Recent departmental publications include the following:


“West Nile antibody titers and total immunoglobulin G concentrations in foals from mares vaccinated in late gestation,” Jason Turner, Justin Waggoner, Susan Rose, Mark Arns, Kevin Hankins, and John Tuttle, Journal of Equine Veterinary Science


“Western ranching, trade policies, and peak oil: Skyrocketing trade deficits coupled with depletion of oil and natural gas reserves could make rangeland livestock production essential to food security in the United States,” Jerry Holechek and Jerry Hawkes, Rangelands 29(5):28-32.


**TRAVELS**

Milt Thomas attended the American Society of Animal Science strategic planning retreat in Savoy, Illinois on October 10-13. He also attended the International Brangus Breeders Association summit in San Antonio on October 16-17. Dr. Thomas serves as chair of the DNA-ad hoc technology committee.

Derek Bailey was in Nashville, Tennessee on November 4-6 to appear on RFDTV to discuss grazing distribution research.

Jerry Holechek gave an invited paper on grazing management at the Mexico Cattle Growers meeting in Monterrey, Mexico on November 5-7.

Jack Thomas traveled to Baltimore, Maryland on November 7-10 to attend the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) meeting.

Attending the American Water Resources Association Conference in Albuquerque on November 12 were Carlos Ochoa and Ciara Cusack.

**JUDGING TEAMS**

The livestock judging team, coached by Cole Gardner and Johnathon Walsh, participated in the Texas Tech Mock Judging Contest in Lubbock on November 2-3. The team then traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to compete at the North American International Livestock Exposition on November 13. Twenty-six team and 130 individuals participated in this contest with Davena Norris finishing 31st in swine, 33rd in cattle, 32nd in reasons, and 31st overall. Team members are Davena Norris, Julian Marta, Kali Benson, T. J. Arellano, and Sarah Peterson. At the first annual Buck Cattle Contest in Madill, Oklahoma, Davena was 4th high individual while Kali Benson and T. J. Arellano were 6th and 8th high individuals, respectively.

The horse judging team, coached by Jason Turner, finished 5th in halter, 5th in performance, 5th in reasons, and 4th overall at the US Arabian Nationals Horse Judging Contest in Albuquerque on October 26. Kaycee McDaniel was 8th in performance and 9th overall. Other team members were Arianne Wilbanks, Carla Miner, Hannah Willemsma, Nizhoni Paz and alternates, Keisha Yazzie and Danika Jackson.

**GAMMA SIGMA DELTA**

Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture, inducted into membership Jillian Benavidez, Sara Kuykendall, and Travis Mulliniks at the annual banquet on October 30. Dr. Mark Petersen was named recipient of the 2007 “Distinguished Graduate
Teaching/Advising Award”. Congratulations to these individuals.

FALL GRADUATES
The following students are scheduled to graduate on December 15, 2007:

Animal Science
- Samantha Ortiz
- Nicholas Kennedy
- Laura Dorman
- Sarah Wallace
- Benjamin Blandin
- Zuhey Medina
- Virginia Vega
- Katherine Panos
- Toni (T.J.) Arellano
- Sarah Kay Roddis-Searle
- Marie Cadieux
- Felix Smith
- William Chavez

Range Science
- Amelia Underwood
- Jesarey Barela
- Tina Smith
- Josh Miller
- Christopher Teske
- Christopher Joe

Christopher Teske has been named “Outstanding Student in Agriculture” while Josh Miller (undergraduate) and Justin Waggoner (graduate) will receive the Dean’s Award of Excellence.

ETC.
Sympathy is expressed to Garrett Gilliam, graduate student working with Clint Löest, on the death of his grandmother on October 24 in Quanah, Texas.

Congratulations to Kirk and Eileen McDaniel on the birth of a grandson, Owen Thomas, on October 27 in Colorado. Parents are Thomas and Andrea McDaniel.