Welcome to 2014!

Another year has drawn to a close. We finished a very successful fall semester in December. Our undergraduate enrollment continues to increase, and interest in our programs comes from an ever-widening geographic area, pointing to the increased visibility and prominence of our programs throughout the country.

This issue of the Animal Sciences Alumni News looks back on the many events that took place during fall semester and gives you a glimpse of what is coming later this year.

This year's Little International will be Feb. 14-15. The students have been busy since early this fall with planning and preparation leading up to the show. Congratulations to Burdell and Theo Johnson of Tuttle, N.D., who are this year's Agriculturalist of the Year honorees.

Of particular note is the second annual alumni reunion being planned for Aug. 16 in Detroit Lakes, Minn. We are in the early stages of planning this event, but be assured it will have plenty of fun activities and time to catch up with other alumni. Please see the department's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/NdsuAnimalSciencesDepartment) for updates and registration information. We hope to see many of you there.

Enjoy this issue of the newsletter. I hope to see you at the Little International or alumni reunion later this year.

Greg Lardy
Department Head
Save the Date: 2014 Alumni Reunion

Planning is under way for the next Animal Sciences Reunion, which is scheduled for Aug. 16, 2014, in the Holmes Ballroom at the Detroit Lakes Community and Cultural Center. Special events will be planned in conjunction with the reunion. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Holland House. Call (800) 780-7234 to make reservations or feel free to find a cabin in the area. Watch the Animal Sciences Facebook and home pages for updates. We hope to see you there!

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BCRC Featured

The NDSU Beef Cattle Research Complex was featured in the Dakota Farmer on Oct. 10. The article discussed the state-of-the-art feeding system at the BCRC and its use in livestock production research. Kendall Swanson and Marc Bauer, along with Julie Ellingson, executive vice president of the North Dakota Stockmen’s Association, were interviewed for the article, which is available at http://farmprogress.com/story-ndsu-barn-beefs-cattle-research-9-103269.

Vet Tech Club Halloween Pet Costume Contest

The Vet Tech Club held a Halloween pet costume contest at Shepperd Arena. Animal Sciences Department students, faculty and staff entered their pets in this fun activity. The winners were:

- Most creative costume – Alex, the horse doctor
- Scariest costume – Lennox, the bison
- Cutest costume – Mya, the baby
- Best in show – Gunner, the Elvis dog

Photos by Jennifer Thomas
Comings and Goings in the Department

New Faculty and Staff
- Pawel Borowicz has been hired as a research assistant professor and director of the Advanced Imaging and Microscopy (AIM) Core Laboratory. Pawel has been at NDSU since 2002, when he started in the department as a graduate research assistant. He also has served as a research scientist in the department’s Center for Nutrition and Pregnancy and has been co-director of the AIM Lab since 2010. Pawel’s office is in Hultz 177.
- Jennifer Young came on board Jan. 2 to fill the swine research technician position previously held by Roberta Dahlen. Jennifer comes to NDSU from Iowa State University.

New Graduate Students
- Woo-Sik Choi, M.S. student; adviser Chung Park
- Nathan Olson, M.S. student; adviser Sarah Wagner

Visiting Scientists
- Nurgul Korzhikenova, a Ph.D. student at Kazakh National Agrarian University, visited the department for a month in the fall. She is from Astana, Kazakhstan. She studied deer breeding with Rob Maddock.

Faculty/Staff Leaving
- Kyongshin Cho, post-doctoral fellow, has returned to his native South Korea, where he is seeking employment in a university faculty position.

Graduate Students Completed Programs
- Leticia (Ely) Camacho, Ph.D.
- Arshi Reyaz, M.S.
- Samantha Kaminski, M.S.
Little International Agriculturalists of the Year: **Burdell and Theo Johnson**

Burdell and Theo Johnson, who own and operate a ranch near Tuttle, N.D., will be honored as the Agriculturalists of the Year at the NDSU Little International on Feb. 14-15.

The Johnsons have a commercial Red Angus cow-calf operation and background the calves in their own feedlot. Steers are marketed in March or April and heifer calves are sold as replacements privately or through the ring.

They also are active in the sheep industry, running a commercial flock of Columbia-Targhee ewes and a small flock of purebred Hampshire ewes. Depending on the market, they sell their feeder lambs or keep them until they are finished. Their crop and hay land primarily are used for feedstuffs. Typically, they raise dryland corn, barley, wheat, field peas, sunflowers and oats.

Burdell and Theo have three children: Keri, Stephanie and Michael. Michael and his wife, Jessica, have a little boy named Wesley. Keri and her husband, Jason Braun, have three children: Josephine, Blake and Sutton. Keri and her family recently moved back to the ranch north of Tuttle, which means that six generations of the Johnson family have lived there.

Theo attended Bismarck State College and then pursued a B.S. degree in education at Valley City State University. She taught business and physical education for more than 15 years and has a license to sell insurance. She also has been a 4-H leader, Sunday school teacher and an officer in the North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association (NDLWPA). In addition, Theo has been a driving force behind much of Burdell’s success.

Burdell attended Valley City State University until he left to serve in the U.S. Army (1970-72). When he returned, he finished his B.S. degree in education and went on to receive his M.S. degree in business from the University of Mary (2005). Burdell also is a graduate of the Worldwide College of Auctioneering and has his Buchmiller Aviation private pilots license.

Burdell has been an auctioneer since 1981. He has auctioned everything from livestock, and farm and household goods to items at the local county 4-H sale. In his younger years, he taught industrial and physical education until he decided to pursue his passion for ranching full time.


When Burdell isn’t on the ranch, he spends time at meetings and conferences advocating for agriculture and education. Burdell has testified before the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee in Washington, D.C., regarding livestock issues focusing on grazing. Major highlights for him were to testify before the Environmental Protection Agency on issues regarding predator control and to testify to get livestock risk protection insurance approved.

Burdell has held numerous leadership positions in education, including serving as vice president and president of the North Dakota School Board Association. In the last five years, Burdell has organized a group called Emerging Young Entrepreneurs, which provides an opportunity for 25 young people from across the nation to attend the American Sheep Industry convention. Burdell hopes to engage these young producers in the sheep business and introduce them to the ASI association and other sheep organizations. According to Burdell, “If you aren’t moving forward, you’re going backward, and staying active helps you live longer.”
Moos, Ewes & More a Great Success!

We had 1,654 people attend Moos, Ewes, & More on Sept. 14 at the NDSU Equine Center. Those who attended had the opportunity to sample some food; see demonstrations of riding, sheep shearing and more; see what an ultrasound looks like; experience putting their arm in a cannulated steer; and much, much more! It was a great way for young and old alike to learn more about animal agriculture.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Children and adults of all ages shared in the fun.

Judging Club Beef Raffle

The NDSU Judging Club sponsored a beef raffle. Four winners each received a prize package of T-bone, sirloin, round and rib steaks; arm, sirloin, tip, chuck and rump roasts; stew meat; and ground beef. The winners were Katlin Hall, Wanda Giedd, Joe Bruhn and Tim Chrest. The Judging Club will have a heifer raffle in the near future. For additional details, contact Justin Crosswhite at justin.crosswhite@ndsu.edu or (701) 231-7296).
Alumni Accolades

- Tim Flakoll, B.S. and M.S. in Agriculture from NDSU, formerly the Beef Unit manager and currently provost of Tri-College University, was selected as chairman-elect (second vice president) of the Council of State Governments’ Midwest Legislative Conference at its annual conference in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition, he has been chosen as the North Dakota Senate’s new president pro tempore. The job involves presiding over Senate sessions when the lieutenant governor is absent. Flakoll also received the Student Advocate Award from the North Dakota Student Association in May.

- Erin Harris, M.S. ’10, Animal Science, was selected by the American Meat Science Association (AMSA) as one of two recipients of the 2013 Kinsman International Award. The award was created to promote international collaboration by recognizing outstanding AMSA student members with a financial award in support of international travel. Harris is completing a Ph.D. in swine research at the University of Minnesota.

- Roger Kenner, Leeds, N.D., was recognized with the World Simmental/Fleckvieh Federation World Book Award. The honor is the American Simmental Association’s equivalent of Hall of Fame membership. Kenner and his family have been strong supporters of the department’s scholarship and beef seedstock program for many years.

- Tim Loy, M.S. ’01, received the Outstanding Early Career Agribusiness Award. Loy is employed by Adams Land and Cattle Co., Broken Bow, Neb., where he is the director of nutrition and external feeding. Loy is responsible for research and development efforts in the areas of animal health, production efficiency, carcass optimization, food safety and data analysis. He also oversees and directs the growth of cattle finishing and backgrounding operations, and is responsible for nutrition and feeding programs at the company’s finishing lots. He and his wife, Jodi, reside in Broken Bow with their four children.

- Mike Tokach, B.S. ’86, Animal and Range Sciences, has been chosen to be a distinguished professor at Kansas State University. He is a professor of Animal Science and Industry and a K-State research and Extension specialist.

Extension Specialists Answer Questions at Big Iron

Extension specialists Justin Crosswhite, Carl Dahlen, Rob Maddock, David Newman, Reid Redden, J.W. Schroeder and Charlie Stoltenow, and Animal Sciences Department head and former Extension livestock specialist Greg Lardy all were on hand for “Stump the Doc” at Big Iron on Sept. 11 at the Red River Valley Fair. They shared their expertise during a program in which producers and others could ask questions about animal agriculture. In addition, Austen Germolus from the NDSU Meat Lab grilled brats for Big Iron attendees.

Enoch’s Saga

The department has received a copy of the book Enoch’s Saga: Horsepower to Satellite in a Single Lifetime. The book was written by Enoch Thorsgard of Northwood, N.D. Thorsgard was the Saddle and Sirloin Club’s Agriculturalist of the Year in 2005.

Chandice Jacobson, who worked with Thorsgard on the book, wrote this description of the book:

“Encompassing a period that marked a transition from agricultural practices 200 years old to an era of satellite-guided tractors, Enoch’s Saga is part history and part memoir – with some of the 91 years of accumulated wisdom tossed in. It is much more; in fact, it is the story of a man who in a real sense matched the American and North Dakota plains and prairies.”

The book is available for checkout in the Animal Sciences main office.
Judging Team Updates

Livestock Judging Team –
Justin Crosswhite, Coach
The 2013 North Dakota State University Livestock Judging Team consisted of Laura Bachmeier, Kelli Chinn, Ian Hall, Jordan Hieber and Brett Levos. The team started its fall at the National Barrow Show in Austin, Minn., where the team finished 14th and Jordan was in the top 15 in placings.

The team then traveled to Omaha, Neb., to compete in the AKSARBEN livestock show. The team finished ninth at AKSARBEN, with Laura finishing in the top 20 in sheep. The team also finished in the top 20 at the Tulsa State Fair and American Royal. The team finished its year at the National Championship in Louisville, Ky.

The team had the pleasure to work out at numerous farms and ranches across the state and country and extends its appreciation to all of those who helped it throughout the year.

Dairy Judging Team –
Todd Molden, Coach
This fall, the NDSU Dairy Judging team competed in four contests.

The first contest was the American Dairy Judging contest in Harrisburg, Pa. The team members who competed were: Eric Miller, Kristi Tonnessen and Brett Blackwelder. Kristi finished first in Ayrshires and was top 10 in Brown Swiss, Holstein and oral reasons, and 10th overall. The team was third in Jerseys, fifth in Holsteins and eighth overall.

Next the team traveled to the Accelerated Genetics contest in Viroqua, Wis. Eric, Brett, Caitlyn Krueger and Leah Middendorf competed for NDSU. Leah finished 11th overall and the team finished fourth in Guernseys.

The team then competed at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. Team members were Kristi, Steph Osowski, Amy McConnell and Brett. Kristi was eighth in Jerseys and the team was eighth in Jerseys.

The final contest of the fall was a trip to Louisville, Ky., for the North American International Livestock Exposition dairy judging contest. Team members were David Leier, Leah, Courtney Beer and Caitlyn. David finished 15th overall and fourth in Brown Swiss. The team finished sixth in Brown Swiss, ninth in Ayrshires and 10th in Guernseys. This event a fun way to cap off an enjoyable and successful fall judging season.

Meats Judging Team –
Rob Maddock, Coach
This fall, the Meats Judging Team was made up of Jordan Zenker, Spencer Wirt, Jake Keller and Tucker McPherson. Jake had his named called at the American Royal. At the High Plains competition, Jake placed first in placings and fourth in pork. At Dakota City, Jordan was second in beef. Nine students will go to the National Western contest Denver in January.

Wool Judging Team –
Reid Redden, Coach
Wool judging is back at NDSU! This year is the first time in approximately 30 years that NDSU has fielded a wool judging team.

The Wool Judging Team participated in the Wool Classing School at Hettinger in late November. A wool lab has been established at the Animal Nutrition and Physiology Center on campus, where the students on the team can practice their wool judging skills.

The members of the team participated in their first judging contest, the Black Hills Invitational, on Dec. 19. Alison Crane, graduate research assistant, has been coaching and traveling with the team.
Equestrian Team Updates

Hunt Seat Team – Mattia Gunkelman, Graduate Teaching Assistant and Assistant Coach
The NDSU Hunt Seat Team started the season with a great semester. It traveled and competed at two horse shows: River Falls, Wis., and Crookston, Minn.

The team practices one to two times a week, and its hard work showed in its placings at both shows. The team was able to win reserve high-point team at the Crookston show and had the high-point rider.

The following four riders already have qualified for the regional show in the spring: Deann Berntson, Sarah Bridge, Sydney Larson and Kaylin Scarberry.

Rodeo Team – Tate Eck, Coach
The NDSU Rodeo Team finished the fall season with some momentum, placing their goals within reach for the spring season.

The team competed at five rodeos this fall. It traveled to River Falls, Wis., North Platte, Neb.; and Fort Dodge and Ames, Iowa, and finished with our home rodeo at NDSU in mid-October. The team will continue its season in the spring with another five rodeos, starting the first weekend of April.

The top three finishers in each event in the region will qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR), which is held in June in Casper, Wyo. Team members who are looking at qualifying for the CNFR and their current position in the region standings are:

- Kasey Dressler – saddle bronc riding, fifth place
- Stephanie Wall – barrel racing, fourth place
- Ingrid Mlodzik – breakaway roping, eighth place
- Tracy Ellig – goat tying, seventh place

Western Team – Tara Swanson, Coach
The NDSU Western Team has 26 members this year. Only 10 of the 26 team members are returning western riders, so they are a very young and green team, but everyone has really stepped up, worked hard and been placing well.

During a two-day competition at the University of Minnesota-Crookston, the team was named the reserve high-point team both days. Ashley Lindell, a senior from Solway, Minn., was named the high-point rider on the first day of the event.

The team was named the high-point team during the second day of competition at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. Lindell was high-point rider the first day, and Megan Hansen, a senior from Breckenridge, Minn., was reserve high-point rider the second day.

Hansen also was named high-point rider in competition at NDSU and the first day of competition at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

NDSU was the high-point team the first day of the University of Wisconsin competition and reserve high-point team the second day. Lindell was reserve high-point rider the second day of that event.

In National Collegiate Equestrian Association exhibition competition in Brookings, S.D., Hansen was named Most Outstanding Player in the horsemanship event and Lindell was named Most Outstanding Player in the reining event.

The following riders have qualified for the regional competition, which will be held later this spring: Hailey Aagard, Hannah Bucheger, Hansen, Nicole Holasek, Lindell, Emily Norwig, Blaine Novak, Janna Rice and Cami Slaubaugh.

ANSC Department Facebook “Featured Alumnus”

www.facebook.com/ndsuanimalsciencedepartment

The following people have appeared since the last newsletter: Weston and Teresa (Baumann) Dvorak (9/9/13), Jake Reed (10/8/13), Pam Mortenson (10/31/13), Doug Bichler (11/21/13) and Laurie Madison Koenig (12/20/13). If you or anyone you know is interested in being featured on our Facebook page, please contact Deb Thomson at debra.thomson@ndsu.edu or (701) 231-7116.
Farm Unit personnel were featured on ESPN College GameDay footage when the television program came to Fargo for an NDSU Bison football game. Footage was shot with personnel in the fields north of campus. The Beef Cattle Research Complex also was featured in a special ESPN photo shoot highlighting campus sustainability efforts.

Joel Caton will serve as vice president of the newly formed International Society for Selenium Research (ISSR) for the next two years.

The following people were nominated by the department's Award Committee for the annual NDSU Agriculture and Extension Faculty/Staff Awards:

- Marc Bauer – H. Roald and Janet Lund Excellence in Teaching
- Eric Berg – Eugene R. Dahl Excellence in Research
- Austen Germolus – Charles and Linda Moses Staff Award
- Brandon Ostby – Rick and Jody Burgum Staff Award
- Stacey Ostby – Earl and Dorothy Foster Excellence in Teaching
- J.W. Schroeder – AGSCO Excellence in Extension
- Tara Swanson – William J. and Angelyn A. Austin Excellence in Advising
- Kendall Swanson – Larson/Yaggie Excellence in Research

Animal Sciences sheep herdsman Skip Anderson and Kelli Armbruster were the People's Choice winners and recipients of the "Cut Above the Rest" trophy as the winners of the lamb cookoff at the North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association annual convention. They won for their boneless leg of lamb.

A team of students, all members of the Saddle and Sirloin Club (Jake Aanden, David Larson, Quinn Steffan and Daven Dockter) received the Champion Showmanship Team Award at the Best of the Midwest Competition held in November in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Best of the Midwest is a livestock judging competition, similar to Little I, which includes universities from the upper Midwest. Also competing this year were the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, University of Wisconsin-River Falls and Kirkwood Community College. Dockter won the beef division and was overall showman, Aanden was overall dairy showman, Steffan was overall reserve swine showman and Dockter was fifth in the lamb class.

The following were invited to give presentations at international meetings:

- Kim Vonnahme gave a presentation at the 10th International Symposium on Selenium in Biology and Medicine 2013, held in Berlin, Germany, on Sept. 14-18. Dr. Vonnahme's Ph.D. student, Ely Camacho, also presented a poster of her research at the conference.
- Chung Park gave presentations on his research at the 2013 Global Breast Cancer Conference in Seoul and at numerous universities throughout South Korea in October.
- Joel Caton presented at the third International Conference on Selenium in the Environment and Human Health, which was held in Hefei, China, in November.

The following were featured on the NDSU home page scrolling news banner:

- Undergraduate student Zachary Carlson's research project with Kendall Swanson and Marc Bauer (the project took first place at the Midwest Section American Society of Animal Science meeting)
- Kim Vonnahme's research on the placenta and its role in producing a healthy fetus and a healthy animal following birth

The department's rotating SPAM (Spirit, Pep and Motivation) Award was bestowed on the following:

- Previous recipient Skip Anderson presented the award to the department support staff (Lisa Dubbels, Shelly Engebretson, Holly Erdmann, Megan Kortie, Char Kuss, Julie Nash and Deb Thomson) for all of their work helping people in the department.
- The support staff presented the award to Wanda Keller, Meat and Muscle Biology Lab supervisor, for her meticulous work in the lab, support of undergraduate and graduate students, enthusiasm for her work and willingness to go the extra mile.
**Alumni Updates**

**Weston Dvorak**, M.S., ’03, Animal Science with an emphasis in ruminant nutrition, and Teresa (Baumann) Dvorak, M.S., ’00, Animal Science with an emphasis in ruminant nutrition, own and operate Hills Valley Ranch and Heifer Development, which consists of a cow/calf operation, feedlot dedicated to custom heifer development and backgrounding calves, and a small-grain operation in western North Dakota.

**Matt Laubach**, M.S., ’08, Animal Science with an emphasis in dairy nutrition, is the dairy specialist for the northern business unit of DuPont Pioneer based in Elkin, S.D.

**Phillip Robins**, B.S., ’11, Animal Science, has been hired as promotional tour manager for Cloverdale’s new marketing venture, Don Russell’s Big Flavor Tour.

**Nathan Boehm**, B.S., ’89, Animal and Range Sciences, and Amber Boeshans, B.S., ’05, Animal and Range Sciences, have been hired by the North Dakota Department of Agriculture as livestock development specialists. A Mandan native, Nathan graduated from NDSU with a degree in animal science and agronomy.

He operated a dairy farm west of Mandan for 31 years and is a former member and president of the State Board of Animal Health. Amber is a Bismarck native. She has worked for and managed dairy farms and was an insurance agent specializing in dairy insurance.

**John Hanson**, B.S., ’79, Animal Science, along with his wife, Jennifer, and Robert and Ann Hanson, own and operate the Logging Camp Ranch near Amidon, N.D. The Logging Camp Ranch is a working cattle ranch where people come to see ranch life first hand, participate in ranch activities, commune with nature, ride horse, hike, and learn about the geology, biology and abundance of wildlife.

Day trips to Medora and Theodore Roosevelt National Park also are possible. Information is available at wwwloggingcampranchofpeople.

**Barbara Wheeling**, B.S., ’76, Animal Science, has been named dean of the College of Business at Montana State University-Billings. Wheeling received an M.S. from the University of Wyoming and Ph.D. from the University of Alberta, Canada. Previously, Wheeling taught at Colorado State University and Southern Utah University. She also was dean of business at Emporia State University in Kansas. She taught at Montana State for eight years and helped the university become accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

**Danny Hoffman**, B.S., ’74, Animal Science, a lifelong farmer and livestock producer from Wheatland, N.D., was named the 2013 North Star Classic Livestock Honoree at the North Star Classic on Dec. 6 in Valley City. He was honored for his commitment to the livestock industry in the state and as a supporter of the North Star Classic since its inception.

While at NDSU, Hoffman was a member of the livestock judging team. He started building his herd of Angus cattle about 50 years ago. He has been a long-time member and director of the North Dakota Angus Association and North Dakota Stockmen’s Association. He enjoys judging and helping out at livestock events around the area. He has had an active role on the Steer Committee at the North Dakota Winter Show for a number of years and has been an exhibitor since the early 1970s.

Hoffman and his wife, Maribeth, have four children and four grandchildren.

**Wade Moser**, B.S., ’79, Animal Science, former executive vice president of the North Dakota Stockmen’s Association, is the chairman of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund. The board’s 12 voting members will recommend proposals to the Industrial Commission, which will determine recipients of grants for conservation and outdoor projects.

**Ely Camacho**, Ph.D., ’13, Animal Science with an emphasis on reproductive physiology, started a post-doctoral position at the University of Arizona in Tucson on Jan. 6.

**Laurie Madison Koenig**, B.S., Animal Science, is a sales lead for Cargill Texturing Solutions. Her responsibilities include working with the emerging accounts and Canadian sales team, commercial activity for the soy and lecithin product line, and sales for one of the national accounts. She has spent a number of years focused on the growth in the processed meat space.

**Obituaries**

**Warren Hokana**, age 66, B.S., ’69, Animal Science, was born in Guelph, N.D. He graduated from Ellendale High School. He obtained his B.S. degree at NDSU and was a true Bison fan.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army as a field medic assistant and became a second lieutenant during the Vietnam War. After an honorable discharge, he returned to the family homestead to farm and raise Black Angus cattle. He married Phyllis Christ in 1987. He was doing what he loved, tending cattle, until the night he died on the Hokana Ranch on Sept. 9, 2013.

**Raymond Meyer**, age 73, B.S., ’63, Animal Science, grew up on the family farm east of Flasher, N.D. He attended a one-room rural school near the farm and later attended Northwestern Lutheran Academy in Mobridge, S.D, and Flasher High School.

In 1958, Ray was the high individual at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest and a delegate to the National 4-H Conference. In 1959, he served as president of the Junior Stockman’s Association. While at NDSU, he was a member of the livestock and meats judging teams and received the J.H. Shepperd Award for high individual on the livestock judging team. He was the 1963 manager of the NDSU Little International, and president and business manager of the NDSU Farm House Fraternity, where he earned the 1963 outstanding senior Doan Award.

Ray and his wife, Joni, purchased Meyer Hereford Ranch in 1973. He was the president of the North Dakota Hereford Association, and bred and showed championship bulls.

Along with being a 4-H leader, he was active on township and church boards, and was on the Elgin School Board North Dakota School Board Association. Ray served four terms in the North Dakota House of Representatives and was owner of Meyer Cafe in Flasher. He died July 29, 2013.

**David Jenner**, age 65, B.S., ’71, Animal Science, was born in Eureka, S.D. He graduated from Ellendale High School. He completed his education with a double major in animal science and agricultural education from NDSU. He married Deborah Meidinger and they had three children.

David started the first agricultural education program and first FFA chapter at Oakes (N.D.) High School. His teams won district, state and national recognition. While in Oakes, David was one of the first farmers to plant sunflowers in that area. In 1974, the Jenners moved back to the family homestead in Ashley and established a partnership with David’s father.

In 1987, the state of South Dakota recognized the Jenner family farm as a Century Farm. David also taught the Adult Veterans Agricultural Program in Ashley for four years. David was a very active member of Ashley Baptist Church; president of South Central Investors, Ashley Lions Club and Elk’s Club; and past president and director of the McPherson County Crop Improvement Association. David died on Oct. 19, 2013.

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