Animal Sciences Ph.D. Defense Seminar
Speaker: Allison Meyer, Graduate Research Assistant  
NDSU Animal Sciences
Topic: Impacts of Gestational Nutrition on Maternal and Offspring Performance and Intestinal Biology
Date: Monday, April 18, 2011
Time: 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Location: Hultz Hall 104

Allison Meyer grew up in central Indiana on a small purebred cow-calf operation. She obtained a B.S. degree in Animal Science from Michigan State University in 2005. In August 2007, Allison received a M.S. degree in Ruminant Nutrition from the University of Missouri where her research investigated grazed forage intake differences of beef cows of known feed efficiency classification. Allison is working with Dr. Joel Caton for her Ph.D. degree. She will begin a position as Assistant Professor of ruminant nutrition at the University of Wyoming in August.

Livestock Spotlight – Sheep Unit – Skip Anderson, Herdsman
The Sheep Unit is proud to introduce NDSU 0110 RR, as the next chapter in the Hampshire breeding program. This Hampshire yearling ram will be used heavily this fall to further progress our flock. We feel he has that added correctness and Hampshire type to propel our genetic base forward. In addition to his tremendous phenotype, his unique pedigree will prove to be an advantage in the progression of our systematic line breeding program. Feel free to come anytime to view him in person and see the rest of sheep unit.

Also, Dr. Reid Redden and graduate student Christen Jackson have started another project this April at the unit examining synchronization methods for out-of-season breeding in ewes. Make sure to visit with Reid and Christen about the project and watch for results and publications on this industry-based project in the near future!

NDSU Meat Judging Team Success – Rob Maddock, Team Coach
The NDSU Meat Judging Team, consisting of Christine Wanner, Micayla Clarin, Mason Lautenschlager, and Levi Hall competed at the Southeastern Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest on April 15 and 16 at Ohio State University and the University of Kentucky. The team placed 3rd in Beef Judging, 3rd in Pork Judging, 2nd in Specifications, 4th in Total Placings, 4th in Reasons, and 2nd Overall.
Individually, NDSU students placed as follows: Micayla Clarin – 2nd in Beef and 5th in Placings; Christine Wanner – 5th in Beef, 2nd in Pork, 2nd in Reasons, and 9th Overall; Mason Lautenschlager – 3rd in Specifications and 10th Overall; Levi Hall – 5th in Specifications.

The team is coached by Robert Maddock and Nathan Hayes, with Kelsey Phelps serving as an undergraduate assistant coach. Paul Berg, assisted by Andy Wirt, taught this group of students in the introductory meat judging class in the Fall of 2010.

Alumni News – Bison Briefs, Spring 2011; and email from Mike Hanson, Extension District Director
Richard M. Larson, B.S. ’74, joined Peterson Farms Seed of Harwood, ND, as a territory sales agronomist for Head Start and Early Head Start at the Southeastern North Dakota Community Action Agency in Fargo. Nelson previously was executive director for the Metro Youth Partnership in Moorhead.

Mark Schlenvogt, B.S. ’75, is the area director for the Valley City, ND, office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

Lindsay Waugh, B.S. ’10, has accepted the Wells County Extension Agent/Agriculture position located in Fessenden, ND, effective May 1. She comes to the NDSU Extension Service from Land O’ Lakes Purina Feeds. She currently is a Livestock Production Specialist serving both North Dakota and South Dakota.

Obituaries
Patrick Glynn, 65, B.S. ’67, worked for General Mills in Minneapolis and later owned a taxi. He lived in Minneapolis.

John Fibelstad, 65, BS ’68, worked for a number of agricultural agencies before becoming a crop adjuster in Bottineau County of North Dakota. He served in the North Dakota National Guard and Army Reserve. He lived in Fargo.

Jerry Larson, 63, BS ’69, was the Extension agent for Sargent and Stark/Billings Counties. He also was an Extension horticulturist for the Dickinson Research Extension Center. He lived in Dickinson, ND.

Kenneth Stene, 63, BS ’71, was a milk tester for the Minnesota Dairy Heard Improvement Association from 1983 to 2001. He later was a truck driver for firms in Ada, MN; Detroit Lakes, MN, Halstad, MN; and Hillsboro, ND. He lived in Ada, MN.

Holiday Information
No classes Friday, April 22 and Monday, April 25
University closed Friday, April 22