SPAM Award Winner Named
On Wednesday, May 27, Sarah Underdahl named Dr. Jerry Stokka as the latest recipient of the department’s SPAM (Spirit, Pep, Ad Motivation) Award. In her presentation, Sarah had the following to say about Dr. Stokka.

“The person I chose has a passion for animal stewardship and animal agriculture. He spends countless hours being the bridge between the scientists here and ranchers in North Dakota, bringing new ideas and practices to their businesses. He is wise in his ways and his words, bringing knowledge about animal agriculture to a wider audience through his many radio and TV interviews. When I’ve worked with him, I have appreciated his patience, not only with the animals, but also with the people around him. He is always willing to explain a concept or idea. Students who have worked with him find him to be knowledgeable, professional, and admirable. The person I have selected is Dr. Jerry Stokka.”

Dr. Stokka is charged with passing the award to the next worthy recipient.

Livestock Judging Camp – Justin Crosswhite
The NDSU Livestock Judging camp for youth ages 12-18 will be held May 30-June 1 at Shepperd Arena. Participants will learn how to evaluate three meat animal species (swine, sheep and cattle). They will also learn the proper technique and terminology for presenting oral reasons. Cost for the camp is $115 for youth and $50 for adults. For more information, contact Justin Crosswhite at 701-306-5614 or justin.crosswhite@ndsu.edu.

Animal Sciences alumni Erika Kenner and Matthew and Patricia Erickson are featured in an article which looks at younger farmers and ranchers in North Dakota and Minnesota and the financial and other challenges facing them as they enter the industry and begin the process of taking over from current producers nearing retirement age. Read the entire article at http://www.inforum.com/news/3752349-fresh-crop-farmers-growing.
**NDSU Cattle Complex Among Best in Nation** – Tracy Frank, Fargo Forum, May 22, 2015

An article in the Fargo Forum’s Farmers Forum with the title above, looks at the NDSU Beef Cattle Research Complex and how the research being conducted there uses radio frequency identification and a feeding system developed for the dairy industry in Europe to try to increase profitability for beef cattle producers. Center manager, Trent Gilbery, and faculty member Kendall Swanson are featured in the article. A video also accompanies the article at [http://www.inforum.com/variety/3750243-ndsu-cattle-complex-among-best-nation](http://www.inforum.com/variety/3750243-ndsu-cattle-complex-among-best-nation).

For more information about the BCRC, see the brochure available for download at [http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ansc/facilities/beef-cattle-research-complex](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ansc/facilities/beef-cattle-research-complex) (scroll down to bottom of the page).

**BBQ Boot Camp Summer Schedule Set**

The schedule for the ever-popular BBQ Boot Camp where participants learn about barbecuing and current topics in the pork, beef, lamb, and turkey industry has been finalized. Pre-registration for all events is mandatory and will be available at [http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ansc](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ansc). Cost is $35 per person.

- Rugby – June 30; 5-8 p.m.; 2809 Highway 2 West; Yolanda Schmidt at 701-766-6234
- Watford City – July 28; 2-6 p.m.; 1100 2nd Avenue SE; Karla Ryan at 701-444-3451
- Fargo – August 12, 5-8 p.m.; Location to be determined