JAM Events and Accolades – A number of department faculty and graduate students have been attending the Joint Annual Meeting of the American Society of Animal Science, American Dairy Science Association, Canadian Animal Science Association, and the Western Section American Society of Animal Science in Salt Lake City this week. Here are some highlights of the meeting.

- Larry Reynolds received the ASAS Fellow Award in the research category. The award recognizes persons for distinguished service to the animal industry. It is the highest recognition the society bestows on members.

- Larry Reynolds gave an invited TED-style talk on “Importance of Animals in Agricultural Sustainability and Food Security.”

- Graduate students Faithe Keomanivong and Matt Crouse were the recipients of the Wilson G. Pond travel awards. A small number of students (2-6) are chosen to receive the award each year. The award is for travel to an international meeting. Previous recipients from NDSU include Alison Meyer (2009), Christy Oliver (2010), Leticia Camacho (2012), Erin Harris (NDSU M.S. graduate 2010 who received the award in 2013), and Alison Crane and Jena Peine (2014).
Kendall Swanson was ranked among the top 10 reviewers for 2015-2016. As such, he will receive an upgrade to Open Access at no additional charge for one paper published in the Journal of Animal Science during the next 12 months.

Kyle McLean completed his term as Graduate Director on the ASAS Board of Directors.

Memorial Services Set for Michael Buchanan – Wright Funeral Home
Michael Buchanan, 34, son of David and Cindy Buchanan, passed away in his sleep on Friday, July 15. Survivors include his parents, his brother Peter (Renee) and his sister Amy, his Grandma Arlene Gibson, and Auntie Virginia Yates, as well as numerous aunts and uncles and cousins, and countless friends.

A prayer service will be held at Wright Funeral Home in Moorhead at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, preceded by visitation from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The main service will be on Friday, August 5, at 2:00 p.m. at Salem Evangelical Free Church in Fargo. The family will be there at 1:00 p.m. to greet people.

Memorials should go to Gigi’s Playhouse in Fargo or to Hope Lutheran Church designated for Night to Shine.

“Michael lived life to the fullest every single day. To know him was to be his friend and for him to have your phone number was to be guaranteed that there would always be a voicemail waiting for you. Always.”
GoFundMe Page Established for Kayla (Skunberg) Elliott
A GoFundMe page has been established for Kayla Elliott, daughter of ANPC manager Terry Skunberg. Kayla, who worked in the department during her undergraduate years at NDSU, and her two children (Savannah 2 and Evan 6-months) were in a car accident on Saturday, July 16. While the children escaped unharmed, Kayla suffered a fractured ankle and a serious spinal injury. With possible rehab in Denver or Minneapolis, donations would help and be appreciated. The GoFundMe site is https://www.gofundme.com/2f4f3jw.

Meehan Invited Speaker
Miranda Meehan, Extension Environmental Stewardship Specialist, was an invited speaker at the International Rangeland Congress which was held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, July 16-22. Dr. Meehan presented information about efforts to explain the ecological dynamic of streams in North Dakota.