PUBLICATIONS
The following is a recent departmental publication:

NM SRM MEETING
Attending the New Mexico Section, Society for Range Management meeting in Socorro, NM on January 8-9 were Amy Ganguli, Derek Bailey, Laurie Abbott, Andrés Cibils, Sam Smallidge, and Nick Ashcroft. NMSU Range Club members attending and participating in a Quiz Bowl against range professionals were Michael Meyers, Madeline Vohldahl, Jessee Page, and Samantha Hilborn. Graduate Students attending and giving posters were Dave Stricklan (“Using herding and strategic placement of supplement to reduce cattle residence time in riparian areas”); Jose Diaz (“Economics of Raramiri Criollo vs. British crossbred cattle production in the Chihuahuan Desert”); and Laura Goodman (“Behavioral syndromes in rangeland-raised Brangus cows”). Other presentations were given by Sam Smallidge (“Dune Sagebrush Lizard”), and Nick Ashcroft (“NM meadow jumping mouse: the story behind it”). Derek Bailey was presented with the Outgoing President award while Michael Meyers received an Outstanding Service Award for his role as NMSU Range Club President. The Excellence in Range Management Award went to the BLM-Farmington Field Office of which former NMSU range science student Angela Yemma is a member, and the U.S. Forest Service – Jicarilla Ranger District. Former range science student, Anthony Madrid, was a member of the latter group. Another former range science major, Nathan Combs, received the President’s Award.

TRAVELS
Laura White conducted a horse judging contest at the National Western Stock Show in Denver on January 8-11.
Sam Fernald attended the EPSCOR meeting in Albuquerque on January 11-2.
Attending the Southwest Beef Symposium in Amarillo on January 14-15 were Ray Hamilton and Marcy Ward.
DEPARTMENT HEAD

Interviews for the Department Head position in Animal and Range Sciences are scheduled to begin in February. **Michael Day** (Ohio State University) will be on campus February 9-10; **Evan Titgemeyer** (Kansas State University) will be here February 16-17; while **Glenn Duff** (Montana State University) is scheduled to visit on February 19-20.

NEW GRAD STUDENTS

New graduate students joining the department this spring include:

- **Jacqueline Alford** (MS; Löest)
- **Zeno Bester** (PhD; Löest)
- **Jasper Brusuelas** (PhD; Fernald/Ashcroft)
- **Fatima Guadalupe Continanza** (PhD; Cibils)
- **Ashley Gurnea** (MS; Hallford)
- **Shelemia, Nyamuryekunge** (MS; Cibils)
- **Jessee Page** (MS; Ganguli)
- **Dave Sticklan** (PhD; Bailey)
- **Kayla Wells** (MS; White)

WOOL TEAM

The NMSU Wool Judging Team, coached by **Whit Stewart** and assisted by **Kirsten Creighton**, participated at the National Western Stock Show in Denver on January 15, 2015. The team of **Adam Alberson**, **Ana Gardea**, **Santiago Morgan**, and **Josiah Brooks** placed 10th overall while the team of **Alexis Villegas**, **Megan Lettenberger**, **Christian Gutierrez**, and **Brian Roberts** finished 2nd place in Handspinning. **Megan** was 1st High Individual in Handspinning Division, while **Alexis and Adam** finished as 2nd and 6th High Individuals in the Handspinning Division. **Dr. John Campbell**, Judging Team Coordinator, also accompanied the team.

![Wool Judging Team](image)

**ETC.**

Congratulations to **Sarah and Issac Veeder** on the birth of their daughter, Sophie Grace, on January 1, 2015.

Sympathy is expressed to **Sergio Soto-Navarro** on the death of his mother in Cuidad Obregon, Mexico on January 6, 2015.

**Laura Goodman**, who will complete her PhD in range science this spring under the guidance of Andrés Cibils, has accepted an Assistant Professor of Rangeland and Forage Systems position (Extension/Teaching) at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK.

Speedy recovery wishes are extended to **Dean Hawkins**, former faculty member, who underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor on January 21 at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas. He has been released from the hospital but will remain in Houston for a couple more weeks for observation.
Jumping Balloon