

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 10, 2009—Lamb Bonanza, Frost Arena
- January 31, 2009—Pork Classic, Frost Arena
- March 27-28, 2009—86th Little International
- September 19, 2009—Beef Bowl; SDSU vs. Indiana State.



Jamie Pietig (B.S. F'08) is our newest graduate student. He started on January 5th and will be studying swine nutrition with Dr. Chris Hostetler. Jamie's hometown is Sleepy Eye, MN.

NEW FACES IN ARS



Dr. Keith Underwood joined the ARS faculty January 5th as an Asst. Professor in Meat Science. He has a 50% Extension/50% Research appointment. A native of Shallowater, TX, he received his B.S. from Texas Tech University and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from The University of Wyoming. He will be working with SD meat processors and also doing research that focuses on fresh meat quality and factors affecting tenderness, marbling development and palatability of beef. He was attracted to this position by the desire to add another focus to the strong Meat Science Program and faculty already in place at SDSU. He has found the faculty and staff in ARS very friendly and welcoming. When not at work he enjoys outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, and snowshoeing. He resides in Brookings with his wife Julie and daughter Aubrey, who was born October 24, 2008.

FALL '08 GRADUATION BREAKFAST

Thanks to the efforts of the ARS Grad Student Association, over 100 people enjoyed breakfast prior to commencement on Saturday, December 13th. Thank you to all who helped provide this opportunity for our graduates and their families.

BEEF 2020 THANK YOU

The 2009 Beef 2020 program was very successful. We had 24 producers, industry representatives, consultants, and Extension educators participate this year. As usual it takes a tremendous team effort to make it happen. I'd like to publicly thank Drs. Duane Wulf, Amanda Weaver, and Keith Underwood for their assistance in developing the program and facilitating the day-to-day activities. I'd also like to thank Drs. Robbi Pritchard and Michael Gonda, Tanner Machado, Dustin Mohrhauser, and Tyler Melroe for taking part in the program as presenters and experts. Perhaps the biggest acknowledgement needs to go to the crew in the Meat Lab for all of their assistance in preparing carcasses, serving as cutting instructors, and cleaning up. Our special guest cutting instructor, the one-and-only Leroy Warborg, was also a tremendous asset to the project. Finally, thank you to Betty Knutsen, Rozanne McGrath, and Carol Kleinjan for helping with registration and the notebooks and to the Graduate Student Association for the great food!

Once again, Beef 2020 really is a team effort, and I appreciate all you do to help make it a success.

Thanks again, Cody Wright

JANUARY ARS BIRTHDAYS

January 2	Shannon Ims
January 27	Sarah Wells
January 28	Greta Varien

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tim Nath who successfully defended his M.S. thesis entitled, "The use of electrical impedance to rapidly predict beef tenderness", on Friday, December 19th. Tim studied under the direction of Dr. Duane Wulf.



Guest Cutting Instructor, LeRoy Warborg, assists Beef 2020 participant, Holly Swee of Beresford, SD.