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Appointment: Research and Teaching

Publications:

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2. **Mason, M.**, Cuadra, E.C. (2018). Effects of Injecting GnRH 48 Hours after PGF₂ α on the Dynamic Follicular and Luteal Endocrine Cells in Post-Pubertal Holstein Heifers. Submitted to Latin American Association of Animal Production.
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4. **Mason, M.**, Dogan, S., Kaya, A., Cuadra, E.J., Memili, E. (2014). Expression dynamics of *mhc1* and *magel2* associated with viability of bovine embryo. Submitted for publication to International Veterinary Medicine Journal.
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9. Shengwen G., Tang, J., Cuadra, E.J., **Mason, M.**, Sun, Q. (2011). Segmentation and Measurement of Follicles from 3-D Ultrasound Images for Cattle Reproduction. Submitted for Publication to the Journal of Electronic Imaging.
10. Johnson, R., Bennett, W.A., Cuadra, E.J., **Mason, M.** (2010). Roles of hCG in advancing follicular growth to ovulation after concurrent injections of PGF_{2α} and GnRH in postpubertal Holstein heifers. *Veterinary Medicine International.* doi:10.4061/2010/394236.
11. Cuadra, E.J., Vann R., Bennett, W.A., Johnson, R., **Mason, M.** (2009). Assessing the benefits of exogenous progesterone supplementation on the survival of embryo transferred to recipient beef cows.
12. Guo, S., Tang, J., Cuadra, E.J., **Mason, M.**, Sun, Q. (2009). Normalized waves of diffusion for speckle reduction on 3-D ultrasound images. *Proc. SPIE.*, Vol. 7497 (SPIE, Bellingham, WA 2009) 74971R.
13. Johnson, R., Bennett, W.A., Cuadra, E.J., **Mason, M.**, Njiti, V. (2009). Ultrasonographic monitoring of follicular growth and day of ovulation after PGF_{2α} in combination with GnRH or GnRH and hCG in dairy heifers. M.S. Thesis, Alcorn State University.
14. Cuadra, E.J., **Mason, M.** (2008). Manual for Embryo Transfer: A Farmer's Guide to Embryo Transfer. Research Outreach. Department of Agriculture. Alcorn State University.

Book Chapters

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