Graduate Defense Seminar
Speaker: Megan Van Emon, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student

Topic: Supplementing Metabolizable Protein to Ewes During Late Gestation: Effects on Ewe and Offspring Performance

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 18, 2012; 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Location: Hultz Hall 104

Megan Van Emon is originally from Columbia City, Indiana. She grew up on a small farm where she raised animals for 4-H. She graduated from Purdue University with B.S. and M.S. degrees (Ruminant Nutrition). Megan is currently completing her Ph.D. degree under the direction of Drs. Chris Schauer and Kim Vonnahme.

Agriculture and Extension Faculty and Staff Awards
The 2012 Agriculture and Extension Faculty and Staff Awards ceremony was held December 13 in the NDSU Memorial Union. Forty-seven people were nominated for the 10 awards. This year, Animal Sciences had two award winners.

Anna Grazul-Bilska – Eugene R. Dahl Excellence in Research Award
“She is a scientist of the highest quality and productivity.”

Reid Redden – Myron and Muriel Johnsrud Excellence in Extension/Outreach Award
“The programs that Reid has taken the initiative with have strengthened the sheep programs across the state.”

Congratulations Anna and Reid!
Koch Teaches in Southeast Asia – Kim Koch

Kim Koch, Food Scientist and Senior Technologist with the Northern Crops Institute and adjunct faculty member in Animal Sciences, was among a team which was on assignment in Southeast Asia from November 30 through December 17. During the first week, Kim visited the Philippines and Indonesia, the 12th and 8th largest export markets for U.S. agricultural products, respectively. The second week the team visited Thailand and Viet Nam.

Kim’s role was to provide educational seminars on livestock feed production with emphasis on the importance of quality ingredients that can be sourced from the Upper Midwest region (Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota) with additional information on specific manufacturing technologies (i.e., pelleting).

Both countries have excellent gross domestic product (GDP) growth rates and rapidly expanding middle-income groups who are demanding more options for meat, milk, and egg products. Importation of quality feed ingredients and an understanding of feed manufacturing is key to supplying food animal producers with the necessary inputs with which to meet the increased demand.

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