Annual Highlights Features ANSC Research
The North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and NDSU Extension Service 2016 Annual Highlights publication features several items relating to the Department of Animal Sciences.

Page 15 talks about the construction of the new Veterinary Diagnostic Lab. The 27,000 square foot, $18 million facility is expected to be completed in the summer of 2017.

Page 25 highlights research which is being conducted by Gerald Stokka and Miranda Meehan which will help livestock producers manage livestock and land through stewardship.

Page 12 discusses research Kasey Maddock Carlin is doing on anabolic implants and beta agonists (feed additives) which improve feedlot performance and carcass measures in beef cattle.

Kendall Swanson’s research on finishing diets and how dried distiller’s grains and finely vs. coarsely dry-rolled corn can save cattle producers money is showcased on page 13.

The complete booklet, which includes many additional items featuring other departments, is available at http://www.ndsu.edu/vpag/annual_highlights/.

Students in the Small Mammal and Exotic Animal Health and Husbandry course had an interactive tour of the Dr. Amanda E. Brooks lab on December 9. Jacob Shreffler and Dr. Brooks gave demonstrations to the students.

(photo by Lisa Christenson)
Sheep Shearing at the NDSU Sheep Unit – NDSU Sheep Unit Facebook

December 12 was shearing day at the NDSU Sheep Unit. While shearer Hillary Gietzen sheared the pregnant Columbia Ewes, Sheep Unit personnel collected fleece samples to gather microinformation on the ewes.

The wool that was shorn on Monday is now in storage for the year. These bags have been labeled with the date and breed that the wool came from. This wool will be sold later in 2017 after spring and summer shearing is complete.

Department Holiday Potluck/Retirement Party Held

The annual department holiday potluck was held on Thursday, December 15, with close to 80 department faculty, staff, and graduate students, as well as numerous retirees in attendance. The potluck also featured the retirement reception for administrative assistant Holly Erdmann (shown here reading her farewell speech). Holly has been on campus about 29½ years and in Animal Sciences since the fall of 1990. She will retire on December 30.

Safe travels to our students during their travels during break!