Week of November 6, 2011

Animal Sciences Graduate Seminar – Kendall Swanson, Coordinator
No seminar this week due to the Veteran’s Day holiday

Research Specialist Hired at BCRC
Alfonso Islas began his duties as Research Specialist/Assistant Manager at the Beef Cattle Research Center on October 31, 2011.

“I was born and raised in a small farming community in south central Mexico where my family owns a small dairy farm. I graduated with B.S. (2006) and M.S. (2007) degrees in Animal Science from New Mexico State University Previous to coming to NDSU, I worked at the Animal Service Center of Mesilla Valley in Las Cruces, New Mexico, as a Surgical Assistant. I am married with two kids (an eleven-year-old boy and a six-year-old girl). I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, especially my kids. I will also be a Ph.D. student studying under Dr. Kendall Swanson.”

Alfonso’s contact information is: email – alfonso.islas@my.ndsu.edu; cell – 701-367-8638; office – 701-356-3284.

Please welcome Alfonso to the department.

Last Day to Drop – Thursday, November 10
**NDSU Sheep Unit – The Summer in Review** - Skip Anderson, Unit Manager

**June 2011:** Staff from the NDSU Sheep Unit traveled to Great Falls, Montana, for the 2011 Columbia National Show and Sale. They traveled with personnel from the NDSU Hettinger Research Extension Center. Both groups were successful, both in the show ring and in the sale ring. In addition to marketing purebred seedstock, many contacts were made with youth and prospective students, as the event served as host to the National Junior Columbia Show as well.

NDSU 0007 RR was the 5th place yearling ram and sold to R&C Columbias of Oregon.

NDSU 0060 RR was the 3rd place production yearling ewe. The production yearling ewe class is judged based on phenotype appraisal and ultrasound scan data. NDSU 0060 scanned the largest ribeye area in the class. She later went on to be the high selling production ewe, selling to Tom and Anne Key of Montana.

NDSU 1051 RR. This young ewe placed 9th in the Late Spring Ewe Lamb Class and sold to Tom and Anne Key of Montana.

NDSU 1085 RR. This spring ram lamb placed 13th in the class. He was purchased on the internet by Brad Gilbertson of Sherwood, North Dakota.

**August 2011:** The NDSU Sheep Unit consigned sheep to the Jamestown Ram Sale which was held on August 6th in Jamestown, North Dakota. The consignment consisted of 3 Hampshire spring-born ram lambs and 5 fall-born Dorset ewe lambs. During the show portion of the ram class, NDSU placed 3rd in the Stud Ram Class. That ram went on to sell to Horizon Farms of Rhame, North Dakota. The fall-born Dorset ewe lambs were very popular with the buyers. They were the high-selling female lot of the day. Those ewes (pictured below) were purchased by a breeder from Wishek, North Dakota.

**September 2011:** The Sheep Unit hired Kim Lohse as their full-time Ag Research Technician. Kim is a 2006 graduate of NDSU. While at NDSU, she majored in Animal Science and Ag Education. Prior to coming to the Sheep Unit, Kim worked as an Ag teacher at Ulen-Hitterdal High School and served with the National Guard in Kosovo.

Remember, the sheep unit welcomes guests anytime!
Friday, November 11, 2011
Veteran’s Day Holiday
NDSU is Closed