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From the chancellor



Students are returning to campus and classes begin next Wednesday. Chancellor Larry Arrington shares thoughts on the high caliber of entering veterinary medicine students, the ever-increasing enrollment in CASNR and the special out-of-classroom experiences we offer undergraduates that helps them succeed. **[Read more in the chancellor's letter.](#)**

Implementing metrics to track accountability, return on investment

A new UT Dashboard focuses on accountability and return on investment by campuses and institutes throughout the UT System.

AgResearch and other units of the institute are implementing a dashboard system of



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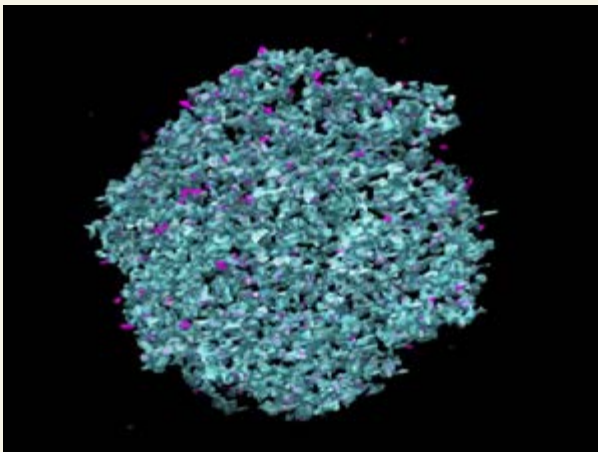
their own to track and document productivity and accountability. [More](#)

UTIA 2013 awards and promotions

At the institute's annual Awards and Promotions Luncheon held at the start of August, 30 faculty members and Extension agents and specialists were congratulated on their promotions. Forty-three institute members were honored with awards. See who you know. [More](#)

Awards & Promotions

Solving questions about milk's molecular structure



Humans began milking goats 7,000 years ago during the Neolithic era. Yet even with this long history of using milk, dairy products and dairy-based ingredients, key questions still remain on the structure and function of several crucial milk components.

In the Department of Food Science and Technology, AgResearcher Federico Harte is working to answer them. [More](#)

Poultry Science Association chooses Mike Smith as leader

Michael O. Smith, professor in the Department of Animal Science, was recently elected president of the 105-year-old international Poultry Science Association.

He has served the poultry industry through teaching, research and outreach. [More](#)



CASNR grad helps solve mystery of new Heartland virus



Institute graduate Jessica Harmon, an entomologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is among a team of researchers responsible for linking the newly discovered Heartland virus with its cause — a tick-borne disease carried by nymphs of Lone Star ticks. [More](#)

Institute hosts joint meetings on wildlife disease, vet med

From July 27 through Aug. 2, the UT Center for Wildlife Health and College of Veterinary Medicine hosted the joint meeting of the 62nd International Conference of the Wildlife Disease Association, the Second International Symposium on Ranaviruses and the 2013 annual meeting of the American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians. The meeting drew participants from 21 countries and all 50 states.



Viruses in the genus Ranavirus are seen as a threat to global biodiversity through the disease they cause to amphibians, reptiles and fish. Institute wildlife ecologist Matt Gray, associate professor in the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, founded the first ranavirus symposium and directs the **Global Ranavirus Consortium** established as an outcome of the symposium.

Calling all university women!

University Women's Club

UT has a multifaceted University Women's Club, and it's open to professional and nonexempt employees as well as wives of employees and retirees. The organization meets monthly, has guest speakers and special interest groups, and funds a

scholarship to assist adults returning to earn undergraduate degrees.

Events kick off with an afternoon tea reception from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 13, at the UT Visitors Center at Neyland Drive. RSVP by Sept. 4 to **Therese Leadbetter**, 865-690-0445. [More](#)

Alumnus Larry Cunningham named to Cattlemen's Beef Board

New Cattlemen's Beef Board member Larry Cunningham, B.S. Animal Science '81, got his start in

agriculture in the 1940s on a family farm that grew strawberries.

Today his diversified operation includes cattle and poultry. Along the way, he's made his mark in agriculture as chief lending officer for Chattanooga Ag Credit, Tennessee 4-H and the Tennessee Beef Industry Council. **More**



RSVP for Ag Day



Do you plan on attending Ag Day on Saturday, Oct. 5? Let us know you are coming and you could be the lucky winner of a Kindle. Visit <https://tiny.utk.edu/AgDay> to RSVP and receive more information. Football tickets are also available for purchase at www.UTtix.com. Sign-in ID: agday and password: 2013 are case sensitive.

Grow More, Give More —1,626 pounds grown, 4,878 servings given

Grow More, Give More, the institute's produce drive launched in June, is having sizeable impacts. As of last week, the total amount of produce grown was 1,626 pounds and servings given to feed Knoxville-area hungry neared 5,000.

Produce given to the drive comes from institute and community members, vendors at the UT Farmers Market and the East Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center. Donated produce is given to area agencies that feed the hungry by the **Society of St. Andrew**. The **Knoxville News Sentinel** profiled the project last weekend. **Volunteers are needed** to share Grow More, Give More's message from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the market.

Below, Artan Xhaferaj of Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science gives corn to volunteer Carrera Romanini of AgResearch for Grow More, Give More.



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