Animal Sciences Seminar
Speaker: James Magolski, Graduate Research Assistant, NDSU Animal Sciences

Topic: The Relationship of Feedlot and Pre-Harvest Beef Cattle Temperament Measurements With Beef Carcass Quality and Tenderness

Date: Friday, February 25, 2011

Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Hultz Hall 104

James Magolski grew up in New London, Wisconsin, on a small diversified livestock operation where his passion for animal agriculture was initiated. In May 2007, Magolski graduated with a B.S. in Animal Science from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Jim received his M.S. degree in Animal Science with an emphasis in meat science from NDSU under the supervision of Dr. Kasey Maddock-Carlin. Currently, Jim is pursuing a Ph.D. under Drs. Eric Berg and David Newman. His dissertation project focuses on the relationship of beef cattle temperament in the feedlot and slaughter facility with carcass quality and tenderness.

Meat Lab Update – Austen Germolus, Meat Lab Manager
The Meat Lab’s new retail business hours are 9 am to 5:30 pm on Fridays only.

If you would like to pre-order meat, check on the availability of items, or for wholesale pricing, please call Austen at 231-8107 or e-mail him at austen.germolus@ndsu.edu by Wednesday afternoon. The current price list is attached to the newsletter.

Note that beef snack sticks are now available from the Meat Lab.
NDSU Equestrians Elected to National Office – Tara Swanson with Ellen Crawford, NDSU Ag Comm.

Two members of NDSU’s Collegiate Horsemen’s Association were elected to the American Collegiate Horsemen's Association's National Officer Board during the national convention in Fort Worth, Texas.

Senior Janelle Lanoue of Alexandria, Minnesota, was elected treasurer and sophomore Codie Miller of Prior Lake, Minnesota, was selected as national representative.

They were among 12 members of the NDSU Collegiate Horsemen’s Association to attend the national convention, hosted by Texas A&M University, in January and four from North Dakota to seek office on the national board.

The conference included tours of equine facilities specializing in various areas of the industry, including racing, reining and halter. Conference participants also visited the stockyards and attended the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Following the industry portion of the conference, participants attended business meetings; panel discussions with top industry professionals; and breakout sessions on membership, fundraising and event planning.

"NDSU was well-represented at the convention, and it is a big accomplishment for the club to have two members serving on the national board," says NDSU Collegiate Horsemen's Association adviser Tara Swanson.

NDSU's Collegiate Horsemen's Association visits McQuay Stables during the American Collegiate Horsemen's Association convention in Fort Worth, Texas. Pictured are (from left to right; all are club members unless otherwise noted) back row: Amanda Grev, David Anderson, stable owner Tim McQuay and Jenna Benjaminson; front row: Shannon Voges, adviser Carrie Hammer, Citty Cole, Brittany Huggins, Catie Vieths, Janessa Thompson, Jackie Eldredge, Janelle Lanoue, Kelly O'Connell, Codie Miller and adviser Tara Swanson.
Group from Kazakhstan Visits NDSU
A group of eight people from the Republic of Kazakhstan were on campus last week to learn about various aspects of U.S. beef cattle production. Presentations by Greg Lardy, Kevin Sedivec, Kendall Swanson, Marc Bauer, Kim Koch, David Buchanan, Charlie Stoltzenow, Carl Dahlen, Russ Danielson, and Rob Maddock covered topics in animal health, beef cattle management, and beef cattle feeding and nutrition. In addition, the members of the group toured Stockmen’s Supply in West Fargo, attended a sale and viewed cattle at Olson’s Red Angus in Argusville, and toured the North Dakota Natural Beef and Beef Systems Center. The group is touring cattle operations throughout North Dakota this week.
**2011 Little International – Ben Williams**
The 2011 Little I was held February 11 and 12. About 700 youth were on campus. 4H and FFA students competed in crops, ag. sales, small animal care, and hippology contests. Shepperd Arena was home to about 300 of these students who competed in the livestock judging contest. Eighty teams and chapters from all across North Dakota and Minnesota competed in one of the largest livestock judging contests in the region.

In the FFA division, Medina and Napoleon FFA chapters finished as the Champion and Reserve Champion teams overall, respectively. David Leier from Napoleon FFA was the High Individual Overall, besting his competition by 15 points. In the Sr. 4H division, Ransom and Adams County took Champion and Reserve honors, with Carlyssa Quam from Ransom County winning the High Individual Award. The Jr. 4H division could have been the most competitive with Morton and Dickey County finishing first and second in the team awards. With only one point separating the top two individuals, Emily Hauck from Dickey County got the edge over Stetson Ellingson from Morton County for High and Reserve High individuals overall.

Jake Baumgarten, Belfield, North Dakota, was the Champion Beef Showman and went on to be the Overall Showman in this year’s Little I. He is a junior majoring in Animal Science at NDSU.

The Hall of Fame Banquet was held on Friday night at the Fargo Civic Center. Russ Danielson, Paul Berg, and Bert Moore were honored as Agriculturalists of the Year. NDSU President Bresciani attended the banquet and several other Little I events.