PUBLICATIONS

Recent departmental publications include:


TRAVELS

Tim Ross and Andrés Cibils traveled to Punta Arenas, Chile on May 28 to June 3 to visit with researchers at the Instituto Nacional de Investigacion Agropecuaria (INIA) and faculty at the Universidad de Magallanes (UMAG). The visit included observing INIA-Kampenaik sheep AI program, touring their experimental ranch and visiting a few sheep and cattle ranches in the region of Magallanes. Discussions on increasing collaboration ties between NMSU and both Chilean institutions were held. Signing of MOUs with INIA and UMAG will allow an increase in student and faculty exchange among these institutions.

Andrés Cibils also traveled to Argentina to visit with faculty at the Universidad Nacional de La Pampa and the Universidad Nacional de Mar del Plata to review ongoing or upcoming joint grazing research projects. Implementation of student and faculty exchange programs were also discussed.

Clint Löest served as a member of the Program Committee Organizers for the 23rd Discover Conference on Bovine Immunology: The Intersection of Innate and Acquired Immunity in Itasca, Illinois from May 29 to June 1.
Attending the 4-H Horse School in Albuquerque from June 10-15 was Joby Priest.

Shanna Ivey and Melanie Beckman attended the Algae Biofuels Conference in San Diego, California on June 10-14. Melanie gave a poster presentation titled “Digestibility of Algae Biofuel Co-product in a Forage Diet.”

Nick Ashcroft and Sam Smallidge of Range Improvement Task Force served on a panel to discuss Natural Resources Policy, specifically Pasture Insurance and Public Land Doctrine at the Joint Stockman’s summer meeting in Ruidoso, New Mexico on June 24-26.

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Dr. Amy Ganguli, currently of North Dakota State University, has accepted the faculty position in Range Sciences, beginning August 16. Dr. Ganguli received her B.S. degree from the University of Rhode Island in Wildlife Biology and Management, her M.S. in Range Science at Texas Tech University and her Ph.D. in Rangeland Ecology at Oklahoma State University. She has previously worked as an ecosystem/rangeland ecologist with Ecosystem Management Research Institute in Seeley Lake, Montana, the USDA Forest Service in Boise Idaho before joining the range science faculty at North Dakota State University. Her research interest as a plant community ecologist is towards developing effective management strategies for invasive plants and preventing new invasions. At NDSU, she has created a fire research program that has focused on fire behavior and fire effects in rangelands.

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ALLISON RETIRES
Chris Allison, Extension Animal Sciences and Natural Resources department head, will retire June 30 after 34 years at NMSU. Chris received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in range science at NMSU and his Ph.D. in range science from Texas A&M. His extension duties were providing educational programs in grazing management and range livestock production. He also worked on public land policy and grazing management on federal lands as a member of the Range Improvement Task Force. Among his awards are the College’s “Fabian Garcia Founders Award of Excellence,” College’s “Distinguished Extension Award,” and New Mexico Society for Range Management’s “Excellence in Range Management Award.”

ETC.
Welcome to Celia Salinas who will join the department July 1 as administrative assistant in the front office. Celia previously has worked at the NMSU Soil and Water Testing Laboratory and will be filling the position vacated by Stacey Madson.

Congratulations to John Campbell, Joby Priest and Nick Peterson who recently received Honorary State FFA degrees at the State FFA Convention in June.

Sympathy is expressed to Kelly and Lynda Allred on the death of his mother, Virginia, on June 10, 2012 in Utah.

Patricia Black, who received her Ph.D. in animal science this spring, has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Animal Science in the Department of Agricultural Sciences at Morehead
University in Morehead, Kentucky. Tim Ross served as her advisor at NMSU.

Congratulations to Chris Shelley on being named the 2012 recipient of the New Mexico Cattle Growers’ Association Scholarship. Chris is pursuing his M.S. degree in animal science working with Dr. Ivey.