



# Animal Sciences News

Week of February 22, 2015



## **Lardy Associate VP for Agricultural Affairs – Ken Grafton, VP for Agricultural Affairs**

“Colleagues: I am pleased to announce that Dr. Greg Lardy, Head of the Animal Sciences Department, has agreed to serve as part-time Associate VP for Agricultural Affairs. Dr. Lardy’s specific expertise in livestock agriculture, his overall knowledge of North Dakota agriculture, and his leadership experience as department Head will greatly assist NDSU agriculture as it continues to meet its three-part mission of teaching, research, and Extension. Simply put, Greg is passionate about agriculture, North Dakota, and NDSU!

Dr. Lardy’s three-year appointment is effective March 1. He will initially focus on interacting with the many stakeholder groups in the state and assist in SBARE and legislative activities. He will retain his responsibilities as Head of the department.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Lardy in his new role for NDSU Agriculture!”

## **Graduate Seminar – Eric Berg, Coordinator**

Speaker: Guangqiang (Derek) Jia

Topic: Impacts of Nutritional Modulation on Intestinal Biology during Gestation in Ruminants

Date/Time: Friday February 27, 2015; 3:00 p.m.

Location: Hultz Hall 104



Guangqiang (Derek) Jia was born November 30, 1985, in Zhengding, Hebei, China, which is about 163 miles southwest of Beijing. Derek attended Agricultural University of Hebei where he received a B.S. degree in animal science in 2009. He attended South China Agriculture University in Guangzhou, Guangdong province, for three years where he majored in animal nutrition. His research area at South China Agriculture University was effects of chronic heat stress on morphology of mucosa and nutrient transporters in small intestine of AA broilers. He is currently working on his Ph.D. in nutritional physiology under Drs. Caton and Reynolds.



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### **Hammer Named to National Equine Council – NDSU Agriculture Communication**

Carrie Hammer has been named to the 26-member Scientific Advisory Council for the Horses and Humans Research Foundation. The council is a group of leading researchers and experts from equine-assisted activities and related fields. The members respond and contribute to a variety of foundation research-related needs, including advising and assisting the staff and board in scientific strategy decision making, educational outreach, grants and applications, and assessment.



### **Heifer Raffle Tickets Available**

Cost: \$20 each or 6 for \$100, proceeds benefit the NDSU Judging Club

Prize: Gal Miss Kala 4613 Shorthorn polled heifer (registry #4214477) or cash value of \$1,200

Drawing: March 25, 2015; need not be present to win

Tickets: See Holly in Hultz 102 or call Taylor Friesz (701-400-3277) or Justin Bartholomay (701-367-0612)

### **Friday Afternoon Club – Kendall Swanson and Larry Reynolds, Coordinators**

Facilitator: Kyle McLean, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student

Topic: “Menage a trois”: The evolutionary interplay between JSRV, enJSRVs and Domestic sheep – Virus 2014, 6, 4926-4945; doi: 10.3390/v6124926

Date/Time: Friday, February 27, 2015; immediately following Graduate Seminar (about 4:00 p.m.)

All ANSC faculty, staff, and graduate students are welcome to participate.

## **Western Equestrian Team Finishes Regular Season Strong – Tara Swanson, Coach**

The NDSU Western Equestrian Team finished the regular competitive season on Saturday, February 21, at the NDSU Equine Center. The team won the high point team award and NDSU rider Nicole Anderson won the high point rider competition.

NDSU won the overall high point team title for 2014-2015 in the region, meaning we scored the most team points for the year. This win earns the team a chance to compete in team competition at semi-finals in Ohio on March 21-22. NDSU riders that will be representing the team are:

- reining – Janna Rice
- open horsemanship – Nicole Anderson
- advanced horsemanship – Hannah Bucheger
- novice horsemanship – Blaine Novak
- intermediate horsemanship – Courtney Bolstad
- beginner horsemanship – Allee Lee

NDSU also has four individuals who earned a spot to compete in the individual class competitions at semi-finals. These riders earned their spots by placing first or second in regional competition on February 22 at NDSU. Riders are:

- reining – Nicole Anderson
- open horsemanship – Janna Rice
- intermediate horsemanship – Angie Norwig
- beginner horsemanship – Brogan Novak



NDSU rider Nicole Anderson won the overall high point rider title for the region. This title earns her a spot to compete at the IHSA National Horse Show hosted in Massachusetts the beginning of May.

## **2014 AIA ND Juror's Choice Award – Beef Research Facility**

The NDSU beef research facility (BCRC), designed by JLG Architects, is the winner of the AIA North Dakota Juror's Choice Award in architecture. The American Institute of Architects (AIA), is the largest and most influential professional association for architects, interns, and those directly involved with the practice of architecture in the world.

AIA North Dakota, a state chapter of AIA, is based in Bismarck and represents over 200 members.



## **Alumni Featured – NDSU Animal Sciences Facebook**

**(<https://www.facebook.com/ndsuAnimalSciencesDepartment>)**

Animal Sciences alumni members Weston (BS '00, MS '03) and Teresa Dvorak (MS '03) were featured in the Farm and Ranch Guide this month. In the article, they discuss the difficulties associated with feeding their cattle following freezing rain and later mud when the ice melted. Also discussed in the article is the CommonGround program which is a group of volunteer farmers who lead conversations about food among the women who grow and buy it. You can read the entire article at

[http://www.farmandranchguide.com/news/producer\\_reports/dvoraks-make-planting-decisions-keep-heifer-feed-the-same/article\\_f3cdb84e-b7a8-11e4-a478-4f21b261af4f.html](http://www.farmandranchguide.com/news/producer_reports/dvoraks-make-planting-decisions-keep-heifer-feed-the-same/article_f3cdb84e-b7a8-11e4-a478-4f21b261af4f.html).