



Animal Sciences News

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BBQ Boot Camp 2012 – David Newman with Ellen

Crawford, NDSU Agriculture Communication, May 25, 2012

North Dakota State University's BBQ Boot Camp is back for the 2012 grilling season. The camp:

- Introduces participants to basic grilling styles, including gas, charcoal and smokers
- Offers information about different rubs, marinades and seasonings to use on meat
- Explains why cooking temperatures are important and how the temperature affects the quality of the meat
- Teaches food safety tips and nutritional facts on meat
- Informs participants about current topics in the meat and food industry and the importance of understanding the world food supply
- Gives participants a chance to sample different types of barbecued meat and provides ideas for their next neighborhood barbecue



The NDSU Animal Sciences Department hosts the camp in conjunction with NDSU Extension Service faculty.

Four camps are scheduled throughout the state this summer. The camp dates, locations and people to contact for more information or to register are:

- June 20 - Fargo, Megan Kortie, (701) 231-7641
- June 28 - Williston, Mary Froelich, (701) 577-4595
- July 16 - Bismarck, Cathy Palczewski, (701) 221-6865
- July 18 - Minot, Paige Brummond, (701) 857-6444

Registration also is available online at <http://www.ndsu.edu/bbqbootcamp>.

This is the fourth year of the BBQ Boot Camp program.

“BBQ Boot Camp is a unique opportunity to combine great food, great people and our program message on the critical role agriculture plays in all our lives,” says David Newman, NDSU Extension swine specialist. “We plan to hold the camp in even more communities across the state next year.”

83rd North Dakota State FFA Convention June 4-8 – Deanne Spearling, NDSU Student Life, June 5, 2012

1500+ North Dakota FFA Students, teachers, and guests celebrate vocational agriculture at its best in North Dakota. Students participate in career development events (Food Science, Ag Communications, Dairy Judging, Horticulture, and many more) across NDSU campus.

Global Food Production Systems Study Abroad Group Returns

The ANSC Global Food Production Systems Study Abroad Group of 20 students and 2 faculty members returned to the U.S. on Saturday, June 2, following a two-week tour of China. Visiting scientist Sun Xin (Rex) is expected back later this week.

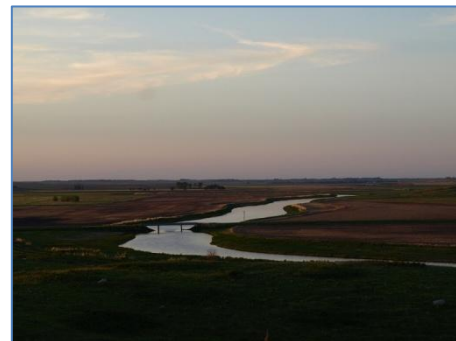
The group had a great time in China, visiting the typical tourist destinations and several agricultural facilities where they learned about Chinese agriculture. Tour participant Donn Nelson summed up his thoughts on the trip in the final journal entry from the trip as follows:



“As I sit on this rock writing this journal entry, I know my perspective has changed forever. The more I saw in China, the more I realized how little I actually knew. As I start my career in production agriculture, I will now think outside of the box that my mind has been accustomed to. I will continue to learn more about agriculture on a global scale, and surely will never think of agriculture the same way again.

I look out in any direction and see my past, present, and future. When I look at the hills to the west, I know just a few miles away is the foundation of my great great grandparents’ sod home. To the north, I see an expanse of meadows and fields my family has farmed for generations. I can see how things were, the way they are now, and the plans in my head for future change. I think back to only a few days ago, looking at Shanghai from the second tallest building in the world. I couldn’t feel further away from that scene today, but now I can say that I have at least seen a ripple from the wave that is global agriculture.”

The group has presented a commemorative book they received in Beijing to the department. It is located in Hultz 102 if you would like to look through it.



Photos: Nelson Rock (near LaMoure, North Dakota; View from Nelson Rock by Donn Nelson