Graduate Seminar – David Newman, Coordinator

Speaker: Nicolas Negrin Pereira, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student

Topic: The Impact of Bull’s Fertility in the Beef Herd: The Key Role of Sertoli Cells

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 17; 10:00 a.m.

Location: Hultz Hall 104

Nicolas Negrin graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Technology from the Facultad de Veterinaria, Universidad de la Republica Oriental del Uruguay in 1992. He practiced as a country veterinarian in applied reproductive technologies for a few years. He won a scholarship to the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, where he completed his M.S. degree focusing on embryo metabolism and development in sheep. He returned to Uruguay and worked for several years as an animal production consultant and embryo transfer specialist. Nicolas is pursuing his Ph.D. under the direction of Drs. Carl Dahlen, Pawel Borowicz, and Bryan Neville.

Schroeder to Retire

J.W. Schroeder, NDSU Extension Dairy Specialist, will retire December 31, 2015.

Greg Lardy said of Dr. Schroeder, “J.W.’s name is synonymous with the dairy industry in the state of North Dakota and his career exemplifies a deep commitment to what Extension and outreach mean to a Land Grant institution.”

Dr. Schroeder has been with the Extension service for more than 40 years.
**Lardy Invited Speaker**

Greg Lardy was the invited speaker at the Leu Distinguished Lectureship from the Center for Grassland Studies at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, NE, in early November.

He also gave presentations at the Husker Nutrition Conference and Cornhusker Beef Council. The topic of his presentations was “Trends driving change in the cow calf industry.”

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**90th Little I Royalty Selected – NDSU Saddle and Sirloin Club Facebook page**


The Saddle and Sirloin Club has selected the 90th Little I Royalty. Pictured below, they are: Princess Bailey Dockter, Queen Elli Lemm, and Princess Cassidy Ziesch. The members of the royal court were chosen based on a competition in which each provided their unique perspectives and insights into the theme for this year’s event, “Decades of Dedication.” They will represent the club prior to and during Little I in February.
Friday Afternoon Club – Larry Reynolds and Kendall Swanson, Coordinators

There is no FAC this week. Following is the information for next week.

Facilitator: Larry Reynolds

Topic: The Laws of Medicine by Siddhartha Mukherjee

Date/Time: Friday, November 20; 3:00 p.m.

Recent Extension Publication

Greg Lardy, Vern Anderson, and Carl Dahlen.

AS 1182. Alternative Feeds for Ruminants (Revised).

This publication provides a brief overview of possible feedstuffs for cattle and sheep producers along with general feeding recommendations.

Dvoraks Featured in Video

Animal Science alumni Teresa (Baumann) Dvorak and her husband Weston Dvorak were featured in a video from Common Ground North Dakota. The video is available on the Animal Sciences’ Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/NdsuAnimalSciencesDepartment).

Western Team Results – Tara Swanson, Coach

Twenty-four team members of the NDSU Western Team competed in the horse show held November 7-8 at the NDSU Equine Center. The team finished as reserve high point team on both days. Brett Turbeville, a junior psychology major, was named high point rider on Sunday after winning both the open horsemanship and reining classes.

Upcoming Student Seminars – Lauren Hanna

Students in ANSC 457/657, Genetic Improvement of Livestock, will be giving seminars as part of the course requirements. All seminars will be in Morrill Hall 105 from 9:00-9:50 a.m.

- Monday, November 23 – “Sheep Genetic Evaluations: Where it Started to Where it is Today,” by Jordan Hieber
- Wednesday, November 2 – “The Review of Genetic Evaluation and Selection in the Application of Genetic Improvement for Swine,” by Haipeng Yu

The public is invited to attend the seminars.
Mabasa Leaving NDSU
A going-away party for Lawrence Mabasa, post-doctoral fellow, who received his M.S. (2006) and Ph.D. (2011) degrees studying under the direction of Dr. Chung Park, was held November 12 in Hultz 104. During his 11-year stay at NDSU, Dr. Mabasa has conducted research in stair-step heifer development, canola oil and mammary cancer, lipotropes and lactation, and oil activity and livestock health in western North Dakota. Lawrence will be joining the faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, in a research position.