Animal Sciences News

Week of December 4, 2011

Animal Sciences Graduate Seminar – Kendall Swanson
Speaker: Harvey Freetly

Topic: Cow Efficiency

Date/Time: Friday December 9, 2011; 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Hultz Hall 104

Harvey Freetly is the Research Leader for the Nutrition Research Unit at the USDA Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Nebraska. Dr. Freetly joined USDA after receiving his Ph.D. in Nutrition from the University of California–Davis. His research is focused on nutrient management during heifer development, pregnancy, and lactation.

Academic Quadrathlon – Kasey Maddock Carlin

Last week Tuesday through Thursday, the NDSU Academic Quadrathlon competition was held. The competition consisted of four events pertaining to knowledge in animal science – lab practical, written exam, presentation, and quiz bowl. Eight teams of four participated. The winning team consisted of Eric Miller, Zac Carlson, Kara Scherbenske, and Jordan Heiber. The team will represent NDSU at the Midwest ASAS meeting in Des Moines in March.

Alumni News – Lynette Flage, NDSU Extension Service, Walsh County

Theresa Jeske, Extension Agent-in-Training in Walsh County announced her resignation effective December 16. Theresa will soon begin a new role as a Meat Science Research Technician in the NDSU Animal Sciences department.

Theresa worked on many agriculture and 4-H and youth programs while in Walsh County. A recent program included the northeastern North Dakota cover crop demonstration project in partnership with the Walsh County Three Rivers Conservation District and local NRCS staff. A three-phase program was created by the team to investigate the use of cover crops in the region.
Sheep Shearing and Wool Classing Schools Held – Reid Redden
NDSU Extension Animal Sciences and the Hettinger REC hosted the 4th annual Sheep Shearing and Wool Classing Schools in Hettinger, November 19 through 21.

Wade Kopren and Reid Redden were the shearing instructors for the Sheep Shearing School. Five other professional shearers assisted with the school. Fourteen participants attended the school from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Minnesota, and Brazil.

The Wool Classing School was sponsored by the American Sheep Industry. Ron Cole, wool consultant, was the lead instructor with Chuck Dallas and Cheryl Schuldt assisting. There were nine participants from North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, Wyoming, and Indiana.

Sajin Bae Resignation
Sajin Bae, graduate research assistant and M.S. student working with Dr. Chung Park, has resigned effective December 15. Sajin has accepted a position as a research assistant and Ph.D. candidate at the Cornell University Division of Nutritional Sciences in Ithaca, New York.
Candidate Seminars Scheduled

Three candidates will interview for the position of Instructor of Animal Science. This position was formerly held by Ben Williams and includes teaching the livestock evaluation course and coaching the livestock judging team. This is an 80% teaching, 20% Extension appointment and the successful candidate will also have responsibilities for developing 4-H and other youth livestock Extension programs.

As part of the interview process, each candidate will present the seminar “Livestock Judging Now and the Future,” in the Hultz 104 conference room. All interested persons are invited to attend the seminars. If you are interested in the seminars but are unable to attend, we will have them available on YouTube after all of the interviews are completed. Additional information how to access the video will be forthcoming.

The dates and times for the seminars are:

Justin Crosswhite – Friday, December 9, 10:30 am
Amanda Gipe – Monday, December 12, 10:30 am
Christen Jackson – Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 am