PUBLICATIONS

Recent departmental publications include the following:


TRAVELS

Ryan Ashley attended the U54 Teambuilding Retreat at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington on December 14-17.

NM SECTION, SRM

The New Mexico Section, Society for Range Management, held their annual winter meeting on January 5-6 in Socorro, New Mexico. Presentations included:

Doug Cram – “2011 NM Fire Season – Forests and Woodlands”

Nick Ashcroft – “Drought Implications to Range Management”

Sam Smallidge – “Consequences of Wildfire to Large Ungulates”

Monte Lane – NMSU Range Club report

Graduate Student Paper Presentations:

Vanessa Prileson – “Spatial distribution patterns of cattle grazing Piñon-Juniper mosaics in central New Mexico: Preliminary results”

Stephanie Lopez – “Influence of targeted grazing on
white locoweed seed bank dynamics”


SW BEEF SYMPOSIUM
The New Mexico State University Extension Service and Texas AgriLife Extension Service hosted the Southwest Beef Symposium in Roswell, New Mexico on January 17-18. NMSU personnel involved in the symposium include Manny Encinias (coordinator); Nick Ashcroft (“Response of rangelands and natural resources after wildfire and prolonged drought”); John Wenzel (“Preparing the ranch for natural disasters and ag related emergencies.”) Derek Bailey (“Grazing behavior: What we are learning with GPS”); Sam Smallidge (“Dietary interaction of cattle and elk following fire and drought”).

JUDGING TEAMS
The Horse Judging Team, coached by Laura White and assisted by Colleen Richardson, Bethany Siehr, and Nigel Miller, traveled to the NRHA (National Reining Horse Association) Futurity Collegiate Judging Contest in Oklahoma City on December 1-4 to serve as scribes and learn about collegiate horse judging. Team members were Taylor Renck, Karissa Tapia, Elizabeth Kallstrom, Veronica Alba, Micah Lawson, Katelynn Kapp, Neddie Archuleta, Kelsey Allen, Krysta Klimaj, Karen Carson, Violet Herrera, Ty Anderson, and Melissa Mott.

The Wool Judging Team competed at the National Western Livestock Show in Denver on January 9-14, finishing 5th in grading with Troy Mitchell 5th high individual in grading. The team, coached by Patricia Black, consists of Bonnie McCauley, Joslyn Beard, Cole Mounyo, and Troy Mitchell.

NEW GRAD STUDENTS
Joining the department as new graduate students this spring are:

Carolina Rivera (MS, ansc, Hallford)
David Esquibel (MS, rgsc, Abbott)
Karina Gutierrez-Jurado (MS, rgsc, Fernald)
Alfredo Rangel-Rodriguez (Ph.D., rgsc, Fernald)

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Congratulations to Richard and Amanda Dunlap of the Corona Range and Livestock Research Center, on the birth of a son, Skeet Myles, on December 31, 2011 in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Two animal science majors have represented NMSU and New Mexico as “Miss Rodeo New Mexico.” Kaycee McDaniel, Miss Rodeo New Mexico for 2011, is from Lovington and participated in the Miss Rodeo America 2012 Pageant at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada in December, finishing as 4th runner-up. She was also a winner of the written test given contestants. Danika Jackson of Las Cruces, will serve as Miss Rodeo New Mexico for 2012.

Sympathy is expressed to Tim and Paula Ross on the death of her father, Paul Klindt, on January 13 in Davenport, Iowa.