



Animal Sciences News

Week of May 29, 2016

Berg to Receive AMSA Award

The American Meat Science Association (AMSA) has announced that Dr. Eric Berg, professor and associate department head in the Department of Animal Sciences, is the recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Teaching Award. The award was established to recognize excellence in the teaching of undergraduate and graduate meat science courses and the impact on the lives of those students in a highly positive manner. Dr. Berg will be honored at a special awards banquet at the AMSA 69th Reciprocal Meat Conference on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, in San Angelo, Texas. The award is sponsored by the Kraft Heinz Company.



Dr. Berg has taught Introduction to Animal Science, Live Animal and Carcass Evaluation, Physiology and Biochemistry of Muscle as Food, Livestock Muscle Physiology, and Research and Issues in Animal Agriculture. He is also very active in undergraduate and graduate student advising. He advises four M.S. students and one Ph.D. student and has completed eight M.S. and nine Ph.D. students.

Eric has been an active AMSA professional member and served as director of the association from 2006-2008 and RMC chairman in 2007-2008. He has been extensively involved as a member of numerous AMSA committees.

His career to date has been productive, yielding 70 journal publications; 132 society presentations and abstracts; 15 manuals, booklets and book chapters; 51 invited presentations (international/national); and 75 popular press features. He has secured over \$1.4 million in funding over the last 10 years. He has been the recipient of an NDSU Extension Service Program of Excellence Award (2009), an AMSA Achievement Award (2003), and National Pork Producers Council Swine Industry Award for Innovation: Education Category (2001).

Newman to Leave NDSU

Dr. David Newman will leave NDSU in August. He has taken a position as an associate professor of Animal Sciences at Arkansas State University with a research appointment at the University of Arkansas. This position puts him back home in Missouri near his family.

Equine Industry Tour – story and photos from NDSU Equine Science Facebook Page

Seven NDSU animal and equine science students (L to R: Veronica Schindler, Kalina Larsen, Merrill Silver, Madison Ryckman, Elisabeth Gnitka, Erin Corcoran, Abbey Tucker), who were enrolled in the Equine Industry Tour class, and course instructor Tara Swanson, traveled to Texas and Oklahoma in May where they visited a diverse array of equine facilities and learned about horse breeds, different career opportunities and disciplines within the equine industry, and received words of wisdom and helpful tips from industry professionals.



Tour locations included Hallmark Farms (Morgan horses), Lazy E (quarter horse racing), Oklahoma City Stockyards, Equine Aqua Spa Center, JEH Equine Reproduction Services and Hospital, McQuay Stables (reining), Cold River Equine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, High Performance Horses (quarter horse performance and exotic animals), Fort Worth Stockyards, Equine Sports Medicine & Surgery, Foster Farm (saddle bred horses), Remington Park racetrack, Royal Vista (embryo transfer), and Express Clydesdales. (continued on next page)





Additional photos from the Equine Industry Tour are available on the Equine Science home page at <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/equinescience/>.

Animal Sciences Students Summer Interns

Ron Wiederholt, southeast district director for the NDSU Extension Services, has announced the names of the summer interns who will be working in various counties in North Dakota this summer. Included in the list are several Animal Sciences Department majors and minors. They are:

Sarah McNaughton, who is majoring in Animal and Equine Sciences at NDSU, will work with Michael Knudson and the staff in Grand Forks County. She started on May 23.

Hannah Nordby, who is majoring in Agricultural Education with minors in Extension, Horticulture, and Animal Science at NDSU, will work with Kurt Froelich at the Stark/Billings office. She will start on June 20.

Jacey Trottier, who is majoring in Veterinary Technology at NDSU, will work with Mark Miller and Karen Armstrong in the Rolette County office.

The summer interns typically work from 8-12 weeks. They are asked to complete multiple tasks that expose them to the work of a county Extension agent, including developing several programs, working at 4-H camp or other statewide 4-H activities, and cooperating on other local county Extension efforts.

Dr. Gerald Stokka sharing information on the veterinary feed directive at the North Dakota Stockmen's Association Spring Roundup in Amidon on June 1.

