Animal Sciences News

Week of November 27, 2011

Animal Sciences Graduate Seminar – Kendall Swanson, Coordinator
Speaker: Leticia (Ely) Camacho  
ANSC Graduate Student

Topic: Effects of Realimentation After Nutrient Restriction During Early to Mid-Gestation On Uterine Blood Flow and Endocrine Profiles in Pregnant Beef Cows

Date: Friday December 2, 2011

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

Location: Hultz Hall 104

Ely Camacho grew up in a small agricultural community in Baja California, Mexico, where her family owns a small feedlot and cow-calf operation. She earned a B.S. degree in Animal Science from the University of Baja California and completed her M.S. degree in Animal Science at New Mexico State University. She is currently working toward her Ph.D. under Kim Vonnahme.

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Obituaries:

- **Frank Douglas Dietz**, age 65, Fargo, ND, died Monday, November 28. Visitation will be Friday, December 2, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Fargo. The funeral will be Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the church.

- **Patrick Riedesel**, BS ’70, animal science, worked the family farm near Cathay, N.D., which was first settled by his grandfather in 1905. He was a member of the township board, school board and church council. He lived in Cathay.

- **Kenneth Stene**, 63, BS ’71, animal science, was a milk tester for the Minnesota Dairy Herd Improvement Association from 1983 to 2001. He later was a truck driver for firms in Ada, Minn.; Detroit Lakes, Minn.; Halstad, Minn.; and Hillsboro, N.D. He lived in Ada.
Class Notes:

- **Keith Bjerke**, BS ’61, animal husbandry, retired from his position as North Dakota State University vice president for university relations. He held the position for 10 years. Bjerke was adjutant general of the North Dakota National Guard from 1993 to 2000. He was administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and executive vice president of the Commodity Credit Corporation from 1989 to 1993. Prior to that, he and his wife, Marian, owned and operated Spruce Row Farm near Northwood, N.D., for 25 years.

- **Sherwood Peterson**, BS ’62, animal science, received the Achievement in Crop Improvement Award from the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association. Peterson served on numerous crop and seed boards and in leadership positions for more than three decades.

- **Rich Larson**, BS ’74, animal science, is a territory sales agronomist for Peterson Farms Seed. He was previously with Pioneer Hi-Bred International for 17 years.

- **Ron Beneda**, BS ’78, animal science, received the 2011 Canola Excellence Award from the North Dakota Canola Growers Association. Beneda has served as a county agent for the NDSU Extension Service for 33 years.

- **Burton Pfliger**, BS ’85, animal science, was elected secretary and treasurer of the American Sheep Industry Association. He was previously elected to four terms as president of the North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers.

- **Matt Laubach**, BS ’99, agricultural systems management, MS ’08 animal science, was named dairy specialist focusing on eastern South Dakota, southwest Minnesota and northwest Iowa for Pioneer Hi-Bred, a DuPont business.

- **Weston Dvorak**, BS ’00, MS ’04, animal and range sciences, and **Teresa (Baumann) Dvorak**, MS ’03, animal and range sciences, were elected co-chairs of the Young Farmers and Ranchers committee of the North Dakota Farm Bureau.

- **Yolanda (Schmidt) Goodman**, BS ’02, animal and range sciences, is an agriculture instructor at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, S.D. Goodman teaches livestock and animal husbandry classes which prepare students for careers as livestock herd health technicians and veterinary assistants.

- **Kristopher Staiger**, BS ’05, animal and range sciences, and **KaSondra (Klein) Staiger**, BS ’09, animal science and equine studies, were elected to the district 7 position of the North Dakota Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee.

- **Kris and KaSondra Staiger** welcomed a baby girl on November 10, 2011. Her name is KiAnna Antoinette Staiger.

- **Jessica (Odegard) Hammer**, BS ’10, animal science, is an assistant manager at the Jennie-O Turkey Store in Fergus Falls, Minn. She manages two turkey farms and trains workers on updated technology.

- **Lindsay (Waugh) Maddock**, BS ’10, animal science and equine studies, is the Wells County (N.D.) Extension Agent in agriculture.