Alumni News

Alyssa Kittelson, BS ’12, has accepted the Traill County Extension Agent/Agriculture and Natural Resources position. Her first day of work in the Hillsboro office is Monday, December 31. Alyssa graduated from NDSU with a B.S. in Animal Science and minors in Extension Education and Agriculture Communication. As a youth, she was very involved in both 4-H and FFA in Ransom County. She also held leadership roles in many collegiate agriculture organizations at NDSU. Alyssa served as an intern with the University of Minnesota Extension Service in Clay County where she developed and taught Extension programs in the youth, agriculture, and natural resources areas. Alyssa also worked for two years as a technician with the North Dakota State Foundation Seed Program. (article by Lynette Flage, NE District Office, NDSU Extension Service)

Megan Van Emon, MS ’12, will begin a post-doctoral program January 1, 2013, at Iowa State University. She will be working with Stephanie Hanson and Dan Loy.

Meet Guangqiang Jia

Guangqiang (Derek) Jia was born November 30, 1985, and grew up on a farm near Zhengding, a small, beautiful, city in southwestern Hebei Province in China. Derek attended the Agricultural University of Hebei where he received a B.S. degree in Animal Science in 2009. He attended South China Agriculture University in Guangzhou, China, for three years where he majored in Animal Nutrition. His research was on the effects of chronic heat stress on morphology of mucosa and nutrient transporters in the small intestine of AA broilers.

Derek was accepted into the Chinese government scholarship program called China State Sponsored Postgraduate Study Abroad Program provided by the CSC (China Scholarship Council). In August 2012 he arrived in Fargo and officially started his four-year study aboard program as a Ph.D. student working with Drs. Larry Reynolds and Joel Caton.
Redmer Newest Recipient of SPAM Award
Dr. Dale Redmer is the latest recipient of the Animal Sciences department SPAM (spirit, pep, and motivation). The award was presented to Dr. Redmer at the departmental holiday potluck by Stacey Ostby who read the statement written by Tate and Shannon Eck, the previous recipients of the award.

As the current recipient of the award, Dr. Redmer is charged with picking the next recipient and presenting the award.

Extension Happenings

- **Dairy Producers Ag Employee Workshop Series**
  January 8, 15, 22, and 29 – Pipestone, Minnesota
  January 10, 17, 24, and 31 – Sioux Falls, South Dakota
  March 20-21, April 3-4 – Jamestown, North Dakota
  Cost is $125/person or $125 for the first person and $80/person for 2 or more from the same operation
  For more information, contact J.W. Schroeder at 701-231-7663 or jw.schroeder@ndsu.edu

- **Northern States Beef Conference**
  January 17 and 18, 2013 – Regional Extension Center, Watertown, South Dakota
  Cost is $125 (includes lunch and supper); registration deadline is January 4, 2013
  For more information, contact Carl Dahlen at 231-5588 or carl.dahlen@ndsu.edu
  Other department participants – Greg Lardy and Kevin Sedivec

- **Precision Agriculture Summit**
  January 21 and 22, 2013 – Farmers Union Conference Center, Jamestown, North Dakota
  Cost is $75 by December 31
  For more information or to register, contact Ryan Aasheim at 701-499-6994 or ryan@theresearchcorridor.com or go to http://theresearchcorridor.com/precisionagsummit2013
  Department participants – Carl Dahlen

- **NDSU Feedlot School**
  January 22 and 23, 2013 – NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center
  Cost is $120/person or $160/2 persons, registration deadline is January 17, 2013
  For more information contact Joel Lemer at 701-652-2581 or joel.lemer@ndsu.edu
  Department participants – Marc Bauer, Gerald Stokka, Carl Dahlen, Charlie Stoltenow, Rob Maddock
**Minnesota Residents Must Complete NDWR Form Yearly** – The Resource (NDSU HR Newsletter), December 2012, Page 2

If you are a resident of Minnesota and are having Minnesota state income tax withheld from your paychecks, please fill out and submit to the Human Resources and Payroll Office a new NDW-R form for 2013 by February 28, 2013. This form needs to be filled out every year in order to continue to have the exemption from North Dakota withholding. Employees who do not complete this form will have North Dakota state income tax withheld from their paychecks beginning March 15, 2013.

The form can be found online at the North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner website at: [http://www.nd.gov/tax/indwithhold/forms/](http://www.nd.gov/tax/indwithhold/forms/) or on the NDSU forms page at: [http://www.ndsu.edu/forms/](http://www.ndsu.edu/forms/) or in the HR/Payroll office in SGC 102.

When filling out the NDW-R form, the section entitled “Employer Information” will be filled out by the HR/Payroll office. Please remember to sign and date the form at the bottom. Completed forms should be returned to the NDSU HR/Payroll office via campus mail at SGC 102 or via postal service at PO Box 6050, Department 3140, Fargo, ND 58108-6050.

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Happy New Year!