

UPCOMING MEETINGS/DATES

- **Dec 21, 2005** – ARS Christmas Coffee Party, 3:00 p.m.
- **Jan. 7, 2006** - Lamb Bonanza.
- **Jan. 10-12, 2006** – Beef 2020.
- **Feb. 11, 2006** - Pork Classic.
- **Mar 19-22, 2006** – Midwest ASAS Meetings, Des Moines, IA.
- **Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 2006** - Little International.

FAREWELL



ARS faculty and staff gathered on Friday, Dec 9th to thank **Simone Holt** and **Tyler Melroe** for their years of service to SDSU and to wish them well in their future endeavors. Simone will be moving to Mankato, MN where she will be a beef nutritionist for Hubbard Feeds.

Tyler will move to Britton, SD where he will serve as the Marshall County Livestock Extension Educator. Good Luck to you both.



ARS Graduate Students cooked breakfast for ARS graduates and their families on Saturday, Dec. 10th.

ARS Senior, Taia Huls, Chadron, NE is pictured at right with her sisters and parents prior to the breakfast.



CONGRATULATIONS

The SDSU Academic Quadrathlon competition took place on December 2nd and 3rd. The winning team will represent SDSU at the regional contest held in conjunction with the Midwest Animal Science meetings in Des Moines, IA in March. Members of the winning team are **Jared Knock**, Willow Lake, SD; **Arne Harstad**, Revillo, SD; **Justin Fruechte**, Pipestone, MN; and **Jamie Sonderup**, Fullerton, NE.

The following ARS students received their degrees on Saturday, December 10th at Fall Semester Commencement:

Bachelor of Science Degree

Animal Science Major

Collin Eichler	Columbia, SD
Stacy Hoffman	Volga, SD
Rocky Huddleston	Martin, SD
Taia Huls	Chadron, NE
Elizabeth Johnson	Milbank, SD
Ariel Keating	Madison, SD
Jeremy Lehrman	Spencer, SD
Steven Muller	Davis, SD
Kelly Ness	Pierre, SD
Jared Nickel	Litchfield, MN
Jeffrey Paul	Swea City, IA
Erin Stansbury	Sioux Falls, SD

Range Science Major

Brian Feiler	Brookings, SD
Sean Kelly	Winner, SD
Shari Rockvam	Rapid City, SD

Master of Science Degree

Ruminant Nutrition

Heidi Doering-Resch	Good Thunder, MN
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Meat Science

Jonathan Spronk	Edgerton, MN
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ARS Christmas Coffee Party
Wednesday, Dec. 21st 3:00 p.m. – ASC 111
Bring a plate of goodies to share.



THANK YOU

Dear Dept. of Animal and Range Sciences:
Thank you for providing group leaders for the 2005 International Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest. Additionally, thank you for providing a quality workout before the contest and for your continuous support of the Intercollegiate Meat Judging Program.

- The 2005 Intercollegiate Meat Judging Team from the
University of Missouri

SDSU Group Leaders/Scoring:

Thank you for taking time to lead us through the contest and for scoring cards at the contest. Thanks again.

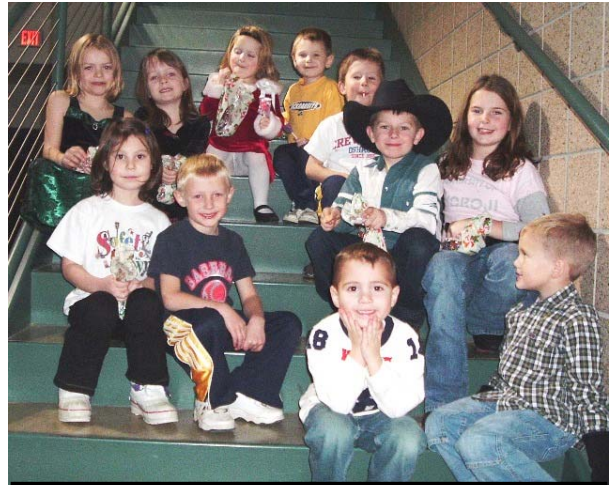
-KSU Meats Team

NEW ARRIVAL

The ARS Department is growing again. Cody and Jennifer Moret welcomed **Ben Cody Moret** into their family on December 10, 2005. He weighed in at 8 lb 3 oz and is 20.5 inches long. Big sister Samantha and brother Seth complete the Moret Family. Congrats to you all !!

2005 ARS Family Christmas Party

Good food and fellowship were in abundance at the annual Christmas party for ARS families on Thursday, Dec. 15th. The event was held at the Brookings County Resource Room in the Swiftel Center, where the many youngsters in attendance had fun "exploring" and checking out the contents of their "treat bags". A big thanks to the ARS Social Committee for planning the party and to the Meat Lab for preparing the delicious ham balls for the "main course".



Just some of the many youngsters at the ARS Christmas Potluck.

**Merry Christmas
to you and your family.**

Thought for the Week: "If you aren't the lead dog, chew your way out of the harness and make a break for it."
- from an 'I'm a little stressed right now' calendar