RETIREMENTS

Effective July 1, 2014, Drs. Tim Ross and Jack Thomas will officially retire from the Department after 32 and 34 years, respectively. Dr. Ross, a native of Hope, Arkansas, joined the faculty in February of 1982 as sheep physiologist. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Arkansas and his Ph.D. at North Carolina State University. Courses taught at NMSU include Introductory Animal Science, Sheep and Wool Production, Dairy Production, and Environmental Physiology. His research has been directed towards increasing ewe productivity in range and farm flocks and methods to increase embryonic and neonatal lamb survival. He has served as major advisor to 39 graduate students. Among his many awards are being named a Distinguished Achievement Professor, receiving FFA Distinguished Service Award, Honorary State FFA Degree, Gamma Sigma Delta “Distinguished Graduate Teaching/Advisement Award,” National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) “Teaching Award of Merit,” Western Section, American Society of Animal Science (WSAS “Distinguished Teacher Award,” College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences “Distinguished Teaching Award”, New Mexico Wool Growers’ “Amigo Award,” and the University of Arkansas, Department of Animal Science “Graduate of Distinction” award. Tim has served as coach of the Wool Judging Team, President of WSASAS, member and chair of numerous departmental, college and university chairs during his tenure at NMSU. He has also served as faculty advisor to Block and Bridle, Alpha Zeta, and Pre-Vet clubs. He and his wife Paula have four children and three grandchildren.

Dr. Thomas grew up in Woodward, Oklahoma and received his B.S. degree from Oklahoma State University. His M.S. degree was earned at Kansas State University and received his Ph.D. from University of Missouri. He came to NMSU in 1980 as Meats instructor. He has taught Livestock Slaughter and Processing, Live Animal and Carcass Evaluation, Meat Technology and
Agricultural Animals of the World. While most of his assignment has been in teaching, he has mentored six graduate students in researching carcass characteristics and meat quality. Jack served as Faculty Senate Chair, advisor to the FarmHouse Fraternity, Block and Bridle, Meats Judging Team, and was the NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative. His awards and recognitions include Ag/Home Ec Week “Outstanding Teacher Award,” Collegiate FFA “Teacher of the Year,” “Donald Roush Award for Excellence in Teaching,” College of Agricultural, Environmental and Consumer Sciences “Distinguished Teaching Award”, “Distinguished Service Award” and “Outstanding Advisor Award,” and “Who’s Who Among American Teachers.” The FarmHouse Fraternity has awarded him the “Daryl Snyder Alumni Award for Outstanding Service” and the “Master Builder Award”. Jack and Cathy have two children and one grandson.

A retirement party to celebrate their many accomplishments and contributions to the department will be held July 2, 2014 at the NMSU Golf Course Banquet Room beginning at 6 pm. For more information on this event, contact Dennis Hallford (dhallfor@nmsu.edu).

PUBLICATIONS
Recent departmental and extension publications include:


TRAVELS
As NMSU’s NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative, Jack Thomas attended the WAC meeting in Kansas City, MO on May 12-14 and the SunBelt Conference meeting in Destin, Florida on May 17-19.

Jerry Holechek will be in Germany on May 15-27 to evaluate farming, grazing, and watershed management practices in that country.

Andrés Cibils will be attending the North American Regional Meeting of the International Society for Applied Ethology in East Lansing, Michigan on May 30-31. He will be presenting a paper, “Classifying rangeland-raised Brangus cows into behavioral syndrome groups: A preliminary assessment”, co-authored by Laura Goodman, Andrés Cibils, and Lyndi Owensby.

AES GRAD RESEARCH
The NMSU Agricultural Experiment Station recently established graduate research awards. Faculty in the department earning these grants include:
**Derek Bailey** – “Integration of genetic markers in cattle selection to improve adaptability and grazing management in mountainous and extensive rangeland”

**Amy Ganguli** – “Innovative approaches to restoring riparian ecosystems”

**Clint Löest, Mike Hubbert** – “Discovery of natural alternatives to reduce or replace the use of anabolic growth promoting agents in beef cattle production,”

**Eric Scholljegerdes, Mike Hubbert** – “Effects of arrival dehydration status of newly received high-risk feeder calves on feedlot health and performance”

**HORSE AND BULL SALE**

The annual NMSU Horse and Bull Sale was held on April 26. Twenty horses were sold for a total of $38,800 with an average price of $1,940 while 27 bulls fetched a total of $95,100, averaging $3,522.

**STUDENT RECOGNITIONS**

**Kyia Lively**, animal science major, was recipient of the “Roberts Memorial Student Award” given each spring to students who have “made the greatest contribution toward enhancing the university’s quality of life.” Kyia was nominated by Gaylene Fasenko and Laura White for her efforts in starting Aggie P.A.W. to raise awareness and educate about Service Dogs at NMSU and in the community. She is an active member of the NMSU Horse Judging team, Collegiate 4-H and Block and Bridle and served as Vice-President of Monagle Hall Council.

**Receiving American Society of Animal Science Scholastic Achievement Certificates were:**

**Seniors:** Jacqueline Alford, Matthew Crouse, Katelyn Gorman, Kyra Grant, Jenica Moore, Lyndi Owensby, Chelsea Reimholz

**Juniors:** Veronica Alba, Adriana Alire, Elizabeth Floyd, Jesus Herrera, Alejandra Lerma, Paola Villalobos

**Sophomores:** Larisa Estrada, Kyanna Martinez, Marc Medina, Brandon Meyeroff, Natalie Padilla, Elliott Romo

Graduating seniors receiving the departmental “Graduate of Distinction Medallion” for Spring 2014 were **Taylor Calloway, Matthew Crouse, Consuelo Gurule, Lyndi Owensby, Claren Wilson**.

Consuelo Gurule, Lyndi Owensby, Taylor Calloway, Megan Coleson, Matthew Crouse
Consuelo was named “Outstanding Student in Animal and Range Sciences”, Lyndi was the Alumni Association “Outstanding Student in College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences” while Taylor, Megan, and Matthew received Dean’s Awards of Excellence.

**S.P.R.I.N.G. B.A.N.Q.U.E.T**

Approximately 170 students, faculty and staff attended the 3rd annual Spring Banquet, held this year on May 2 at the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. Each departmental club had student displays and the NMSU Horseman’s Association was declared the winner. The cake auction earned $2265 while the silent auction took in $727.

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Congratulations to John Campbell on being one of three non-tenure track faculty members selected by his peers to serve on the NMSU Faculty Senate.

New Mexico State University, specifically the Animal and Range Sciences Department, has been selected as one of the top 10 Pre-Vet Colleges in the United States by Vettechcolleges.com. Criteria used for determination of this designation include (1) Advising specifically for pre-vet students; (2) Veterinary school agreements; (3) Hands-on experience; (4) Pre-Vet Club; (5) Terrific electives or special agreements.

Congratulations to Mike Casabonne, Animal Science alumnus, who has been named the New Mexico Wool Growers’ Association “Sheepman of the Year.”