

# AGGIE 'NECK NEWS

*WIU School of Agriculture*



## WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

### SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

## Upcoming Dates

**9/8/20:** Collegiate Farm Bureau Kickoff Meeting via Zoom @ 6pm

**9/9/20:** Ag Mech Club Meeting via Zoom @ 5:15 p.m.

**9/9/20:** Agribusiness Club Meeting via Zoom @ 6pm

**9/9/20:** Sigma Alpha Recruitment @ Sherman Hall Lawn 6pm

**9/10/20:** Sigma Alpha Recruitment @ Sherman Hall Lawn 5pm

**9/14-15/20:** Professional Headshots @ VPC 9am-3pm

**9/14/20:** Sigma Alpha Recruitment via Zoom @ 6pm

**9/15/20:** Sigma Alpha Recruitment @ Sherman Hall Lawn 6pm

**9/16/20:** Ag Council Meeting via Zoom @ 5pm

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# CLUB INFO



**Continue to check your email and social media for updates regarding club meetings**



## **Agricultural Council**

The Agricultural Council supervises and coordinates the activities of the agricultural clubs within the School of Agriculture.

Faculty Advisor: Andrew Baker  
AJ-Baker@wiu.edu

## **Ag Mech Club**

The Ag Mech Club hosts the Farm Machinery Show held in Western Hall every spring, which is the largest student run show in the United States.

Faculty Advisors: Dan Atherton & Jana Knupp  
DL-Atherton@wiu.edu  
JM- Knupp@wiu.edu

## **AgVocator Recruitment Team**

AgVocators is a team of agriculture students who promote agriculture and WIU to high school and post-secondary students. We travel to many conferences, career fairs, high schools/junior colleges, conventions and host an Ag Open House each semester.

Faculty Advisor: Jana Knupp  
JM-Knupp@wiu.edu

## **Agribusiness Club**

The Agribusiness Club is an organization within the School of Agriculture that strives to connect students with industry professionals. Students have the opportunity to learn from agribusiness men and women about how to be successful within the industry.

Faculty Advisors: Jason Franken & Graciela Andrango  
JR-Franken@wiu.edu  
GC-Andrango@wiu.edu

## **Agronomy Club**

Agronomy Club gives leadership and involvement opportunities to WIU students from all majors who are interested in crop production and soil sciences.

Faculty Advisor: Mark Bernards  
ML-Bernards@wiu.edu

## **Alpha Gamma Rho**

### **Fraternity**

Enhances professionalism, scholarship, ethics, community service, and brotherhood among men in agriculture.

Faculty Advisors: Kevin Bacon & Mark Hoge  
KJ-Bacon@wiu.edu  
MD-Hoge@wiu.edu

## **Alpha Gamma Sigma**

### **Fraternity**

Professional/social national fraternity founded in 1971 with agriculture heritage that takes pride in high standards and developing a meaningful brotherhood. Our common background and value system help us to quickly build relationships that last a lifetime.

Faculty Advisor: Joel Gruver  
J-Gruver@wiu.edu

## **Alpha Zeta Honors**

### **Fraternity**

Alpha Zeta is an honorary, professional fraternity for students studying agriculture or natural resources and dedicated to academic excellence, leadership, integrity and service. To be invited to join Alpha Zeta students must have sophomore standing and be in the top 40% academically within their college or School of Agriculture. Graduate and transfer students are eligible.

Faculty Advisor: Jason Franken  
jr-franken@wiu.edu

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## CFFA/PAS/AGED Club

The Collegiate FFA Chapter at WIU works to serve high school agricultural programs in the state of Illinois. We promote scholarship, leadership and service, as well as maintaining a high ethical standard as a prerequisite upon entering a professional agricultural career.

Faculty Advisor: Andrew Baker  
Aj-Baker@wiu.edu

## Collegiate Farm Bureau

The Collegiate Farm Bureau engages students in educational, leadership and networking opportunities while connecting students with the Illinois Farm Bureau. Become a member of the WIU chapter and you'll interact with other students, community leaders, government officials, and more! You will have the unique opportunity to attend the Illinois Farm Bureau's annual meeting, Collegiate Discussion Meets, and Young Leaders Conference. You will also gain all of the benefits that a Farm Bureau member receives.

Faculty Advisor: Jana Knupp  
JM-Knupp@wiu.edu

## Equestrian Club

The WIU Equestrian Club promotes interest in horses, horse care, and horseback riding. By doing so, the club strives to provide individuals interested in equine activities. The club represents student needs and wants in regards to horses as well as making a difference in the community through a shared love of horses.

Faculty Advisor: Teresa Waller  
TK-Waller@wiu.edu

## Equestrian Show Team

As a show team, the main purpose is to combine the love of horses and competition to ultimately create a team that not only excels at competitions but has fun while doing so! Any experience level with riding is welcomed as competitive categories range from beginner to advanced.

Faculty Advisor: Winthrop Phippen  
WB-Phippen@wiu.edu

## Forestry Club

The WIU Forestry Club educates the students at WIU about the proper planting, care and removal of trees and the safe practices required to administer tree care services.

Faculty Advisor: Paul Blome  
PH-Blome@wiu.edu

## Hoof-N-Horn

The Hoof-N-Horn Club promotes closer relationships among students interested in livestock and animal science. We are a group of around 40, with most members being agriculture majors. The Hoof-N-Horn club focuses on promoting the agricultural industry as a whole.

Faculty Advisor: Mark Hoge  
MD-Hoge@wiu.edu

## Horticulture Club

The WIU Horticulture Club educates the students about horticulture and provides an opportunity for members to share their passion, knowledge and experiences in horticulture. The club provides interested students extracurricular activities in horticulture including: hands-on experiences, out-of-classroom education, guest speakers, greenhouse work, work within the community, National Collegiate Landscape Competition, field trips, and monthly social events.

Faculty Advisor: Shelby Henning  
S-Henning@wiu.edu

## Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority

Sigma Alpha is a professional sorority organized to foster the study of agriculture among women by promoting scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. Our objective is to promote our members in all facets of agriculture and to strengthen the bonds of friendship among them.

Faculty Advisor: Jana Knupp  
JM-Knupp@wiu.edu

# **ATTENTION CLUB OFFICERS!**

Send your club's Ag  
Council Representatives to  
Hunter Masters

There will be an Ag  
Council meeting on  
September 16th at 5pm  
via Zoom and Reps need  
to be in attendance!

[HJ-Masters@wiu.edu](mailto:HJ-Masters@wiu.edu)

Join



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# WIU Collegiate Farm Bureau Kickoff Meeting

**SEPTEMBER 8TH VIA ZOOM @ 6PM**

**[HTTPS://WIU.ZOOM.US/J/93755528956](https://wiu.zoom.us/j/93755528956)**

# **AG MECH CLUB MEETING**



**Wednesday, September 9 @ 5:15 p.m.**

**<https://wiu.zoom.us/j/95509208997>**

**Not mechanical? No Ag Mech background? No worries!  
We will learn together.**



AGRIBUSINESS CLUB  
Western Illinois University



# AGRIBUSINESS CLUB Elections meeting

**Come join us:**

**Wednesday, September 9 @ 6:00 pm via Zoom**

<https://wiu.zoom.us/j/95282489740?pwd=TzJ2cDhoRmlONzVrSnJibmZQN0xjUT09>

**Meeting ID: 952 8248 9740  
Passcode: 003469**

**Be one of our new club officers:**

- \* President
- \* Vice president
- \* Secretary
- \* Treasurer

**This will be a great opportunity for you to  
get involved and learn more about  
the agribusiness sector!**

Questions? Contact: Dr. Jason Franken (jr-franken@wiu.edu) or Dr. Graciela Andrango (gc-andrango@wiu.edu)

ROUNDIN' UP  
*Sigma Alpha's*  
FINEST

2020 FALL RECRUITMENT EVENTS:

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SEPT. 9, 2020: POWERPOINT & LINE DANCING

SHERMAN HALL LAWN @ 6:00 P.M.

SEPT. 10, 2020:

SHERMAN HALL LAWN @ 5:00 P.M.

SEPT 14, 2020: STUDY TIPS FOR A SIGMA ALPHA

ZOOM @ 6:00 P.M.

SEPT. 15, 2020: DIY DOG TOYS

SHERMAN HALL LAWN @ 6:00 P.M.



IT'S TIME FOR YOUR CLOSE-UP!

# PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS

It is highly encouraged that all students get a professional headshot for use at the virtual career fair on October 7, your LinkedIn profile, etc.

**VISUAL PRODUCTION  
CENTER, TILLMAN HALL  
207  
SEPTEMBER 14 & 15 FROM  
9 AM - 3 PM**

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY  
THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE WILL  
COVER THE COST OF THE PHOTO.



**Professional dress  
is required**





# FARM CREDIT ILLINOIS

## Farm Credit Illinois Summer Internship

### **Description/Job Summary**

As a Farm Credit Illinois intern, you'll have opportunities to learn about agriculture in central/southern Illinois, gain valuable on-the-job experience in a variety of departments through projects, job shadowing and mentoring, and become part of a family-oriented team working to serve our members. We seek students aligned with our five core values – family, integrity, relationships, expertise and passion – and motivated to find innovative solutions to business needs.

### **Required Skills**

Candidates should possess strong verbal and written communication skills, work ethic and integrity. Interns will work in a team-based environment but will also need to take the initiative to learn and work independently. Proficiencies in Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word and Outlook software applications are required.

### **Required Education**

Candidates for an internship position must be enrolled as college sophomores, juniors, seniors or graduate students for the fall 2020 semester.

### **Preferred Education**

Desired degree programs of candidates include: agricultural business, agricultural economics, agricultural communications, business or finance.

### **Details**

In addition to a competitive hourly rate, the Farm Credit Illinois Summer Internship program offers personal growth and learning opportunities, reimbursement for all business travel expenses incurred, a logo wear allowance, "Dress For Your Day" dress code and other perks. We welcome the opportunity to work with you in gaining college credit based on summer internship experiences. Students selected as Farm Credit Illinois Summer Interns will participate in a twelve-week internship based at the central office in Mahomet, Illinois and have opportunities for day and overnight travel assignments throughout the southern 60 counties of Illinois. Summer Intern hours are 8:00a.m. – 4:30p.m., Monday – Friday. **Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter through the application link by October 1.**

<http://farmcredital.balancetrak.com/2020021/About>

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### **Graduate Research Assistantship in Environmental Horticulture**

The Klein Arboriculture Lab is seeking a resourceful and motivated individual interested in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry to fill 1 M.S. research assistantship in the Department of Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida's Gainesville campus. The position is set to start in the Fall of 2021 and includes two-years of tuition waiver, competitive stipend, and benefits. Potential research topics are flexible but will have a general focus on tree risk assessment and risk perception, the effects of hurricanes on urban tree survivability, the propagation of tree species from outside of their established hardiness zones, and arboricultural education, training, accreditation, and professionalism. The candidate chosen for the position will have the opportunity to cultivate the necessary skills in the field as well as gain outreach and extension experiences, and overall professional development relevant to future careers in the industry and academia.

It is strongly recommended that candidates have a bachelor's degree in arboriculture, urban forestry, environmental studies, or a related discipline from an accredited institution. Additionally, previous field and work experience relevant to the potential research topics is preferred. A general understanding of project design, data entry, statistical analysis, and technical writing is beneficial, but not required. Interested candidates should be open to learning new skills, have a positive attitude, and a strong work ethic. A willingness to work outdoors in the heat and humidity is a must.

For additional information about the position please contact Dr. Ryan Klein at [ryanwklein@ufl.edu](mailto:ryanwklein@ufl.edu). The application deadline is December 1, 2020. Details regarding the application process can be found at <https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/environmental-horticulture-graduate-program/>.

# **Farmhouse Meats**

## **Carthage, IL**

### **Help Wanted**

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#### **Meat Packaging and Retail:**

Packaging retail and custom pork, beef, lamb, and goat. Assist with meat retail sales and inventory as needed. Job is 9-5:30 Monday-Friday and some weekends. Must be 18 or older, able to lift 50lbs, and work in cold environment. Any cashier, inventory management or meat experience is a plus.

#### **Meat Processing:**

Helping process beef, pork, lamb, and goat. Would include de-boning, grinding, mixing, and cleaning product and/or equipment. Must be 18 or older, able to lift 50lbs and work in cold environment. Any meat cutting experience is a plus.

# Employment Opportunities

*For more info, check the bulletin board by the Ag Office (KH 145)*

## **Farm Help Wanted**

**Looking for general farm  
help for this fall**

### Qualifications

- Can operate or willing to learn older Case IH tractors
- Run grain carts
- Tillage work
- Operate auger

Flexible on weekday hours, but weekends would be long days preferably

**Call or email Justin Daniels**

**309-221-9889**

**[jdfarms12@gmail.com](mailto:jdfarms12@gmail.com)**

# In Other News



**University Bookstore**

University Union  
309-298-1931  
M-F 8am-5pm

**Student Development and  
Success Center**

Disability Resource Center  
Memorial Hall 125  
sdsc@wiu.edu  
309-298-1884

**Career Development Center**

Memorial Hall 125  
careers@wiu.edu  
309-298-1838

**University Counseling Center**

Memorial Hall 1st Floor  
ucc@wiu.edu  
309-298-2453

\*Call to make an appointment\*

**Financial Aid**

Sherman Hall 127  
financial-aid@wiu.edu  
309-298-2446

**Student Employment**

Sherman Hall 105  
(Inside Human Resources Office)  
studentemployment@wiu.edu  
309-298-1971

**Student Activities**

University Union  
osa@wiu.edu  
309-298-3232

**Beu Health Center**

beuhealthcenter@wiu.edu  
309-298-1888

**Alcohol and Other Drugs**

**Resource Center**  
Memorial Hall 102  
aod@wiu.edu  
309-298-2457

**Office of Public Safety**

Mowbray Hall  
publicsafety@wiu.edu  
309-298-1949

Parking Services: 309-298-1921

**If you feel unsafe walking on  
campus, call 309-298-1949**

**to be accompanied  
by an OPS escort.**

**If you have news that you want  
included in next week's  
newsletter, please email it to  
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