PUBLICATIONS

Recent publications by departmental faculty include:


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.”


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

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).

ARGDSA

Newly elected officers of the Animal and Range Sciences Graduate Student Association (ARGDSA) 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.


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.