

# ASAE Update

## October Events

- American Royal Meats Judging Contest
- Caruthers Fair Livestock Show
- Fresno Fair Livestock Show
- Fresno Fair Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest
- High Plains Meats Judging Contest
- National FFA Convention

## Highlights

**Fresno State Horse Victorious in National Show** - Fresno State bred "The Fresno Fox", shown by owner Tish Wilhite, won the 2010 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Non Pro Hackamore Championship in Reno, Nevada. Horses entered in the futurity are 3-year-olds, and are shown in three different disciplines - herd work, rein work and cow work.

**Fresno State Students Show Off at the Fair** - At the recent California State Fair, students from the Swine Unit exhibited the Supreme Champion Carcass Hog. This past week 20 animal science and agricultural education students demonstrated their showmanship skills as they exhibited beef, sheep and dairy goats at the Fresno Fair's Collegiate Livestock Show. ASAE students weren't just busy inside the show ring, at the recent Caruthers Fair and this week at the Fresno Fair students from the JCAST Ambassadors and the Livestock Marketing/Show Management class gained valuable experience as they volunteered to help put on the junior livestock show at both local fairs.

**Meats Students Attend California Association Meat Processors Conference** - Four students from the Meat Science program at Fresno State traveled to the California Meat Association Processors Conference where they rubbed elbows with industry representatives and potential employers. Students on the Meats Judging Team will also be on the road this week when they travel to Kansas City to compete in the American Royal Collegiate Meats

Judging Contest. The Meats Team is in their second semester of competition coming off of a very successful spring where they were regularly a top 5 finisher. The team travels next to Texas for the High Plains Intercollegiate Meats Contest and then finish their season November 14th in Dakota City, Nebraska at the National Finals contest.

**Dr. Art Parham Receives National FFA's Highest Honor** - At the upcoming 83rd National FFA Convention Dr. Art Parham will be honored with FFA's highest honor, the Honorary American Degree. Parham will travel to Indianapolis to receive his award at the convention in front of nearly 55,000 FFA members from across the nation.

**ASAE Department Hosts Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest** - College students from across the state were on campus over the weekend to participate in the Fresno Fair's Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest. The contest is held on the Fresno State campus and is coordinated by ASAE faculty and students. This contest is the largest collegiate livestock judging event in the western United States.

**ASAE Faculty Recently Awarded \$340,000 in Grant Funding** - This past week Dr. Rosco Vaughn learned that the Agricultural Education program received a \$50,000 curriculum grant from the California Department of Education. This grant will benefit the Department's teacher preparation program. In September, Dr. Steven Rocca was notified that his proposal for the USDA's Hispanic Serving Institution's Educational Grant program was funded. Dr. Rocca will be collaborating on the project with College of the Sequoias in Visalia. The project provides \$290,000 to help increase the number of underrepresented students entering the Agricultural Education program at Fresno State.