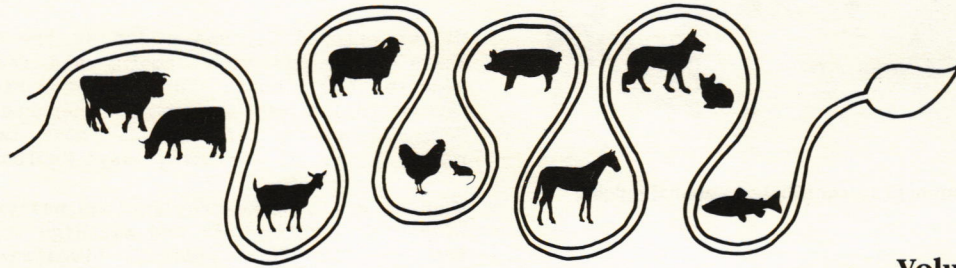


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Dear Friends:

This issue of *Tales and Trails* highlights the achievements of the Animal Science judging teams and the meat science courses available through the Animal Science major. Judging activities give students valuable animal experience outside the classroom. Some of our most prestigious alumni are former judging team members.

The meat science courses form an important part of the Animal Science curriculum. These classes give students the chance to examine the final link in the meat animal production chain from the consumer's point of view.

Animal Science faculty continue to garner some of the animal industry's most prestigious awards. Other faculty have been successful at obtaining sizable research grants.

There are many exciting research projects underway in the department, including work on a gene found to produce rapid growth in mice, and contraceptive research for cattle and sheep.

The departments of Animal Science and Food Science and Technology co-hosted the annual American Dairy Science Association meeting this summer, an experience which brought us closer together and we hope made the event more enjoyable for our guests.

Other articles focus on valuable Animal Science and Animal Science Extension faculty, staff, graduate students, visiting scholars, and events.

If you have suggestions for future articles, please contact our Editor, Suzanne Jones, or me.

Sincerely,

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