**DEPARTMENTAL NEWS**

*NEW COURSE OFFERED IN FALL 2021:* AGR 302 International Agribusiness With Dr. Iuliia Tetteh

One in five jobs in the U.S. ag and food sector are tied to exports, and almost 25 cents of each $1 earned in agriculture in the U.S. come from export. In Illinois alone, over 40% of grain is sold for export. Given the growing importance of international trade for the U.S. food and agriculture industry, effective agribusiness managers need to have a better understanding of the impact of international markets on their operation and be able to identify and address risks and opportunities with entering foreign markets.

In this course, you will be introduced to fundamental concepts of international trade and markets, learn how to determine if the firm is ready to expand into international markets, will get familiarized with data sources that can help evaluate existing or potential export markets. You will have an opportunity to learn from case studies, real-world data sources and industry speakers. This course will also equip you with a unique skillset and competencies (e.g., understanding and navigating the operating environment (cultural, political, etc.) in a foreign market) which will strengthen your resume and make you a more competitive job candidate. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Iuliia Tetteh at (iproto1@ilstu.edu).

**Face Masks:** If you haven’t picked up your face mask yet, you may pick it up in the main office of Ropp (125) from Mary. When you pick up your mask, all of our COVID rules apply (face covering, physical distancing, etc.).

**ISU Agriculture Department:** Follow us on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/ISU.AGRICULTURE](https://www.facebook.com/ISU.AGRICULTURE) or Instagram at [https://www.instagram.com/isuagriculture/](https://www.instagram.com/isuagriculture/) Our ISU Page ([https://agriculture.illinoisstate.edu/](https://agriculture.illinoisstate.edu/))

**REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*AgEd Club/ Alpha Tau Alpha:* Is meeting Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM (956 2359 5677). For more info contact Caitlin Hays ([cdhays1@ilstu.edu](mailto:cdhays1@ilstu.edu)).

**Spring 2021 Rso Covid-19 Updates:** Due to COVID-19, there are new policies and procedures affecting RSOs. Changes being implemented in accordance with the University’s response to COVID-19 and to encourage RSO involvement while minimizing risk. Any questions regarding the changes, please contact Amy Miller, Registered Student Organizations Coordinator, at ([ajmill2@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:ajmill2@IllinoisState.edu)) or (309) 438-3212. Based on the number of students who will not be on campus, our recommendation is that RSO meetings be held virtually so all members have equal access.

**NAMA:** The National Agri-Marketing Association Team will meet weekly on Wednesday nights at 5 p.m. over zoom. If you would like to participate in our team marketing competition, contact Michelle Cooney at ([mlcoone@ilstu.edu](mailto:mlcoone@ilstu.edu)) to get the zoom link and more info.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Scholarship Program:* Illinois Landscape Contractors Education & Charitable Organization (ILCECO) is offering seven college scholarships in 2021. Applications are due March 15, 2021. For more info and to apply visit their website at: ([https://www.ilca.net/scholarship-program/](https://www.ilca.net/scholarship-program/))

**Scholarship:** Grain and Feed Association of Illinois (GFAI) Scholarships available for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. If you are interested in grain merchandising or originating, feed milling, operations, safety, and/or management in the grain or feed industries, then this is the program for you! Winners receive a $3500 scholarship, 4 days of work experience at a GFAI member facility, participate in a 3-day summer Kickoff Tour, and are recognized at the GFAI Annual Convention. The application deadline is March 1, 2021. Please visit [www.gfai.org/scholarship-program.html](http://www.gfai.org/scholarship-program.html) for the application form. Please see Dr. Boerngen (143 Ropp, [maboern@ilstu.edu](mailto:maboern@ilstu.edu)) with questions or for more information.
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**JOB / INTERNSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*RURAL PROPERTY APPRAISING INTERNSHIP: MGW Appraisal Services, Inc. located in Sycamore, IL is offering a paid summer internship for an individual interested in a career in rural property appraising. This unique opportunity will include detailed training of all facets of inspecting and appraising farm land, farm businesses, livestock and grain facilities, rural residences, and commercial properties. The intern would receive assistance in obtaining his or her Associate Appraiser Trainee License with an opportunity for full time employment. For more info or to apply, contact Jake Aubry at (815) 756-3606 or jake.aubry@mgw.us.com. (02/22/21)

*NURSERY MANAGER: Devore Inc. located in Lexington, IL is hiring! They are looking for a motivated reliable person to help them grow! Description: Inventory Management / Departmental Employee Manager / Customer Care / Plant Knowledge / Work Independently & Time Management. Send Resume to (devorelminc@gmail.com) or call (309) 365-8822 for more information. (3/1/21)

*SEASONAL TURF SPECIALIST: Evergreen FS is seeking student assistance for the Spring/Summer to work at our Custom Turf Dept in Bloomington. 5 openings. Job lengths are March-May, May-Aug, Aug-Nov. Students can choose a portion of the season or the entire season if they wish. Schedule is Monday – Saturday – Flexibility based on student schedule (1/2 days on Saturdays). Link and video for more info on the job. *Turf Specialist Video - [https://vimeo.com/232733007/0dc438f7ac](https://vimeo.com/232733007/0dc438f7ac)

Contact: Christie Rabideau, HR Manager | Evergreen FS, Inc. | Ph: 309-834-0039 | Fax: 309-834-0040 | crabideau@evergreen-fs.com

Agronomy Intern: The AgVenture D&M AGRONOMY INTERN will be responsible for providing assistance to the AgVenture D&M team on-farm agronomy support, as well as any other needs that may arise. Specifically, the intern will conduct on-farm scouting in Newton County, Indiana, Iroquois County, Illinois and surrounding areas. In this role, the intern will be expected to conduct stand counts, scout for weed, insect, and disease pressure, and be aware of other deficiencies that may be impacting the growers’ corn and/or soybean acres. Intern must be enrolled into an accredited university and majoring in Agronomy or an Agricultural related field. Position available May 1, 2021 through August 1, 2021. For more info and to apply, contact Tiffany Frash, Director of Sales and Marketing | tftrash@agventuredm.com | (800) 933-0259. (2/22/21)

Summer Internship: Parklands Foundation Internships will include Restoration and Management of Native Landscapes: McLean and Woodford Counties in Central IL. The position will require physical labor outdoors. Interns will be hired for 11 weeks of service at a starting wage of $12.00 per hour for 37.5 hours per week. This work is physically demanding; applicants must be able to walk long distances over uneven terrain and be able to lift 50 pounds. Interns will work with the land steward, who will be their site supervisor, members of the ParkLands Foundation Board, and volunteers. Interns will be expected to communicate positively with ParkLands visitors and volunteers, with an emphasis on welcoming visitors from underserved populations. Applications are due March 15, 2021. For more info and to apply visit (https://www.parklandsfoundation.org/internship/). (2/15/21)

Part-Time Kennel Assistant: Hawthorne Park Animal Care Center in Bloomington, IL is looking to hire a part-time kennel assistant. Our practice is mainly canine and feline medicine and surgery. Qualified candidates need to have good technical skills as well as excellent interpersonal communication. Please contact us at (309)-664-6320 or at (hawthorneparkvet@hotmail.com) for more info or to apply. (2/21/21)
Paid Summer Internship: Advanced Crop Care Inc., is interested in hard working dedicated individuals majoring in Agronomy, Soils, Plant Pathology, Entomology, Ag Economics and related agricultural. Crop Scouts will assist a Certified Crop advisor for weekly field monitoring. Responsibilities include identifying field production problems related to weeds, diseases, and insects as well as assisting in GPS soil sampling and data entry. Positions will allow for the wide diversification of crop consulting within a growing season. If interested contact: Ryan Stoffregen, at (815) 970-0289, (ryans@advancedcropcare.com). Visit their website at (www.advancedcropcare.com). (2/8/21)

Consulting Agronomist In Training: Pro-Ag Consulting located in Windsor, IL is looking for a Consulting Agronomist in Training that will report to Regional Manager (Consulting Agronomist). 2-4 year degree in Agricultural or Agricultural-related fields, preferably Crops & Soils. This is a FIELD position. It includes actual physical work in the field as well as person-to-person contacts. Duties and Responsibilities include but are not limited to: *Assigned to work with a designated Regional Agronomist. All assigned activities will be under direct supervision of the Regional Agronomist. *Attend a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education classes and report attendance to the Regional Manager. For more info and/or to apply, contact Christopher Behl at (800) 879-2297, (behl.chris@gmail.com). (2/8/21)

Summer Research Assistants: Bayer Crop Science is looking for summer Research Assistants. Collect timing and characteristic data on corn and soybean plots. Familiar with Microsoft Office and iOS for note taking is desired. Majority of the work is outdoors. Some overnight/weekend work is expected during late June-July. Must have clean driving record and must be 18 or older to apply. Located in Farmer City, IL. Send resumes/questions to Josh Park: Joshua.park@bayer.com (217) 671-2047. (2/8/21)

Assistant Superintendent: Mistwood Golf Club located in Romeoville, IL. This position will have a variety of responsibilities on a day to day basis. Specifics include, but are not limited to: Overseeing, Training and Scheduling Employees / Maintenance and Repair of Irrigation System / Project Management / Administering pesticide and fertilizer applications on golf course and grounds, as well as maintaining the necessary certifications and licenses in those areas. Applicants should possess the following: 2-4 year degree in field of Turfgrass Management / Ability to work extended hours including weekends and holidays / Ability to obtain a Illinois Pesticides License / Valid Drivers License / Bi-lingual skills in Spanish are highly recommended. For more info or to apply email (bkelhofer@mistwoodgc.com). (02/01/21)

Multiple Positions: Jones country gardens is needing to fill the following positions. **Assistant Grower Position:** This position will assist in areas of propagation, transplanting, watering, pest and disease management, and shipping. Full-time position with year round employment and room for advancement. **Greenhouse Production position:** This position will assist in areas of transplanting, watering, shipping, and general plant care. This position could be utilized as an internship or as a full time or part time seasonal employment. **Retail Sales position:** Garden centers located in Streator, Metamora, and rural Pontiac, IL. The idea candidate should possess basic knowledge of various annual and perennial flowers and be able to work well with customers. This position could be utilized as an internship or as a full time or part time seasonal employment. For more info or to apply contact Chad Jones, Jones Country Gardens, C: (815) 674-9585 / gh: (815) 358-2585 / email (jonescountrygardens@yahoo.com). (02/01/21)

Grounds Supervisor: Champaign Park District Grounds Supervisor is responsible for maintenance, repair and development of Park District parks, trails and easements, including oversight of turf maintenance, grounds contracts, supervising arbor operations and supervision of grounds employees. Generally, the Grounds Supervisor spends 80% of time in the field and 20% of the time attending to administrative duties. For more info and to apply visit their website at: (https://champaignparks.com/employment-opportunities/). (02/01/21)

Seasonal Landscape Designer/Estimator: S.A. Moreland Landscapes, Morton IL is wanting a part-time, seasonal landscape designer/estimator to work with the owner in creating beautiful designs for our clients. Hours will vary depending on the amount of designs needed and if scheduled meetings with the client should be attended. The busiest time for this position would be in the spring. Could potentially be some off-site work time. Responsibilities/skills may include: Estimating / Plant knowledge / Landscape design knowledge / Rough knowledge of materials and installation practices / May attend design meetings with the clients / May stage plants for the crews to install / Designs may be made by hand or computer. For more info or to apply email (samoreland1@frontier.com). (1/25/21)
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**Summer Job:** Syngenta is now taking applications for the 2021 pollinating season! $11/HR, 14 years of age or older, season starts 2\textsuperscript{nd} week in July, 6 day work week, work outdoors, transportation provided. Apply online NOW to reserve your sport (www.asinc.net). For more info email (IRENE.ORTEGA@ASINC.NET) (309) 824-6678.  (1/25/21)

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**Internship Program:** Home Nursery, Inc. located in Albers, IL has a 10-week internship. Visit their website for more info (http://www.homenursery.com/employment-opportunities). Send resume and optional cover letter to: Ann Tosovsky, Home Nursery, Inc., P.O. Box 128, Albers, IL  62215, or (annt@homenursery.com).  (1/25/21)

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**15 Scholarships:** The GROWMARK Foundation 2021 Scholarships are now available. Visit their website to apply.  [2021 GROWMARK Scholarship Application](http://www.growmark.com/scholarship)  Applications are due by midnight on **April 15, 2021**. Please direct questions to Karen Jones, 309-557-6184 or k Jones@growmark.com.

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**Job Openings:** PrairiErth Farm in Atlanta, IL. has 6 job openings for the 2021 season. Send your resume and letter of introduction to <PrairiErth@gmail.com>. Browse our website for more info about our farm and our approach to the world.  [https://www.prairierthfarm.com/PrairiErth_Farm/Home.html](https://www.prairierthfarm.com/PrairiErth_Farm/Home.html).  (1/19/21)

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**Research Associate:** Carthage Innovation Swine Solution, LLC is searching to hire a Research Associate who is responsible for assisting the Research Managers in conducting trials at farms, following company standard operating procedures. For more details and to apply, visit their website at: [https://www.hogvet.com/](https://www.hogvet.com/).  (1/19/21)

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**NETWORKING**

**INVOLVEMENT TO INDUSTRY CONFERENCE SET FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS:** Two hour mini conference will be on **March 4**\textsuperscript{th}. Niko Cinquepalmi, a student recruiter for FS GrowMark Agricultural Cooperative System is going to be the keynote speaker for the Involvement to Industry Conference and is planning to talk about negotiating, benefits and finances to those who attend the Zoom conference. Here is the [link](https://news.illinoisstate.edu/2021/02/involvement-to-industry-conference-set-for-juniors-and-seniors/) for more information and to register.

**Home, Lawn & Garden Day – Virtual Edition:** – **March 6 from 8:15 am to 1:00 pm.**  Sponsored by McLean County Master Gardeners. $10 registration includes: 6 Live Presentations and 10 Pre-Recorded Sessions to access at any time!  **Registration closes at midnight on March 3**\textsuperscript{rd}. For more info and to register visit: <go.illinois.edu/HLGD> or call (309) 663-8306.

**Redbird Study Spaces:** Study Spaces are classrooms available to students Mon-Fri, with the exception of holidays and breaks. The QR Code at the door is not a sign in. The code notifies the University that the room will need extra cleaning and will help determine whether additional spaces should be added. Rooms are available during regularly scheduled building hours unless otherwise indicated in the classroom. For info about building hours, visit the [Coronavirus website](https://www.illinois.edu/coronavirus/). Redbird Study Rooms will be Reviewed Continuously to Determine Needs.

- Center for Visual Arts – Room 133
- Fell Hall – Rooms 116 and 125
- State Farm Hall of Business – Room 135
- Turner Hall – Room 212
- DeGarmo Hall – Rooms 209 and 305
- Schroeder Hall – Rooms 103, 115, and 206
- Stevenson Hall – Rooms 126, 131, and 311

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