



Animal Sciences News

Week of March 6, 2016

Graduate Seminar – Sarah Wagner, Coordinator

There is no seminar the week of March 13, 2016, because of Spring Break.

Friday Afternoon Club – Kendall Swanson and Larry Reynolds, Facilitators

Date/Time: Friday, March 11; 3:00 p.m.

Location: Hultz 104

Topic: Practice Session for Grad Student Presentations for Midwest ASAS Meeting

Anyone interested in giving their ASAS presentation at Friday Afternoon Club is asked to contact Kendall Swanson (231-6502) prior to Friday.

Collegiate Cattlewomen “Cupcakes, Canvas, and Cows” (photo by Taylor Fox)

The NDSU Collegiate Cattlewomen hosted a “Cupcakes, Canvas, and Cows” event on Sunday, March 6, at the Baymont Inn in Fargo. Approximately 28 club members, advisors, and other cattle lovers attended the event where they painted a portrait of a cow (or alternatively their home state), enjoyed cupcakes, and listened to ANSC Ph.D. graduate student Mellissa Crosswhite who gave a positive message about what it is like to be a woman in the beef industry today and talked about her research.



Spring Break – March 14-18

No Classes; offices open 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Hunt Seat Team Wins First Regional High-Point Team Title – Adapted from Mattia Gunkelman with Ellen Crawford, Agriculture Communication

The NDSU Hunt Seat Team finished its regular season by being named reserve champion team at the IHSA show held at the University of Minnesota-Crookston on February 27.

The team went on to regional competition February 28 where several team members experienced considerable success:

Rebecca Prasch – champion, open over fences; third, open flat
Bryn Halley – champion, walk/trot
Kayla Young – reserve champion, open flat; third, open over fences
Hailey Aagard – reserve champion, walk/trot/canter
Morgan Samuelson – third, novice over fences; third, novice flat
Erin Thelander – fifth, walk/trot/canter
Samantha Stoel – sixth, novice over fences

Prasch, Halley, Young, and Aagard each placed in the top two in their classes at regionals and will go on to compete in individual competition at the zone event.

The team also won their first-ever high point team award for the region. As such, NDSU is able to send a full team of riders to zones to compete for team placings. The following students will be the zone team riders (listed with the events in which they will compete).



Kayla Young – open over fences and open flat
Morgan Samuelson – intermediate over fences and intermediate flat
Nick Scarberry – novice over fences
Dana Williams – novice flat
Bridget Kackos – walk/trot/canter
Emma Ballard – walk/trot

Photo Caption (photo by Michelle Samuelson)

Row 1 – Rebecca Prasch, Coach Mattia Gunkelman, Bryn Halley
Row 2 – Sarah Jilka, Kayla Young, Erin Thelander, Lauren Ciernia, Bridget Kackos, Hailey Aagard, Morgan Samuelson, Samantha Stoel
Row 3 – Kara Berntson, Dana Williams, Madysen Offerman, Nick Scarberry, Emma Ballard



Interns Visit Campus – Story and photo by Kim Vonnahme

The department played host to Holly Webb (L) and Chloe Mitchell (R), who are interning as science writers with the American Society of Animal Science, from Tuesday, March 2, through Friday, March 4. The women are both from Australia. Their task was to see some real animal science research in action. While they were here, they visited with students, faculty, and staff about research that is on-going. They also sat in on reproduction, nutrition, and animal genetics classes and met with representatives of Agriculture Communication.

Extension Event – I-29 Moo University Dairy Beef Short Course – adapted from story by J.W. Schroeder with Ellen Crawford, NDSU Agriculture Communication

The I-29 Moo University Dairy Beef Short Course will be held Tuesday, March 29. The event will include two bus tour stops at dairy facilities in South Dakota and two panel discussions. One panel will discuss managing dairy operations to meet consumer demands and the other will discuss permitting and public relations involved in building a dairy feedlot. In addition, the tour will stop at Sioux Falls Regional Livestock, Worthing, S.Dak., where manager Brad Klostergaard will discuss the buyer perspective on dairy beef animals.

"If you are thinking about starting a dairy beef feedlot, this program will give you the information you need," says J.W. Schroeder, associate professor emeritus and dairy specialist for the North Dakota State University Extension Service, one of the sponsors of the short course and tours.

Registration for the course and tours is \$25 per person and includes transportation and lunch. Registration is due by March 25. To register, visit <http://igrow.org/events> or call 605-882-5140.

Animal Sciences Community Outreach



Students Participate in Living Ag Classroom

(photo from NDSU Saddle and Sirloin Club Facebook page)
NDSU Saddle & Sirloin Club members and other College of Agriculture students participated in the Living Ag Classroom at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds the week of March 1. Over 2,000 students from area schools came to learn about different farm products and various agriculture topics.

Animal Agriculture at North Dakota Winter Show

(original story and photo from KFGO News - <http://kfgo.com/blogs/headlines-with-heinrich/1720/farms-kids-for-a-day-event-at-the-nd-winter-show-promotes-agriculture-education/>)

Justin Crosswhite represented the department at the “Farm Kids for a Day” event at the North Dakota Winter Show in Valley City on Monday, March 7, where kids and adults were able to see and interact with live cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, and horses, and ask questions about them and animal agriculture.



Berg Advocates for Red Meat in the Diet

(photo from Cattle Business Weekly, March 2, 2016)

On Thursday, February 25, Eric Berg traveled to South Dakota State University where he was the keynote speaker for the SDSU University Lecture Series. The title of his presentation was, “Eating Like a Pig, the Role of Meat in a Healthy Human Diet.” He noted that diet is complex because of differing environmental experiences and genetic codes. However, he stated that his research using pigs, which are the animals closest to humans in anatomy and physiology, suggests that muscle-based diets versus plant-based diets could be a positive factor in reducing obesity and diabetes.



Starter Flock Applications Being Accepted – David Brown, Executive Secretary, North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association (NDLWPA)

Since 2008, when the North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers initiated the Starter Flock Program, 800 ewes have been awarded to youth in the state of North Dakota in order that they might pursue a venture in the lamb and wool industry. Again this year, the NDLWPA will award 10 flocks of sheep to deserving youth in our state.

The goal of the Starter Flock program is to foster a lifelong connection with the lamb and wool industry while providing an opportunity for the youth of our state to get a start in agriculture. The program is very unique in that it provides a connection between generations, as each recipient is assigned a mentor who is a former shepherd from the NDLWPA. Winners of a flock must attend a New Shepherd Workshop where the NDLWPA, along with North Dakota State University Extension Service, sponsor seminars on nutrition, breeding, animal welfare, wool, shearing, and financial responsibilities of tending to a flock of sheep.

This year's application is attached separately to the newsletter. The deadline to apply is **May 15** and winners will be announced by July 8.

Ultimately, our efforts to foster the next generation of shepherds in our state have been successful. We could not have gotten to this point without the volunteer efforts of our members who serve as mentors for the recipients and pass on their knowledge to the youth. This effort is totally self-funded by the NDLWPA. If you have additional questions, please contact: David W. Brown, ndlwpa@gmail.com, website – www.ndlwpa.com, 701-840-7598.

Western Team Riders Advance to Semifinal Competition – Tara Swanson with Ellen Crawford, NDSU Agriculture Communications

Three members of the NDSU Western equestrian team have advanced to semifinal competition, which will be held at the University of Findlay (Ohio) on March 19-20. The three are Sarah Garrison, a junior from White Bear Lake, Minn.; Megan Haugen, a junior from Larimore; and Courtney Bolstad, a senior from Fergus Falls, Minn. They earned the right to compete in the semifinals because of their showing in regional competition February 21 at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. The top two riders in each level are eligible to compete in the semifinals.

Two other team members also placed at the regionals. Darian Hiemer, a senior from Horace, took fifth in intermediate horsemanship, and Kaylee Bliss, a sophomore from Andover, Minn., placed fifth in walk-trot horsemanship. The five riders were among nine team members who competed in regionals. The others and the level in which they competed were:

- Hailey Aagard, a senior from Wadena, Minn., novice horsemanship
- Caryn Meindl, a senior from Breckenridge, Minn., intermediate horsemanship
- Emily Harlow, a freshman from Stillwater, Minn., intermediate horsemanship
- Sheridan Heid, a freshman from Fridley, Minn., intermediate horsemanship

Microsoft Office Slowdowns or Freezes – Let's Communicate from NDSU Agriculture Communications, March 2016, No. 242

A number of people have been experiencing slowdowns or freezes with their Microsoft Office 2013 programs. In many recent cases, this is due to a bug in an update Microsoft released a couple weeks ago. While the bug already has been removed from the Windows update server, a few people may have been affected. The issue can usually be reversed by removing the offending update (KB3114717). Here's how:

1. Click on **start** and enter **run** in the search box at the bottom and press the **enter key**.
2. In the command window, type **Appwiz.cpl** and select **OK**.
3. Select **view installed updates**.
4. In the list, locate and select **KB3114717**, and then select **uninstall**.