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PUBLICATIONS

Recent departmental publications include:

“Promoter region of the bovine growth hormone receptor gene: single nucleotide polymorphism discovery in cattle and association with performance in Brangus bulls,” **Ashley Garrett**, G. Rincon, J. F. Medrano, M. A. Elzo, **Gail Silver**, and **Milt Thomas**. Journal of Animal Science 86.

TRAVELS

Traveling to the Universidad Autonoma de Chihuahua to meet and give presentations to faculty and producers were **Clint Löest**, **Mark Petersen**, and **Sergio Soto-Navarro**.

Laurie Abbott and **Kirk McDaniel** attended the New Mexico Society for Range Management summer meeting and planning committee meeting for the 2009 annual conference in Cimarron-Philmont on July 23-26. **Laurie** also attended the ADVANCING leaders retreat in Cloudcroft on August 15-16.

As chair of the DNA technology committee of the International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA), **Milt Thomas** gave a presentation to the Breed

Improvement Committee at the IBBA meeting in Nashville on August 6-8.

Attending the New Mexico Breed Race Horse Sale in Ruidoso on August 14-17 were **Joby Priest** and **Tim Ross**.

Kirk McDaniel gave a presentation at the Western University Investigator meeting on August 26-28 in Fresno, California.

Derek Bailey has been selected to participate as a CSIRO McMaster Fellowship of Visiting Scientist to meet with Australian scientists to discuss common research and future collaboration. He will be in Australia from September 4 through October 30.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

New graduate students joining the department this fall include:

Boone Carter (PhD, Löest)
Laura Garces (MS, Ivey)
Jared Gonzales (MS, Hallford)
Alison Iroz (MS, Hallford)
Laura Jacobson (MS, Cibils)
Leah Lankford (MS, Hawkins)
Shannon Malesky (MS, Turner)

Maria Martinez-Perez (MS,
Soto)

Christine Roof (MS, Ivey)
Patrick Sanchez (MS,
Ivey/Petersen)

JUDGING TEAM

The Horse Judging Team, coached by Jason Turner, participated in the NSBA World Horse Show judging contest in Tulsa, Oklahoma and the AQHA Select World Show in Amarillo, Texas on August 21-27. Team members were Sean Reagan, Logan Potts, Jacinda Hinkson, Kali Benson, Ari Wilbanks, and Emily Hibbard.

VISITING PROFESSOR

Dr. Ferhat Gokbulak of Istanbul, Turkey is a visiting professor working with Sam Fernald. He is an Associate Professor at Istanbul University, Faculty of Forestry, Department of Watershed Management. He is currently working on how forestry operations such as thinning, clearcutting, and shelterwood cutting affect water quality and quantity in fresh water-producing watersheds. His studies also focus on range-watershed rehabilitation and hydrology. During his 6-month stay at NMSU, he will use Corona Ranch data to study how vegetation change from woody species (junipers) to herbaceous forage

species influences soil moisture and temperatures at different depths, and also if woody and herbaceous species use water from the same soil depth.

ETC.

Sympathy is expressed to Gail and Ron Silver on the death of her mother on August 18 in Las Cruces.

Sympathy is also expressed to Joby and Sabrina Priest on the death of his grandfather.