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HAWKINS TO LEAVE

Dean Hawkins has accepted a position as Head of the Department of Agricultural Sciences at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, beginning in January, 2009. Dean joined the department in August of 1992 after a two-year NIH postdoctoral at Colorado State University. He received an associate's degree at Clarendon College, a bachelor's degree at Texas Tech and his Ph.D. at Texas A&M. At NMSU, he has taught classes on physiology of reproduction, advanced physiology of reproduction, molecular techniques in reproductive physiology, gonadal and uterine endocrinology and artificial insemination. His research has focused on regulation of anterior pituitary gland function and mechanisms governing folliculogenesis and progesterone synthesis by the corpus luteum.

McDANIEL RETIRES

Kirk McDaniel has announced his retirement effective October 31, 2008, although he will retain a 25% appointment as range brush and weed control specialist. Kirk joined the department in 1978 after receiving his doctorate at Texas A&M. He received his B.S. at Humboldt State University in

California and his M.S. at Oregon State University. His research efforts have centered on taxonomy, ecology, and control of major shrub and weed species found in New Mexico with particular emphasis on evaluating efficacy of various herbicides on rangeland plants.

TRAVELS

Jack Thomas attended the Division 1A athletic directors meeting and WAC Council fall meeting in Dallas on September 28-October 1.

Carlos Ochoa attended the BSSA-GSA joint annual meeting in Houston, Texas on October 5-9.

Milt Thomas will travel to UC-Davis on November 5-8 to work on RNA extraction to prep for transcriptome sequence.

Invited to give a presentation at the Gordon Niswender Mini-Symposium in Fort Collins on November 6-8 is **Dean Hawkins**.

PUBLICATIONS

A recent departmental publication includes the following:
"Effects of rumen-protected methionine supplementation and bacterial lipopolysaccharide infusion on nitrogen metabolism

and hormonal responses of growing beef steers,” Justin Waggoner, Clint Löest, Clay Mathis, Dennis Hallford, and Mark Petersen. Journal of Animal Science 86(10).

FLOCK FLEECE AND RESERVE CHAMPION FARM FLOCK FLEECE.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

JUDGING TEAM

The Horse Judging Team, coached by **Jason Turner**, competed at the AQHA Congress in Columbus, Ohio on October 10-16. The team placed 5th overall (out of 26 teams), 8th in halter, 5th in performance, and 6th in reasons. Logan Potts was 11th in reasons and tied for 8th overall high individual. Team members are Kali Benson, Jacinda Hinkson, Emily Hibbard, Ari Wilbanks, and Logan Potts.

WOOL SHOW

Fleeces from NMSU’s West Sheep Unit and Corona Range and Livestock Research Center earned top honors at the New Mexico State Fair Wool Show. In the Range Division, CRLRC won 1st in Fine Ewe (northern), 4th in ½ Blood Ewe (northern), 1st and 2nd in 70’s – 80’s Ewe Lamb, and 1st in 64’s Ram. Fleeces from CRLRC also earned CHAMPION RANGE FLEECE, RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FLEECE, AND CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES.

In the Farm Flock Division, the West Sheep Unit received 1st and 2nd place in ½ Blood & Finer Ewe as well as CHAMPION FARM

