PUBLICATIONS

Recent departmental publications include:


ROUSH AWARD

Congratulations to Andrés Cibils on receiving the “Donald C. Roush Excellence in Teaching Award” for the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences at the 2014 Spring Convocation. Recipients are selected by the Academic Deans, taking into consideration input from department heads and students.

TRAVELS

Traveling to Mali on January 3-13 to work on a USAID-Winrock International assignment was Andrés Cibils. He collaborated with Malian colleagues and stakeholders to develop a draft of a synthesis paper analyzing 50
livestock small-holder case studies from around the country.

**Derek Bailey** gave a presentation, “Herbivore Grazing Distribution Patterns,” at the University of Arizona Range Animal Nutrition workshop on January 7-8.

**Ryan Ashley** traveled to Kansas City, Missouri on January 9-12 to attend the Alpha Gamma Rho Advisor Forum. Ryan serves as advisor of the NMSU Chapter.

**Laura White** served as Superintendent of the Youth Horse Judging Contest at the National Western Stock Show in Denver on January 9-13. Laura also attended a Senior Judging Seminar and Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma on January 24-26.

Serving as a committee member for two Master of Science students exams in Mexicali, Mexico on January 11-14 was **Sergio Soto-Navarro**.

Representing NMSU as faculty athletic representative at the NCAA Convention on January 16-17 was **Jack Thomas**.

**NMSRM MEETING**

Several NMSU faculty and graduate students attended the 2014 Winter Meeting of the New Mexico Section of the Society for Range Management in Truth or Consequences on January 9-10. Presentations included:

- “Issues and opportunities with prescribed fire” - **Amy Ganguli**
- “Wildfire behavior” - **Doug Cram**
- “White locoweed control with aminopyralid and picloram in New Mexico” – **Laura Goodman**
- “Mother-infant interactions in rangeland-raised beef cattle” – **Mohammed Sawalhah**
- “Phenological changes in nutritive value of honey mesquite leaves, pods, and flowers” – **Piedad Mayagoitia**
- “Association patterns of visually-observed and GPS-tracked cattle in the western United States” – **Mitch Stephenson**

**Laurie Abbott** received the “President’s Award” and **Derek Bailey** was named President of the New Mexico Section, SRM.

**WOOL JUDGING TEAM**

NMSU fielded two wool judging teams at the National Western Stock Show in Denver on January 18. The teams placed 7th and 12th, respectively out of 14 teams. Individual awards went to **Ashley Gilpin** (6th overall individual out of 56 contestants) and **Daniel Fellwock** (8th on the grading rail out of 56 contestants). The teams were coached by **Whit Stewart** and were accompanied by **John Campbell**, Coordinator of judging programs.

![2014 Wool Judging Teams](image)

**NEW FACULTY MEMBER**

**Dr. Adam Summers** from the University of Nebraska has accepted the cattle physiology position vacated by Milt Thomas and will begin his duties on July 7, 2014. Adam is currently a post-doctoral research associate at the
University of Nebraska-Lincoln working with Dr. Andrea Cupp. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in animal science from Utah State University (Logan, UT) and his Ph.D. in animal science/reproductive physiology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2012. He has served as teaching assistant in courses such as endocrinology, beef production, and sheep production. Adam was recipient of the Animal Reproduction in Agriculture Research Fellowship by the Society for the Study of Reproduction in 2013, the Midwest ASAS Young Scholar Award in 2013, and has placed 1st, 2nd (twice), and 3rd in the Western Section ASAS Applied Animal Science Paper category. He is also the author and co-author of numerous journal articles, proceedings, abstracts, and departmental/extension publications.

**INTERIM DEPT. HEAD SEARCH**

Since Tim Ross has announced his intentions to retire on July 1, 2014, a committee for the internal search for an interim department head has been appointed. Members are Derek Bailey (CHAIR), Ryan Ashley, Sergio Soto, Jason Turner, Andrés Cibils, and Gaylene Fasenko. Faculty and staff are asked to contact the committee with names of potential candidates.

**BEEF CATTLE ROUNDTABLE**

The Chaves County Extension Service Office hosted the Beef Cattle Roundtable on Tuesday, January 28 in Roswell, New Mexico. Program director is Sandra Key Barraza while panel members include Marcy Ward, Nick Ashcroft, Jerry Hawkes, and John Wenzel from the NMSU Extension Animal Sciences and Natural Resources Department.

**ETC.**

Sympathy is expressed to Kris Robles, departmental Tech Support Coordinator, on the death of his father, Robert Robles of El Paso, Texas. Services were held Saturday, January 25, 2014 in El Paso.

Congratulations to the following in recognition of their years of service to ACES:

- **Rob McNeely** – 35 years
- **Lisa Blan** (Clayton Livestock Research Center) - 25 years
- **Kathy Bustos** (Extension Animal Sciences/Natural Resources) – 20 years
- **Andrés Cibils** – 10 years

New graduate students entering the program this spring include Christabel Castro and Kelly Ellis. Both are Master of Ag students working with Gaylene Fasenko and Dennis Hallford, respectively.

Congratulations to Jenny Castillo on the birth of a grandson, Orlando Gavin Calvo Castillo on January 28.

Jeff Bader, who received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in animal science in 1981 and 1984, respectively, has been named Director of Cooperative Extension Service at Montana State University.

Winners of the Judging Teams’ spring fundraiser raffle (sides of pork) were John Hefley and Jenny Castillo.