PUBLICATIONS

Recent departmental publications are as follows:


TRAVELS


Attending the Southwest Beef Symposium in Amarillo, Texas on January 18-19 were Eric Scholljegerdes, Shad Cox, Manny Encinias and Milt Thomas. Milt gave a presentation on “Cow fertility in arid environments,” while Manny and Bruce Carpenter (Texas AgriLife Extension) spoke on “Managing fertility in cows and bulls.”
Milt Thomas attended the Plant and Animal Genome conference and the NRSP-8 meeting on cattle, goats and sheep in San Diego, California on January 14-16.

CIBILS ON SABBATICAL
Andrés Cibils, associate professor of range science, will be on sabbatical leave beginning in March, 2011. He has been invited to teach a short graduate course in Grazing Ecology at three universities in Argentina (Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia Austral, Universidad Nacional de la Pampa, and Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata) and will also work on data analysis, proposal and manuscript development with collaborators at these universities. Andrés will also be attending the IX International Rangeland Congress in April in Rosario, Argentina where he will give two presentations and chair a session on livestock grazing on rangelands. In addition to his visit to Argentina, Dr. Cibils will spend a short time at the Kellogg Foundation at Michigan State University.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS
Deborah Oldham and Sarah Burnett have joined the department as graduate students this spring. Deborah is a non-thesis animal science major working with Tim Ross, while Sarah is a MS student in range science. Her advisor will be Laurie Abbott. Laura Jacobson Goodman, who completed her master’s in range science in Fall, 2010, will continue her studies at the doctorate level with Andrés Cibils.

JUDGING TEAMS
The Livestock and Wool Judging Teams participated at contests at the National Western Stock Show in Denver on January 10-16. Livestock team members are J. T. Van Huss, Lane Gallagher, Chance Jacobs, Justin Maestas, Jodi Lindsay, Cheyenne Peña with Gwen Powers as coach.

Members of the wool team are Haley Montes, Ryan Best, Chelsea Melton, and Consuelo Gunile. Patricia Black serves as coach.

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Sam Fernald, associate professor of watershed management, has been appointed as Interim Director for the NMSU Water Resources Research Institute.

Congratulations to Mike Looper, former Extension Dairy Specialist at NMSU, who received the USDA Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. Mike is currently with USDA in Arkansas.

Dr. Laura Hernandez, who completed her BS and MS in animal science at NMSU, has been hired by the University of Wisconsin Dairy Science Department as an assistant professor, beginning in May 2011.

Sympathy is expressed to:

Jerry Holechek on the death of his mother, Patsy Lee, in Oregon on December 9,

Sara and Julian Marta, on the death of her brother, Adam Petersen, on December 19,

Johnette Browne-Silva and family, on the death of her grandfather, on January 6 in Africa,
Polly Pope and family on the death of Bill Pope, on December 27 in College Station, Texas. Dr. Pope was the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at NMSU from 1976 to 1986.

PBS is airing a series on Beef and may be viewed at http://www.fieldtrip-tv.com/episodes.php. Other links include http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hg_LxD1VPgM (part 1) and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O87CbhSNT4_g (part 2). Several NMSU faculty and students are involved in the development of these programs.