm in central, Kansas and obtained his Bachelor's (2000) and Master's (2001) degrees in Animal Science from Kansas State University. He completed his Doctorate in Ruminant Nutrition at New Mexico State University in 2007 where his work evaluated the impacts of morbidity on performance and profitability in feedlot cattle and nutrient utilization in stressed cattle.



**Mike Brouk** ([mbrouk@ksu.edu](mailto:mbrouk@ksu.edu); 785-532-1207)

**Extension Specialist-Dairy Management and Nutrition**

Micheal Brouk attended the University of Missouri-Columbia majoring in agronomy and dairy science and received the Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in May 1985. Mike worked at the University of Missouri-Columbia as a Research Specialist and then began a M.S. degree program there. Mike accepted a position with Cenex/Land O'Lakes as a Livestock Production Specialist. After two years with LOL, he entered a PhD program at SDSU. Following completion of the Ph.D. in 1994 in Animal Sciences, he joined the teaching and research staff of South Dakota State University. Mike returned to the University of Missouri-Columbia in August of 1996 as an Extension Specialist with Commercial Agriculture Program. He joined the faculty of Kansas State University in December of 1998 as a State Dairy Extension Specialist where he holds a 30% teaching and 70% research appointment.



**Scott Beyer** ([sbeyer@ksu.edu](mailto:sbeyer@ksu.edu); 785-532-1201)

**Extension Specialist-Poultry Nutrition and Management**

Originally from Galveston, Texas, Dr. Scott Beyer attended Texas A&M University and received an undergraduate degree in Biochemistry in 1983. He obtained his Masters and Ph.D. degrees in the Animal Nutrition Program from the University of Georgia. He then worked as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate for Harvard University in the Department of Nutrition. In 1993, he accepted an Assistant Professor position at Kansas State University where he currently has a 20% teaching, 30% research and 50% extension appointment. Dr. Beyer is coach of the KSU Collegiate Poultry Judging team. He is involved with poultry judging at counties fairs and supervisor of the poultry division at the Kansas State Fair. Dr. Beyer is also the Poultry Extension Agent for the state of Kansas and maintains extramural funding for his research program related to poultry and companion animals



**Fadi Aramouni** (*faramoun@ksu.edu*; 785-532-1668)

**Extension Specialist-Food Science**

Dr. Fadi Aramouni was born and raised in Beirut, Lebanon. He received his B.S. in Biochemistry in 1977, and his M.S. in Food Technology in 1980 from the American University of Beirut. Dr. Aramouni earned his Ph.D. in Food Science in 1986 from Louisiana State University. He joined the Kansas State University Department of Foods and Nutrition in 1989, then the Department of Animal Science and Industry in 1995. Since July 1999, his responsibilities have been 0.85 Extension/0.15 Teaching. Since June 2002, Dr. Aramouni has been a Professor and Extension Specialist with the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and a member of the Food Science Institute.



**Karen Blakeslee** (*kblakesl@ksu.edu*; 785-532-1673)

**Extension Associate-Rapid Response Center Coordinator**

Karen Blakeslee received her B.S. in 1986 and her M.S. in 1997 from Kansas State University. She is coordinator for the KSU Rapid Response Center, which was formed in 1995 as a resource for Kansas State University Research & Extension Agents. Resource topics included Food Science, Human Nutrition, Food Service, Textiles, Home Care and other consumer topics. Since that time, the Center has grown to be of valuable assistance to Kansas State University Extension Specialists in those areas. The proven success of the Center helped to start a similar position in the Kansas State University Horticulture Department.



**Elizabeth Boyle** (*lboyle@ksu.edu*; 785-532-1247)

**Extension Specialist-Meat Safety and Quality, HACCP**

Liz Boyle has been a member of the Animal Science faculty since 1992. She received her B.S. (Wildlife Biology) degree from the University of Minnesota in 1980. Her M.S. (Food Science and Nutrition) and Ph.D. (Food Science, Meats emphasis) degrees were received from Colorado State University in 1987 and 1991, respectively. Following post-doctorate work at the University of Kentucky and the University of Minnesota, Dr. Boyle made the move to Kansas. Dr. Boyle works primarily in Extension (0.9 appointment) to enhance the quality and safety of meat products and to provide scientific and technical assistance to meat processors and trade associations. She also teaches Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) workshops nationally and teaches (0.1 appointment) undergraduate and graduate courses in HACCP and Advanced HACCP.



**John Unruh** (*junruh@ksu.edu*; 785-532-1245)

**Extension Specialist-Meat Science**

Dr. John Unruh received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Animal Science from Washington State University. John received his Ph.D. in Meat Science (Animal Sciences and Industry) at Kansas State University in 1984. Following completion of his graduate studies, John accepted a position in the Department of Animal Sciences at Washington State University. He began his career as the State Extension Specialist for Meat Science and Swine Production and later became Project Leader for Livestock Production, Management and Marketing. In 1988, John returned to KSU and currently has a 50% teaching, 20% Extension and 30% International Meat and Livestock Program appointment in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. John will be on sabbatical leave from 8/14/06 to 12/14/06.





**Joel DeRouchey** ([jderouch@ksu.edu](mailto:jderouch@ksu.edu); 785-532-2280)

**Extension Specialist-Swine Nutrition, Environmental Management**

Dr. Joel DeRouchey graduated with his B.S. Animal Science from South Dakota State University in 1997. He then obtained his M.S. (1999) and Ph.D. (2001) in Swine Nutrition at Kansas State University, and was hired as the Northeast Livestock Extension Specialist for Kansas State University as an Assistant Professor with an 80% Extension and 20% Research appointment. In 2004, Joel made a transition into the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry as an Environmental Management and Livestock Nutrition Specialist with a 40% Extension, 40% Research, and 20% Teaching appointment. Joel has been the major professor for 2 M.S. degree students and has served on graduate committees for an additional 14 M.S. and Ph.D. students.



**Bob Goodband** ([bgoodban@ksu.edu](mailto:bgoodban@ksu.edu); 785-532-1228)

**Extension Specialist-Swine Nutrition and Management**

Dr. Bob Goodband was graduated from The Pennsylvania State University in 1984. He obtained his M.S. (1986) and Ph.D. (1989) in Swine Nutrition at Kansas State University, and then joined the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry as an Assistant Professor with a 60% extension and 40% teaching appointment. In 1995, Bob was promoted to associate professor and in 2001 full professor with a 40% extension, 40% teaching, and 20% research appointment. Bob also advises approximately 25 undergraduate students each year and has been the major professor for 9 M.S. and 5 Ph.D. students. Bob has excelled in his teaching appointment by his enthusiastic and practical approach to classes.



**Jim Nelssen** ([jnelssen@ksu.edu](mailto:jnelssen@ksu.edu); 785-532-1251)

**Extension Specialist-Swine Nutrition and Management**

Dr. Jim Nelssen is an extension specialist and swine nutritionist at Kansas State University. Jim currently serves as team leader of the Swine Extension Program. He is the swine nutrition faculty coordinator and is responsible for coordination of Kansas State off-site nurseries. His current position is 41% Extension and 41% Research. Jim received his B.S. in Animal Science (1978) and his M.S. in swine reproductive physiology (1980) from Kansas State University. He received his Ph.D. in Swine Nutrition from the University of Nebraska in 1983. Later that year Jim started his career at Kansas State University as an Assistant Professor and Extension Swine Specialist.



**Mike Tokach** ([mtokach@ksu.edu](mailto:mtokach@ksu.edu); 785-532-2032)

**Extension State Leader**

**Extension Specialist-Swine Nutrition and Management**

Following completion of a bachelor degree in Animal Science at North Dakota State University in 1986, Mike earned a Masters degree in swine nutrition at Kansas State University in 1988. After completing his doctorate in swine nutrition at the University of Minnesota in March 1991, Mike joined the staff of K-State Research and Extension as a livestock specialist. His position has evolved from a 100% extension position to the current 50% extension and 50% research appointment. He assumed the additional role of Extension State Leader for Animal Sciences and Industry in July, 2005. Mike's focus is transferring information to swine producers and conducting practical nutrition research. He is a member of a highly productive swine team.



**Brian Faris ([brfaris@ksu.edu](mailto:brfaris@ksu.edu); 785-532-1255)**

**Extension Specialist-Sheep and Meat Goat**

Dr. Brian Faris was born in 1975 and grew up raising registered and commercial Rambouillet sheep and Angora goats on the Edwards Plateau in Sonora, Texas. He showed market lambs for 12 years and was extremely active in numerous other 4-H projects throughout his career. He graduated with his B.S. in Animal Science from Texas A&M University in 1997. He received his M.S. in Animal Science from Angelo State University in 2001, and earned his Ph.D. in Animal Science (Repro) from New Mexico State University in 2004. Prior to coming to Kansas, Brian served as the Extension 4-H Youth Livestock Specialist at North Carolina State University. Dr. Faris now serves K-State as the Sheep & Meat Goat Specialist with a 70% Extension and 30% Teaching appointment. Brian's extension appointment involves conducting educational programs for purebred and commercial sheep and meat goat producers throughout Kansas. He will also work closely with county extension agents to bring the latest research information and production practices to the counties so it may be relayed to the producers. Dr. Faris teaches ASI 385 (Fall) Wool Grading and Evaluation and ASI 524 (Fall) Sheep Science. Additional teaching responsibilities will include overseeing the Sheep & Meat Goat Teaching and Research Unit along with coaching the Intercollegiate Wool Judging Team.



**Charles Lee ([clee@ksu.edu](mailto:clee@ksu.edu); 785-532-5734)**

**Extension Specialist-Wildlife Control**

Charlie completed a B.S. degree in 1975 at Kansas State University in Wildlife Biology. After several years of business and being involved with the family farm and feedlot, he returned to Kansas State where he completed a M.S. degree in 1988 in Animal Science. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Animal Science at KSU. He previously worked for Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for 6 years directing private land wildlife management programs and Farm Bill conservation issues. Charlie has been employed by K-State Research and Extension for 13 years, first as an extension assistant and now as Extension Specialist, Wildlife. Responsibilities include conducting a statewide program in wildlife damage control, wildlife enhancement on private lands, youth outdoor environmental programs, and aquaculture.



**Chelsea Tomascik ([tomascik@ksu.edu](mailto:tomascik@ksu.edu); 785-532-1264)**

**Extension Assistant-Youth Livestock Coordinator**

Chelsea R. Tomascik was born and raised in the small central Texas town of Cameron where her family raised registered Red Angus and Limousin cattle. She showed beef heifers as well as market steers and pigs for 12 years and was active in other FFA activities throughout her career. Chelsea graduated with her B.S. in Animal Science from Texas A&M University in 2009, and currently is completing her M.S. in Agricultural Communications and Journalism at Texas A&M University. Prior to coming to Kansas, Chelsea served as a graduate teaching assistant in the department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications at Texas A&M University.