



# New Mexico State University

## Department of Animal & Range Sciences

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#### **PUBLICATIONS**

The following is a recent departmental publication:

“Grazing impacts on rangeland vegetation: What we have learned,” Jerry Holechek, Terrell T. Baker, Jon Boren, and Dee Galt. 2006. *Rangelands* 28:7-13.

#### **TRAVELS**

Clay Elliott served as a cattle judge at the Houston Livestock Show on March 1-6.

Sam Fernald presented a poster at the Espanola Basin Groundwater Conference in Santa Fe on March 7-8.

Jack Thomas attended the WAC Faculty Athletic Representative and Compliance Officer meeting in Reno, Nevada on March 7-8.

Derek Bailey will give a presentation on grazing distribution and behavior at the Annual Arizona, Nevada, Utah Range Livestock Workshop on April 4-7 in St. George and Kanab, Utah.

#### **CATTLE GROWERS**

The annual Cattle Growers’ Short Course was held March 23-24 in Clovis. Chris Allison gave the welcome and served as moderator of the Animal Identification and Disease Tracking session. Serving as moderator of the session on Using Byproduct Feedstuffs was Mark Wise. Other faculty appearing on the program were:

Milt Thomas – “Genetic markers for carcass characteristics: Are the economically relevant in your production system?”

Manny Encinias – “Animal identification and technology”

Clint Löest – “Ruminant nutrition fundamentals”

Robert Hagevoort – “Byproduct feedstuffs: Origin and characteristics”

Clay Mathis – “Using byproduct feedstuffs: Cow-calf”

#### **WOOL TEAM**

The NMSU Wool Judging Team participated in the Intercollegiate Wool and Mohair Contest at the Houston Livestock Show on March 15. The team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in Mohair with Sherida Elkins as 3<sup>rd</sup> high individual and Bobby Dobbins as 5<sup>th</sup> high individual, both with perfect scores. Ties were broken based on Wool results. In the Wool division, the team finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall, 4<sup>th</sup> in Placing and Reasons, and 5<sup>th</sup> on the grading line. Sherida was 3<sup>rd</sup> high individual in Placing and Reasons, dropping only 5 points out of a possible 400. She tied for Highest Reasons with two other contestants, talking a 49 and a 48 out of a possible score of 50. Trevor Gray was 4<sup>th</sup> in Reasons with a pair of 48’s. Other team members were Cody Terpening and Lenee Chavez. Coaches are Tim Ross and graduate assistant, Beau Schilling.

#### **VET SCHOOL**

The following students have been accepted for Veterinary School for this coming fall:



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Shelby Wooley, Lane Dixon, Rachel Redd, and Danielle Dawkins. Shelby, Lane, and Rachel will be attending Colorado State University while Danielle will attend Washington State University. Congratulations to these students.

**ETC.**

Congratulations to Tim Ross who will be honored April 6 with “Advanced

Graduate of Distinction” award from the University of Arkansas.

Congratulations to Kathy and J. T. Bustos on the birth of their second granddaughter, Annaliesa Rose Bustos, on March 16 in Nevada.

Sympathy is expressed to Dolly and Maury Castro on the death of their grandson in a motorcycle accident on March 25.