PUBLICATIONS
Recent departmental publications include the following:

"Russian Knapweed and Yellow Star Thistle Poisoning of Horses," Jason Turner, Keith Duncan, and Jesse LeFevre, CES Guide B-710.


TRAVELS
Kelly Allred attended the SoBeFree (Spring Outing, Botanical Excursion, Foray Retreat and Escape to the Environment) conference in Belden, California on March 23-26.

Attending the International Rangeland Congress in Rosario, Argentina on April 1-4 were Chris Allison, Andrés Cibils, Sam Fernald, and Jerry Holechek.

Kirk McDaniel was in San Antonio, Texas on April 13-15 for the University Brush Research Committee meeting.

Representing NMSU at the Plains Nutrition Conference in San Antonio, Texas on April 14-16 were Clint Löest, Sergio Soto, Reid McDaniel and Boone Carter. Presented papers included:


"Whole corn substitution in steam-flaked corn-based diets with different concentrations of wet distillers grains plus solubles," Reid McDaniel, Derek Walker, Katie Taylor, Nathan Elam, Andy Cole, Clint Löest.

Clint Löest gave a presentation, "Development of methods and decision making tools to enable stakeholders to improve calf wellbeing: An integrated approach," at the USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Joint Animal Systems Project Directors Meeting in Washington, D.C. on April 19-21.

COLLEGE AWARDS DAY
The annual College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Awards Day was held on April 15 at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Awards were presented to Shad Cox ("Professional Staff - Off Campus Award), Dennis Hallford
("Distinguished Service Award"), Jerry Schickedanz ("Leyendecker Agriculturalist of Distinction Award"), John Wenzel ("Extension Specialist Association Award for New Specialist"), and Tom Dean ("Outstanding 4-H Agent Award" - Tom earned his BS and MS degrees in Animal and Range Sciences). Receiving recognition for Years of Service were Derek Bailey, Robert Hagevoort (CES) and Sam Smallidge (RITF) for 5 years; Laurie Abbott (10 years); Monica Hernandez (RITF - 20 years); and Jack Thomas (30 years).

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS
Receiving recognition as American Society of Animal Science Scholars are:

Seniors
Kathleen Behm, Katilyn Hanson, Cora Hollomon, Kelsey Kalbacher, Melissa Rigdon, Aurora Torres

Juniors
Kaylin Beeman, Erin Crumbley, Amy Lang, Sara Rush, Tiffinny Taylor

Sophomores
Kristen Del Villar, Ashley Gurnea, Audrea Hamlin, Chelsea Melton, Hannah Robertson, Monica Salazar

Named as "Outstanding Student in Animal Science" for Spring 2011 is Staci Stanbrough of Capitan, NM. She will graduate with High Honors and as a Crimson Scholar.

Receiving "Dean's Award of Excellence" for undergraduate students are Katie Dunn (Rio Rancho) and Sarah Lopez (Stanley, NM) while Gwen Powers (MS, animal science; Bethel, PA) will receive the "Dean's Award of Excellence" for graduate students.

STUDENT TEAMS
The Horse Judging Team, coached by Kali Benson, competed at the American Paint Horse Association Sweepstake Judging Contest in Alvarado, Texas on April 9. Team members include Lyndi Owensby, Taylor Calloway, Angela Cordova, and Kim Hopper. Twenty-two teams participated in the event.

The Ranch Horse Team competed at the National Ranch Horse competition in Abilene, Texas, finishing 3rd overall behind Texas Tech and Texas A&M University. Katie Dunn was 3rd overall in the Non-Pro division while Katy Rosencrans was 5th in the Novice class. Other team members were Sara Marta, Charles Roybal, Jacinda Hinkson, Kaycee McDaniel and Sean Reagan. Joby Priest serves as coach.

VET SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES
The following students have been accepted into Veterinary Schools for the fall 2011 semester:

Washington State University
Katilyn Hanson
Sarah Lopez
Katie Behm
Dakota Woodward

Colorado State University
Katie Cox
Josh Kloeppe1

Oregon State University
Jared Sharp

Purdue University
Xanetta Miller

SPRING/SUMMER GRADUATES
Thirty-one undergraduates and five graduate students will be completing their degrees this spring/summer. Those students with * are honor graduates while those
with # are Crimson Scholar graduates. Congratulations to all and best of luck in the future.

Range Science
Emily Petersen
Jaylene Raaum
Kiesha Yazzie

Animal Science
Kathleen Behm*#
Katherine Cox
Noel Dominguez
Katie Dunn
Najeeullah Dupass*
Janaya Estrada
Nina Gonzales
Katilyn Hanson*#
Erica Herrera
Kelsey Kalbacher*#
Joshua Kloeppel*
Alexandra Landskroener
Sarah Lopez
DeLane Luce
Michael Marricle
Kaycee McDanile*#
Lizet Ochoa*
Cody Rasor
Melissa Rigdon*#
Mallorie Scroppo
Jared Sharp
Rebecca Snyder
Staci Stanbrough*#
Keylee Topmiller
Mallory Trevino
Nina Vail
Jourdan Washburne
Elizabeth Wirick

Graduate Students
Ahmed Mohammed (PhD, RgSc)
Carlos Ochoa (PhD, RgSc)
Gwen Powers (MS, AnSc)
Katie Taylor (MS, AnSc)
Cody Terpeening (MS, AnSc)

ETC.
Sunday Peters, molecular biology graduate student working with Milt Thomas, has been awarded a $3,600 scholarship to attend the 16th Summer Institute in Statistical Genetics at the University of Washington in Seattle from June 13 to July 1.

Kellie Jurado, senior biology major who worked with Dennis Halford in his Endocrinology Lab through the MARC program, has been named recipient of the "Class of 1919 Scholarship Plaque" for highest grade point average with most credits earned at NMSU. This award is considered the Valedictorian of NMSU. Kellie has also been selected as an awardee in the Ford Foundation Fellowship 2011 predoctoral competition by the National Research Council of the National Academies. She will begin graduate studies this fall at Harvard University.

Sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Mike Meeks, who passed away on April 21, 2011. Mike began his career at NMSU as a secretary in the Poultry Department.