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Steve Scott, TCA president, with Dr. Emmit Rawls

Dr. Edward Yu Joins the Faculty

The department’s resources for analyzing biofuels as alternative crops for Tennessee farmers have been enhanced significantly by the employment of Dr. Tun-Hsiang Yu as an assistant professor. Edward, as he prefers to be called, came to UT from Iowa State University where he was an international oilseed and biodiesel analyst. He had been working at Iowa State since receiving his Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Texas A&M University in 2005. He is focusing his research at UT in the area of logistics of the biomass feedstock system. This area of work has been identified as critical to development of a viable biofuels industry, given the bulkiness of the biomass, seasonality of production, and the anticipated wide geographic dispersion of biomass production. Edward is highly active with other researchers and with graduate students working in closely related areas. He is a native of Taiwan but lives with his wife and young son in Knoxville. Welcome, Edward!
Please Support the Agribusiness Club

The Agribusiness Club is getting reorganized and revitalized. The club is an important element in the lives of our students, and its impact is directly related to the size of its membership and the level of club activities. The organization provides a social opportunity but also is a means for students to learn more about careers and to network with industry personnel and faculty. Three meetings have been held so far this year and included presentations from Farm Credit Services and from Dr. Burt English, who spoke about biofuels. On the social side, the students have had a make-your-own-root-beer-float activity and, at the last meeting, held the “great oreo cookie race.”

To be successful, the club needs the support of alumni. Would you be willing to be a speaker at one of the club meetings, or if you are close to Knoxville, host the club for a field trip? Having incentives, such as door prizes, to get students to the meetings also helps.

If you can help the club to be more effective, contact Dr. John Riley, who serves as adviser to the club, at jriley@utk.edu or 865-974-7465.