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**PUBLICATIONS**
A recent departmental publication includes the following: “Brush and weed control on New Mexico ranges,” Kirk McDaniel and Keith Duncan, CES Guide B-806.

**TRAVELS**
Sam Fernald attended the Tri-regional, reclamation and UCOWR meeting on July 9-18 in Denver and Boulder, Colorado.

Ryan Ashley gave a presentation titled “Expansion of ovine membrane progesterone receptors (alpha, beta, and gamma) during early pregnancy: Implications in conceptus growth and development” at the Society for Study of Reproduction meeting in Portland, Oregon on August 1-4.

Derek Bailey will give the keynote address at the 2011 New Zealand and Australian Spatially Enabled Livestock Management Symposium in Brisbane, Australia on September 24-October 17.

**NEW GRAD STUDENTS**
The following graduate students joined the department this fall:

Sarah Burnett (MS, Abbott)

Jose Caballero (MS, Soto)
Piedad Mayagoitia (PhD, Bailey)
Christopher Shelley (MS, Ivey)
Mitchell Stephenson (PhD, Bailey)
Leticia Varelas (MS, Bailey/Torell)

**ETC.**
Congratulations to Steven and DawnSheree Lunt on the birth of their son, Ethan David on July 27, 2011. Steven is a Range Science master’s student working with Derek Bailey.

Congratulations to Nick and Katie Peterson on the birth of their daughter, Harper Renee, on August 5, 2011. Nick is the Meats Lab manager.

Animal Science graduates, Michael Marricle and Kacie Deines, have been accepted to Veterinary School beginning this fall. Michael will attend Colorado State University while Kacie will be going to Oregon State University.

Mike Looper, former Extension Dairy Specialist at NMSU, has been named Head of the Animal Science Department at the University of Arkansas.