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# THE BRIDLE BIT

## Newsletter



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### TRAVELS

Milt Thomas gave a presentation, "DNA Diagnostic Test in Cattle" at the Large Herd Managers Conference sponsored by the National Beef Cattle Evaluation Program on December 8-10 in Kansas City. He also attended the Plant and Animal Genome Conference in San Diego on January 13-18.

Jason Turner will attend the Color Breed Council Judges' Educational Seminar in Oklahoma City as well as visit Northeastern A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma for recruitment purposes on January 29-February 5.

Dennis Hallford, Western Director for American Society of Animal Science, will attend the ASAS mid-winter meeting on January 27-29 in Minneapolis.

As President-Elect of the Western Section, American Society of Animal Science, Tim Ross will visit the site of the 2006 WSASAS meeting, Logan, Utah, on January 30-February 1 for an organizational meeting.

### PUBLICATIONS

A recent publication by departmental faculty includes:

"Effects of canola seed supplementation on intake, digestion, duodenal protein supply, and microbial efficiency in steers fed forage-based diets," J. L. Leupp, G. P. Lardy, **Sergio Soto-Navarro**, M. L. Bauer, and J. S. Caton. 2006. Journal of Animal Science, Vol. 84(1):499-507.

### JUDGING TEAMS

The Livestock Judging Team competed at the Arizona National Collegiate Livestock

Judging Contest on December 27-January 1 and at the National Western Stock Show in Denver on January 8-14. Team members are Tessie Emond, Jared Decker, Pat Sanchez, and Davina Norris. Coaches are Johnathan Walsh and Clay Elliott.

The Wool Judging Team attended their first contest of the year in Denver at the National Western Stock Show on January 9-15. The team finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall while Cody Terpening had the high grading line score and finished second high individual overall. Other team members are Sherida Elkins, Lenee Chavez, Tevor Gray, Bobby Dobbins, and Jamie Ragsdale. Serving as coaches are Tim Ross and Beau Schilling. Next contest for the team will be February 10 in San Antonio.

The Range Plant Identification Team will participate at the Society for Range Management meetings to be held February 12-17 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Student members are Sara Davidson, Lenora Hawkins, Estevan Galleogs, Alicia Garcia, Nathan Combs, Sarah Ricketts, Brady Allred and Linda Mackay. Kelly Allred is the team coach.

### NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

The following have joined the department as Range Science Graduate Students this spring:

Nathan Combs (MS, McDaniel)  
Jacob Martin (MS, Cibils)  
John C. Moeny (MS, Abbott)  
Robert Strahan (MS, Allred)  
Robert Wesley (MS, Cibils)

## **SOUTHWEST BEEF SYMPOSIUM**

The Southwest Beef Symposium, sponsored by the New Mexico and Texas Cooperative Extension Services was held January 18-19 in Tucumcari. Participating on the program were Manny Encinias (Animal Tracking Technology), Clay Mathis (Early Weaning Programs), and Nathan Elam (Alternative Production: What are the Trade-offs?). Also giving presentations were former students Ted McCollum and Jason Sawyer.

## **MINI-GRANT**

A mini-grant proposal by Chris Brown, Terrell Baker, Bobby Creel, Sam Fernald and Marquita Ortiz has been selected for funding by the Office of the Vice-Provost for Research in the development of NMSU's research clusters. Their grant is titled "The impacts of land use change on water resources and traditional acequia culture in North Central New Mexico."

## **ETC.**

Fall 2005 animal science graduates, Jenna Hardin and Danielle Dawkins, received College of Agriculture and Home Economics awards. Jenna was named "Outstanding Student in Agriculture" while Danielle received a Dean's Award of Excellence and graduated with highest honors.

Congratulations to Shad Cox (Farm Manager, Corona) who received the New Mexico Society of Range Management's "Grazing Excellence Award" at their annual meeting.

### **SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED TO:**

Jerry and Dean Hawkins on the death of Jerry's father on December 11 in Oklahoma,

Todd Edwards (Farm Manager) and family on the death of his father, Tim Edwards, in Silver City on December 29,

Kim Kane (Research Associate) on the death of her son-in-law, Ishmael Shekarri, on January 1, 2006 in Las Cruces.