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Welcome



-To **Rosie Nold** who began her employment in the Animal Science Department on April 22. She will take responsibility as Assistant Department Head, Associate Professor. She was formerly the Ag and Natural Resources SDSU Extension Director.

- To **Amos Wipf** who began employment on May 1 as Swine Unit manager. He comes to us from Wisconsin where he was employed in a large broiler poultry operation. Amos graduated in 2013 from SDSU as an animal science major.



News from Research/Teaching Facilities



On March 31 **Dr. Bob Thaler**, Dean Barry Dunn, animal science students **Adam Krause** and **Leah Rommereim**, Senator Larry Tidemann, and

President Chicoine traveled to Pierre to attend the ceremonial bill signing for House Bill 1112 by Gov. Dennis Daugaard. The bill appropriated \$2 million in one-time state funds for the Swine Education and Research Facility.

Zoetis has given a \$100,000 donation toward the construction of the Cow/Calf Education and Research Facility. When completed, the new facility will support industry education, research and current and future generations of cattle producers. This contribution is very much appreciated.



The 2014 bull sale was held at the SDSU Cow/Calf Unit on Friday, April 4. **Dr. Cody Wright's** Seedstock Merchandising class was responsible for the preparation and coordination of the sale. Sale attendees were invited to a beef sandwich lunch prepared by the SDSU Block and Bridle Club. The Angus bulls averaged \$5087.50 and the SimAngus bulls averaged \$4053.33.

Overall average was \$4587.10.

Upcoming events



July 15-19 National Targee Show, Brookings

July 21-25 National ASAS meetings, Kansas City, MO

August 25 Instruction Begins, 2014 Fall Semester

September 20 Beef Bowl SDSU vs UW-Oshkosh 6:00pm

September 27-28 SD Sheep Growers Convention, Brookings

October 25 Hobo Day SDSU vs Youngstown State 2:00pm

January 31, 2015 Pork Classic

March 27-28, 2015, Little "I"

May 9, 2015 SDSU Graduation, Frost Arena

The 4th Annual SDSU Hampshire sale and open house was held on May 3 at the SDSU Sheep Unit. Nineteen head were sold, averaging \$442. **Dr. Jeff Held** and Sheep Unit Manager **Ann Kolthoff** coordinated the event. Special thanks to **Dr. Julie Walker**, Lynn Perry, Mary Held, and auctioneer Kevin Quail for their help during the sale. Also, thanks to the undergraduate students for all of their hard work and dedication to pre-sale and sale day activities as well as serving as ambassadors of the SDSU Animal Science Department on sale day!



Five foals were born at the SDSU Equine Teaching Unit this spring. This summer the area youth have had the opportunity to participate in the city of Brookings Department of Park and Recreation riding classes hosted at the Unit. Children in grades 1st-3rd participated in the parent/child learning for facts about horses and how to safely interact with horses while brushing, leading and riding. Beginning and intermediate horsemanship sessions are also offered. The summer session will wrap up in July at Oak Lake Field Station with an advanced camp for four half days. Youth will have the opportunity to hone their skills in the beautiful flora and farm enriched environment.

Congratulations!

-To the following students for successfully defending their graduate programs: **Jarrod Bumsted** on February 14 in meat science (M.S.), **Dr. Stacy Scramlin** advisor, and **Levi Garbel** on November 7 in ruminant nutrition (M.S.), **Dr. Robbi Pritchard**, advisor.

- To **Rosie Nold**, nominee for SDSU Woman of Distinction, Faculty Exempt category.

-To **Robin Salverson** (pictured at right), Field Specialist located at the Extension Regional Center in Lemmon, who was awarded SDSU Woman of Distinction, Faculty Exempt category.



- To **Dr. Ken Olson** (pictured at left) who was promoted to Professor.

- To **Dr. Michael Gonda** who was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor.

-To **Dr. Bob Thaler** and **Dr. Stacy Scramlin**, candidates for the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences Teacher of the Year.



- **Dr. Stacy Scramlin** on being chosen the TRIO Student Support Services Student's Choice Award winner, Spring 2014.



- To **Lt Col Reid Christopherson** on his retirement after 39 years in military service. Reid graduated from SDSU with B.S. in animal science, 1982 and M.S. in 1986. His advisor was **Dr. George Libel**.

-To **Dr. Robert Thaler** on his election to Faculty Senate from the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences.

- Congratulations to **Erin Larimore** for winning first place in the Sigma XI Master's paper competition. She won with the paper "*Influence of estrus at fixed-time AI on accessory sperm numbers and embryonic development.*" **Dr. George Perry** is her advisor.



-Congratulations to **Dr. George Perry** on being the first recipient of the Wahlstrom Award for Excellence in Scholarship.



Condolences are expressed to the family of **William Costello** who passed away in Brookings on May 6. Bill was a professor in the Animal Science Department from 1965-99 specifically in the area of meat production and processing.

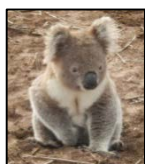
Travel

Drs. Bob Thaler, Becky Bott, Michael Gonda and Sharon Clay traveled to China with 31 students in May to learn about Chinese agriculture. Dean Barry Dunn accompanied them on the trip. Their first stop was



a hotel in Beijing where Governor Daugaard was hosting a reception to promote trade and business opportunities between China and South Dakota. For additional information on their trip visit sdsu2014chinaltravel.blogspot.com.

Dr. Julie Walker traveled to Australia with 13 students



in May to learn more about agriculture in that country. Approximately two hours from Dubbo the students toured Benham family farms where they saw a live koala bear in one of the pastures. Visit

sdsu2014australia.blogspot.com for additional information on their trip.



Meat Science



Drs. Keith Underwood and Stacy Scramlin are presenting BBQ Bootcamps at various places in SD this summer. This program is intended to educate the public about grilling, BBQ, food safety, and rubs and marinades. Others assisting with the camps: **Adam Rhody, Darcy Burton, Mo Jia, Kaleigh Kerns, Jesse Fulton and Shauna Kill.**

The Reciprocal Meat Conference was held in Madison, WI June 14-18. **Drs. Keith Underwood, Stacy Scramlin, Amanda Blair and Rosie Nold** attended as did **Adam Rhody**, Meat Lab Manager. Three research posters were presented and SDSU students competed in the Meat Science Quiz Bowl. Students competing included **Samantha Berg, Christina Fehrman, Kayla Johnson, Josh Kirchenbauer, and Jesse Topel.** The team finished in the top eight of approximately thirty teams. Congratulations!

Scholarship Banquet

The 2014-2015 Department of Animal Science scholarships were presented at a banquet held April 22. Approximately \$93,000 was awarded to SDSU students majoring in animal science. Donors, students and faculty were in attendance. The generosity of many organizations, individuals and their families and friends make it possible for the department to recognize and reward some of our outstanding students. All the support is greatly appreciated!

Livestock Judging Camp

Josh Cribbs held two SDSU Youth Livestock Judging Camps in June. A total of 65 students attended the two camps where they not only advanced their livestock evaluation skills but also improve their skills in critical thinking, decision-making and oral presentation. **Dr. Robbi Pritchard** lectured on feedlot nutrition. Thank you to **Zach Smith, Ann Kolthoff** and the Livestock Judging Team for assisting with the camp. Proceeds from the camp support the activities of the Livestock Judging Team.

More news.....

The Gilbert and Rosemary Mohrhauser Family of Crooks, SD were chosen Little "I" 2014 Honored Agriculturalists. All six of the Mohrhauser children, which include Tricia, **Adam**, animal science, 2000;



Nathan, animal science, 2002;

Wendy, ag journalism, 2003;

Crystal, ag journalism, 2006 and

Dustin, animal science, 2007, M.S.

2010, and PhD 2013 were active in

4-H and FFA. Five remain active in

agriculture today. **Crystal and Dustin** also served as Little "I" managers back-to-back in 2006-07.

SDSU celebrated "Mom's Day" April 12 with special events held on campus. The day began with breakfast at the Animal Science Complex. **Dr. Keith Underwood, Josh Cribbs** and Animal Science graduate students served sausage and pancakes to 170 people. The event also included a children's Petting Zoo hosted by the Horse Club.

Dr. Bob Thaler hosted a Chinese delegation of 25 pork industry professionals when they visited South Dakota in June. **Dr. Keith Underwood** was a featured speaker on the topic of meat science.

Dr. Julie Walker hosted a delegation from Argentina in June. Seven beef and dairy producers visited SD dairies, feedlots, cow/calf operations and cropping systems to learn technologies to incorporate into their production practices.

Sixty-eight first graders from Sioux Falls celebrated Ag Day on May 14 by touring the Horse Unit, Sheep Unit, Cow/Calf Unit, and other places of interest on campus.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING/SUMMER 2014 GRADUATION CANDIDATES



Adam Bate	Green Isle, MN
Ashley Beer	Canton, SD
Hannah Brockshus	Spencer, IA
Jessica Brown	Porter, MN
David Buseman	Canistota, SD
Tishawanna Carpenter	Pipestone, MN
Sarah Carter	Canaan, NH
Kari Cavanagh	Perham, MN
Bethany Chapman	Winfred, SD
Richard Danielson	Montevideo, MN
Jazmine DeBruin	Rock Valley, IA
Maverick Fiene	Echo, MN
Ian Flatgard	Arlington, SD
Emily Gruber	St. Cloud, MN
Kevin Gustafson	Madelia, MN
Kathryn Haak	Howard, SD
Carrie Hafits	Sioux City, IA
Kelsey Haley	Waseca, MN
Kelsey Huber	Piedmont, SD
Taylor Hurd	Canton, SD
Jamie Jones	Aberdeen, SD
Jared Krause	Tekamah, NE
William Krueger	Springfield, MN
Katherine Kubacki	Stillwater, MN
Michelle Lenertz	Tracy, MN
Lucas Mehlhaf	Menno, SD
Alexandra Mertens	North Platte, NE
Rachel Nelson	La Crescent, MN
Tosha Opheim	Mound City, SD
Amy Paulzine	Iona, MN
Megan Peters	Mapleton, MN
Lane Peterson	Holabird, SD
Kathryn Pommer	Willow Lake, SD
Clint Raak	Sioux City, IA
Jenna Rausch	Huron, SD
Maria Rausch	Hoven, SD
Mary Roudabush	Spencer, VA
Amanda Schmidt	Vesta, MN
Clare Schumaker	Kewaskum, WI
Abbie Schuring	Dell Rapids, SD
Caitlin Siefkes	Bath, SD
Rachel Steffen	Crofton, NE
Tyler Steffen	Crofton, NE
Hillary Stern	Vermillion, SD
Rachel Toren	Olivia, MN
Allyson VanderWal	Volga, SD
Melissa VanDerWerff	Hartford, SD
Megan Violand	Moorpark, CA
Ashley Wagner	Montrose, SD
Garret Weber	Lake Benton, MN
Brianna Wheeler	Ida Grove, MN
Jordan Wiesen	Hendricks, MN
Zachary Williams	Sioux Falls, SD