

NIFA in the News – Week of August 20, 2012

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In the News

Training on new potato pest guide offered Tuesday (Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman 8/18). University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service will offer a class on how to use a new potato pest field guide from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Aug. 21 at the Alaska Plant Materials in Palmer. A National Institute of Food and Agriculture grant supported development of the guide. [Link](#)

Spice up your life at LCC (Laredo Sun 8/20). Add some spice to your life by enrolling this fall in the Gateway City's only culinary arts certificate program, available at the Laredo Community College South Campus. The LCC Culinary Arts Program is supported with partial funding from the United States Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. [Link](#)

150th Anniversary of the Morrill Act (KTIC 8/21). The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and other land-grant universities across the nation are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act this year. UNL will be "Celebrating 150 years Growing a Healthy Future" with a week of activities Sept. 23-29. Life sciences, landscape systems and wildlife encounters will take the stage Sept. 25. From 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Nebraska East Union there will be a Life Sciences Symposium with featured speaker Sonny Ramaswamy, news director of USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. [Link](#)

UB researcher awarded nearly \$4M for nutrition study (Buffalo Business First 8/22). A federal \$3.96 million grant will help a University at Buffalo faculty member continue her research into "food deserts," or areas that lack access to nutritional foods such as fresh produce, according to a UB news release. The grant comes from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. [Link](#)

Western innovator: Advocate brings ag to classroom (Capital Press 8/23). Tami Kerr holds more than a few professional titles in agriculture, but she still periodically

retreats to her family's Tillamook dairy farm to wake up at 3:30 a.m. and do some "real, physical work." Others may know Kerr as a National Agriculture in the Classroom past president, Oregon Dairy Women past president and a board member for Oregon Women for Agriculture and Oregon Agfest. As president, Kerr helped the program essentially double its funding by working with the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. She increased the team's trips to Washington, D.C.; the staff now meets with the USDA and other agriculture organizations twice a year. She also dealt with her program's transition to another agency within the USDA. [Link](#)

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