

UPCOMING MEETINGS/DATES

- **August 25, 2006** – College Social & Picnic–10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Ag Hall South Lawn.
- **August 29, 2006** – Fall '06 Semester Classes Begin.
- **September 12-14, 2006** – SD Grazing School, Oacoma, SD.
- **September 21, 2006** – Cottonwood Station Field Day.
- **October 7, 2006** – 40th Annual Beef Bowl – SDSU vs. Central Arkansas.
- **October 16-19, 2006** – CES Annual Conference.
- **October 28, 2006** – Hobo Day.
- **October 30-November 17, 2006** – Pre-registration for Sp07.
- **January 6, 2007** – Lamb Bonanza. SDSU vs. Central Florida.
- **February 3, 2007** – Pork Classic. SDSU vs. NDSU.
- **March 30-31, 2007**-- Little International.

NATIONAL ASAS MEETINGS

National ASAS Meetings were held in Minneapolis July 9-13, 2006. The following oral presentations were inadvertently omitted in the previous edition of NODARS:

- Angela Sanborn** - Association of Microsatellite markers on bovine chromosomes 5 and 6 with carcass traits.
Greg Kleinhans – Effects of corn germ on digestibility of hay and corn.

INVITATION FROM THE DEAN

All ABS College employees are invited to attend the College Social and Picnic Lunch on Friday, August 25th on the South Lawn of Ag Hall. The social starts at 10:30 a.m. Followed by a picnic lunch served from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. There will be door prizes and something for everyone. Let's kick off the fall semester with some fun and food.
 – Dean, Gary Lemme

CONCERNS

Professor Emeritus, **LaVerne “Korty” Kortan**, passed away on Wednesday, August 16th. Memorial Services were held on Tuesday, August 22nd at the First Methodist Church in Brookings, SD.

Korty served in our department as an Extension Livestock Specialist from 1952 until his retirement in 1983. He traveled extensively to serve South Dakota livestock producers and was well known as a respected authority and livestock judge, especially in the areas of swine and sheep. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for Service to South Dakota from the SDSU Alumni Association and on retirement received his full Professorship Emeritus of Animal Science. He was also inducted into the 4-H Centennial Hall of Fame in 2002.

Cards of condolence may be sent to Lory Kortan at 1069 Circle Drive, Brookings, SD 57006.

6th Annual SDSU Sheep Sale



The 6th SDSU Sheep Sale and Education Program were held on Thursday August 10th at the Animal Science Arena. More than 100 people attended the education program and 36 buyers registered for the sale. Dr. Tom Stenberg,

Volga Vet Clinic, conducted a seminar on ram fertility; Dr. Held, SDSU Extension Sheep Specialist discussed selection criteria for the ewe flock. Following the education program, lamb burgers and SDSU ice cream were served by members of the department and representatives from the South Dakota Sheep Growers Assn.

Commercial ewes averaged \$154 per head and purebred Hampshire and Columbia ewes \$243. Ewes sold into South Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota.

Thanks again to all ARS faculty and staff who assisted with the sale. Rob Zelinsky, SDSU Sheep Unit manager, had the ewes in excellent condition; this was reflected in the spirited bidding, especially on the 100 commercial ewes in the sale. Kelly Bruns expended many hours to



Lamb burger chefs, Aaron and Austin Held and Kelly Bruns

have the arena in terrific condition leaving a positive impression on the visitors to campus. Carol, Betty and Rozanne again provided great support to this event. Tanner Machado, graduate student, headed up

the burger fry. Special thanks to Neil Johnson and the meat lab crew for their effort to manufacture the burgers.
 - Jeff Held, SDSU Extension Sheep Specialist

EXTENDED ARS FAMILY WELCOMES NEW BABY

Former Equine Instructor, **Koyla Kruse** called to let us know she and her husband Will have a new son. **Garon Jonah** was born on Friday, August 4th. He weighed 9 lbs., 3 oz. and is 20.5 inches long. He joins brothers Stran and Taden in the Kruse family.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

We welcome two new graduate students to our department.



Jenny Thurlow will be studying ruminant nutrition under the direction of Dr. Aimee Lutz as she pursues her Ph.D. degree. Jenny received her undergrad degree from Missouri State University and earned her Masters degree at the University of Arkansas.

Amanda Knorr, of Golden, IL will be studying reproductive physiology as she works towards her Masters Degree with Dr. Jeff Clapper as her advisor. Amanda received her undergrad degree from Western Illinois University in Golden, IL.



2006 Advanced Feedlot Management Shortcourse

The 2006 SDSU Feedlot Shortcourse was a success. The Shortcourse, held on August 14-17th, is an annual event that is limited to 30 participants. The ambitious participants were divided into three teams, with each team being charged with the management of two pens of cattle. They honed their

cattle management skills under the direction of professors and staff from South Dakota State University (Robbi Pritchard, Kelly Bruns, Paul Schlobohm, and Erik Loe), Iowa State University (Darrell Busby and Dan Loy), and a feedlot consulting veterinarian (Tom Edwards). Because of the strong, science-based feedlot cattle nutrition and management research program that SDSU has, participants were able to learn bunk and feed management techniques that will improve cattle performance and feedlot profitability. Offering programs such as the SDSU Feedlot Shortcourse is a unique

way of distributing science-based feed and health management information to regional feedlot managers, nutritionists, mill managers, and pen riders. The quality of the program is reflected in the interest that participants maintain during the three day event. Based on evaluation replies from 18 of the 30 participants, they determined that what they learned during the

Shortcourse has the potential to have over a \$5 million combined impact on the regional feedlot industry by increasing return by \$12.80 per head of cattle affected by the Shortcourse participants. The program could not be a success without industry sponsors, SDSU Nutrition Lab staff, and the coordination/organization of Betty Knutsen.

- Erik Loe, Extension Feedlot Specialist



Pictures show Shortcourse participants at the Feedlot and at the Fairfield Inn. ARS Grad students catered breaks, lunches, and one evening meal. Participants also attended lectures in the Animal Science Complex during the 3-day Shortcourse.

Thought for the Week: "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."
- Vince Lombardi 1913-1970, Hall of Fame Football Coach