



# New Mexico State University

## Department of Animal & Range Sciences

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### PUBLICATIONS

Recent departmental publications include:

**Derek Bailey and F. D. Provenza.** 2008. "Mechanisms determining large-herbivore distribution. *In*: H. H. T. Prins and F. van Langevelde (Eds): Resource ecology: Spatial and temporal dynamics of foraging. Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer, p. 7-28.

### TRAVELS

Milt Thomas gave a presentation to the Ad Hoc DNA Committee of the International Brangus Breeders Association Breed improvement committee in Houston on March 5-7.

Barbara Witmore, graduate student working with Derek Bailey, has traveled to Tel Aviv, Israel on March 14-30 to continue a research project started in August 2007 to evaluate a new type of pedometer for measuring distance traveled by herded sheep. She received a Peace Fellowship from the International Arid Lands Council to fund this project.

Attending the Midwest Region, American Society of Animal Science meeting in Des Moines, Iowa on March 16-19 were

Sergio Soto-Navarro and undergraduate student, Yvonne Diaz. Yvonne participated in the Undergraduate Paper Competition.

Jason Turner will tour the Sul Ross University research facilities in Alpine, Texas and discuss possible research collaboration on March 25-26.

### STUDENT TEAMS

The NMSU Wool Judging Team participated at the Houston Livestock Show on March 15-20. Team members were Marissa Ham, Kaitlyn Vega, and Pate Chavez. Tim Ross serves as coach and is assisted by Trevor Gray.

### CRIMSON SCHOLARS

The following students in the Animal and Range Sciences department have been named Crimson Scholars for Fall, 2007:

Zach Badura, Breanne Bertrand, Kacie Boden, Clinton Clah, Megan Coleson, Kacie Deines, Najeeullah Dupass, Janaya Estrada, Thomas Gonzales, Katie Goodwin, Brock Graham, Patrick Holcomb, Kenton Martin, Lizcet Ochoa, Jessica Patterson, Logan Potts, Mallorie Scropo, Andrea Stapp, Rhonda Thomason, and Lindsey Zemanek.

### **ACADEMIC QUADRATHLON**

Two groups of students competed in the local Academic Quadrathlon for the right to represent NMSU at the regional competition on April 20 at Utah State University/

Team members of Metabolizers were Julian Marta, Logan Potts, Sara Petersen and Katie Taylor with the second team. Block and Bridle, comprised of Brock Graham, Lori Richardson, Andrea Stapp and Skyla Cockerham. Emerging victorious were Team Metabolizers.

### **DAIRY SCHOLARSHIPS**

The New Mexico Dairy Processors and the Mesilla Valley Dairy Herd Improvement Association has awarded three scholarships. First place, a \$2,000 scholarship has been presented to Jordan Babek, currently a senior at Goddard High in Roswell. Partial scholarships were awarded to Kayla Hinrichs of Clovis and Skyla Cockerham of Texico, NM.

### **ETC.**

Keith Hansen, an animal science graduate from NMSU in the 1970's, has been honored by Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources as a Distinguished Alumni. Keith currently serves as vice president of X.F. Enterprises,

Inc. and as a consulting nutritionist with Nutrition Service Associates in Hereford, Texas.

2001 animal science graduate, Jamie Sona, recently completed his M.S. degree in biomedical sciences with an emphasis on veterinary anatomy at Colorado State University. He is now the anatomy lab instructor at Oregon State University for first year veterinary students.

Sympathy is expressed to each of the following families:

Dustin Yates, graduate student with Tim Ross, on the death of his grandmother in February in Texas;

Sue and Rex Pieper, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Twyeffort, in T or C on March 6;

Susan Muir, on the death of her husband, Russ Jedlicka on March 11 in Las Cruces. Russ was a NMSU professor in electrical engineering while Sue received her PhD in range science in 1995 under the direction of Reldon Beck.

The family of Lil Sanders on her death on February 12, 2008 in San Diego. Lil was the range science secretary for a number of years.