



# New Mexico State University

## Department of Animal & Range Sciences

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### PUBLICATIONS

Recent publications by departmental faculty include:

“Effects of dietary ratios of fish and blood meals on sites of digestion, small intestinal amino acid disappearance and growth performance of meat goat wethers,” **Sergio Soto-Navarro**, R. Puchala, T. Sahlu, Art Goetsch. *Small Ruminant Research* 64:255-267.

“Effects of level and source of supplemental protein in a concentrate-based diet on sites of digestion and small intestinal amino acid disappearance in Boer x Spanish wether goats,” **Sergio Soto-Navarro**, Art Goetsch, T. Sahlu, R. Puchala. *Small Ruminant Research* 65:85-100.

“Structural and nutritional heterogeneity of riparian vegetation in Patagonia (Argentina) in relation to seasonal grazing by sheep,” V. R. Utrilla, M. A. Brizuela, and **A. F. Cibils**. *Journal of Arid Environments* 67:661-670.

### TRAVELS

Andrés Cibils and Hector Ramirez attended the “Tercer Simposium de Pastizales Naturales” in Chihuahua, Mexico on August 9-10. Dr. Cibils presented a talk on “Sheep and goat grazing as a tool to manage one-seed juniper (*J. monosperma*) encroachment” while Hector’s poster presentation was titled “Variation in vegetation and soil moisture under one-seed juniper (*J. monosperma*) trees treated with herbicides.”

Jerry Holechek will give an invited presentation on grazing management at the USDA-NRCS Technical Conference on Prescribed Grazing and Prescribed Burning in San Antonio, Texas on September 25-26.

Attending the Tamarisk Research Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado on October 2-5 will be Kirk McDaniel and graduate student Jose Franco. Dr. McDaniel will give a talk titled “Saltcedar control with rotary and fixed winged aircraft” while Jose’s presentation is titled “Management of saltcedar regrowth with carpet-roller applied herbicide.”

Cesar Mendez-Gonzalez, a PhD candidate working with Laurie Abbott, will present a paper titled “Influence of resource manipulations on abundance, community composition and seed selection by wintering sparrows in the United States-Mexico Border Region” at the North American Ornithological Conference in Veracruz, Mexico on October 2-8.

Derek Bailey will speak on “Managing an altered forage environment” at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium’s program on “Ranching in a Changing Environment” on October 12 in Ruidoso. He will also attend the BEHAVE meeting in Midway, Utah on October 24-26, giving a talk on grazing behavior.

### ELLIOTT TO OKLAHOMA

Clay Elliott, judging team coordinator and recruiter since 2003, has accepted a position at Redlands Community



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College in El Reno, Oklahoma. His last day at NMSU was August 31, 2006.

Rob Strahan – Food Permits  
Dr. Clint Löest - Advisor

### NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

The following new graduate students joined the department this fall:

Amy Brown (MS, Löest)  
Cole Gardner (MS, Hawkins)  
Lelanya Hill (MS, Ross)  
Kayla Irvine (MS, Cibils)  
Tomas Kaminenski (MS, Baker)  
Sara Kuykendall (MS, Löest)  
Adam Lujan (MS, Baker)  
Cruz Martinez (MS, Ross)  
Travis Mulliniks (MS, Petersen)  
Dave Stricklan (PhD, Bailey)  
Steve Sweeney (MS, Fernald)  
Sergio Valverde (MS, Hawkins)  
Johnathon Walsh (MS, Hawkins)  
Barbara Witmore (MS, Bailey)

Graduate students assisting with coaching judging teams include Amy Brown (Horse), Beau Schilling (Wool), Johnathon Walsh and Cole Gardner (Livestock).

### ARSGSA

Newly elected officers of the Animal and Range Sciences Graduate Student Association (ARSGSA) are:

Jillian Benavidez – President  
Bob Wesley – Vice-President  
Beau Schilling – Secretary  
Emily Pollak – Treasurer  
Ashley Garrett, Maria Giacomini,  
Jacob Martin – GSO Reps  
Cole Gardner – Social Chair  
Sara Kuykendall – Community  
Service Chair

### ETC.

Nicholas K. Ashcroft, PhD range science student working with Red Baker, received the Young Cattlemen's Leadership Committee Graduate Scholarship at the NM Cattle Growers' mid-year meeting.

Congratulations to Kathy and J.T. Bustos on the birth of a granddaughter, Charlotte Lynn McDaniel on August 12, 2006. Parents are Kim and Jeremiah McDaniel.

Sympathy is expressed to Bobby and Margie Rankin on the death of her father, Damon Bond on August 30, 2006 in Las Cruces.

Dr. A. L. Neumann, noted author of the premier textbook, Beef Cattle, passed away on September 13 in Illinois. Dr. Neumann served as department head of Animal, Range, and Wildlife Sciences at NMSU from 1964-1971. The "A.L. Neumann Scientific Paper Competition for Animal Science Graduate Students" was established in 1985 with funds donated to the University by Dr. Neumann from royalties from the sell of his book. He was 91 and is survived by his wife, Lorena.