Animal Sciences Special Seminar

Speaker: Dr. Woodrow “Chip” Poland, Department Chair and Associate Professor
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Topic: Energy and Agriculture: What’s Going On in Western North Dakota

Dr. Chip Poland obtained his Ph.D. from South Dakota State University in ruminant nutrition in 1994. After a postdoctoral fellowship with Dr. Les Reid at West Virginia University, Dr. Poland spent 10 years as an Area Extension Livestock Specialist/Animal Scientist at the NDSU Dickinson Research Extension Center. During this time, he also taught as an adjunct professor of agriculture at Dickinson State University. In 2006, he left the DREC and joined the Department of Agriculture and Technical Studies at DSU as Department Chair. Throughout his career, Dr. Poland has consistently been interested in ruminant nutrition and management, animal growth and development, forage and grazing systems, and the integration of crop/livestock systems. Current teaching areas include nutrition, management, breeding, undergraduate research, and conflict resolution. Other duties include supervising of the DSU Rodeo Program and acting as faculty advisor of the DSU Ag Club.

Newman Selected for Position

David Newman has been appointed by the National Pork Board to be the chair of the Domestic Marketing Committee which typically oversees approximately half of the Pork Checkoff national program budget, or about $28 million in spending.

As the committee chair, David will attend NPB meetings and give input on behalf of the Domestic Marketing Committee during the budget process, oversee Domestic Marketing Committee meetings, and serve as the a link between the producer committee and staff.
88th Little International
February 14 and 15, 2014
“Perfecting a Passion”

The Little International Livestock Show is the largest student-sponsored event on the NDSU campus involving over 300 students. The show features showmanship classes of horses, beef and dairy cattle, sheep, and swine, as well as ham curing and public speaking. The Little International also honors an Agriculturist of the Year which commemorates an individual or individuals who have not only excelled but who have contributed substantially to the agriculture industry. This year’s honorees are Burdell and Theo Johnson of Tuttle.

In the photo above, Saddle and Sirloin Club Little I assistant manager Maria Hager, manager Levi Helmuth, queen Jordan Zenker and princesses Laura Steffan and Stephanie Osowski were in Bismarck promoting Little I where they met with Governor Jack Dalrymple!
Little International Royalty Named – Little I Media Packet
The 88th Little International will be February 14 and 15. A long-standing tradition of North Dakota State University’s Saddle & Sirloin Club is to crown highly qualified royalty to be the faces and voices of Little I, the largest student run event on campus. The queen and her two princesses serve as the club’s main public liaisons for the Little I stock show. This position is an extreme honor and a very important part of the Little International.

The nominees for the 88th Little International queen were Stephanie Osowski of Grafton, ND; Laura Steffan of Belfield, ND; Hannah Strube of Dickinson, ND; Heidi Trosen of Larimore, ND; and Jordan Zenker of Gackle, ND. Each nominee presented a speech in front of the club members and a panel of judges. The speeches pertained to this year’s theme “Perfecting a Passion.” The nominees were then asked to respond to numerous questions about the history and purpose of the Saddle & Sirloin Club. After deliberation, the club decided to crown Jordan Zenker as the 88th Little International queen and Stephanie Osowski and Laura Steffan as the princesses. These three very talented young ladies will spend the next few months working together to promote the Little International to the public and help to ensure another successful event.

Photo (L to R): Princess Laura Steffan of Belfield, ND, queen Jordan Zenker of Gackle, ND and princess Stephanie Osowski of Grafton, ND.
Calving at Beef Cattle Research Complex
(photos from Leo Liu and Tori Kennedy)

Graduate student Tori Kennedy (with help from James Gaspers) is conducting her research project at the BCRC. There were a total of 27 expectant moms, and as of January 29 there was only one left to calve! It’s been a busy month, but despite the blizzards, it has gone well!

Photos (T to B): Tori attending to an expectant mom; a newborn enjoying a nice soft bed; BCRC during a nicer time of year

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Photos (T to B): Moms and new babies at BCRC; mom keeping watch over her newborn; another cold day draws to a close