PUBLICATIONS

Recent departmental publications are as follows:


TRAVELS

Sam Fernald attended the AGU Meeting of the Americas in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil on August 6-14. He gave a presentation titled “Reduced soil moisture after tree conversion to herbaceous vegetation and implications for changes in water availability thresholds.”

Derek Bailey traveled to Amman, Jordan on September 13-30 to assist with the ACDI-VOCA farmer to farmer volunteer assignment proposal for rangeland communities for NSF and the World Bank.

Jack Thomas was in Kansas City on August 23-24 for the NABC meeting, representing the WAC as Faculty Athletic Representative. He also attended a Division I FAR (Faculty Athletic Representative) meeting in Dallas on September 26-29.

GROUND BREAKING

The breaking of ground for the Southwest Center for Rangeland Sustainability at the Corona Range and Livestock Research Center was held on September 28. The demonstration center will offer unique education, outreach, research, and interdisciplinary programs with a goal of sustainability and facilitation of rural economic revitalization. Featured speakers included Shad Cox, Scott Schaefer, Carlos Acosta (representative for Lt. Governor
Diane Denish), Lynn Ditto (representative for Senator Jeff Bingaman), NMSU Regent Blake Curtis, and NMSU President Barbara Couture.

ETC.

The 4th Livestock Grazing Nutrition Conference, held in July at Estes Park, Colorado was dedicated to members of the original planning committee in 1987, which included Joe Wallace of NMSU. Others honored were Don Clanton (University of Nebraska) and Frank Hinds (University of Wyoming).

Boone Carter and Reid McDaniel, graduate students working with Clint Löest, each received a $1,000 graduate student scholarship from the Texas Cattle Feeders Association Education Foundation.

Congratulations to Ahmed and Azhar Mohamed on the birth of a son, Iyad, on September 4. Ahmed is a PhD. student in range science whose advisor is Jerry Holechek.

Sympathy is expressed to Sam Smallidge and family on the death of his father, September 12 in Maine. Sam is the interim director of RITF.