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## Department of Animal & Range Sciences

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### PUBLICATIONS

Recent departmental publications include the following:

“Effects of body condition and protein supplementation on LH secretion and luteal function in sheep,” Cesar Meza-Herrera, **Tim Ross, Dennis Hallford, Dean Hawkins**, and A. Gonzalez-Bulnes, *Reproduction in Domestic Animals* 42:461-465.

“Intrauterine bacterial inoculation and level of dietary methionine alter amino acid metabolism in mulliparous yearling ewes,” **Tonya Thelen, Clint Löest**, Bret Taylor, S. Wang, and G. S. Lewis, *Journal of Animal Science* 85(Epub ahead of print).

### TRAVELS

Jack Thomas attended the WAC Council meeting in Dallas on September 24-26.

Derek Bailey attended the WERA-40 meeting in Nevada City, California on October 3-6.

Andrés Cibils gave a presentation on piñon-juniper aerial vegetation survey at the Corona Ranch at the XXI bi-national meeting of the Southwestern Chapter of the Society of American Foresters and Chihuahua Chapter of the Asociación de Profesionales

Forestales de Mexico in Parral, Chihuahua on October 5.

Andrés Cibils and Laurie Abbott accompanied students from the NMSU Range Club to the foresters meeting in Parral, Chihuahua on October 4-7. They also visited with students and faculty of the Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua, Zootechnia campus and the Teseachi ranch in the Sierras foothills. Students making the trip were Amelia Underwood, Rachael Davies, Chase Skaarer, Robert Crane, Keisha Yazzie, Tammy Smith, Ryan Hiles, Josh Miller, Adam Ortega, Juan Gamón, Stephen Gutierrez, Adam Lujan and Ahmed Mohamed.

### JUDGING TEAM

The livestock judging team, coached by Cole Gardner and Johnathon Walsh, will participate in the “Buck Cattle” contest in Oklahoma City on October 11-14. Team members are Julian Marta, Davena Norris, Kali Benson, Clinton Airas, T.J. Arellano, and Emily Hibbard. The team also coordinated the livestock judging contest at the New Mexico State Fair on September 11-13. Students helping with that event were Davena Norris, Julian Marta, Kali Benson,

Denny Burnett, Emily Hibbard, Keisto Lucero, Chance Robins, Clinton Arias and Dusty Cason.

### **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS**

Abelardo Escobar-Prieto of Mexico, has been named Distinguished International Alumnus and will be honored during Homecoming activities on October 19-20. He received his master's degree in animal science in 1968 under the direction of Arnold Nelson. Abelardo has served at ESAHE representative of the Constituent Assembly of the Mexican Association of Higher Education, serving as director in 1976. He was Secretary of Town Hall of Juárez and Federal Delegate of Proportional Representation. He was appointed Director in Chief of the National Agrarian Register and in 2006, President Vicente Fox named him Agrarian Reform Secretary.

A reception for Abelardo will be hosted by the department on Friday, October 19 at 1:30 pm in Knox 201.

### **ETC.**

Fleeces from Corona Range Livestock Research Center (CRLRC) and the NMSU West Sheep Unit received high honors at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque. In the Range

Division, CRLRC fleeces received 4 first places and one 4<sup>th</sup> place. West Sheep Unit fleeces in the Farm Flock Division, received a first and second place, Champion and Reserve Champion award.

Milt Thomas has received a USDA grant from the National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program for the proposal "Identification of Molecular Markers to Improve Fertility in Beef Cattle." Other scientists collaborating on the project are from Iowa State University, Cornell University, and University of Missouri.

Sympathy is expressed to Howard Rose on the death of his sister Patty from cancer on October 8.