

UPCOMING MEETINGS/DATES

- **December 6-8, 2006** –South Dakota Sheep Shearing School.
- **January 6, 2007** – Lamb Bonanza. SDSU vs. Central Florida.
- **February 3, 2007** – Pork Classic. SDSU vs. NDSU.
- **March 30-31, 2007**-- Little International.
- **June 16-20, 2007** – RMC National Meetings – Brookings Days Inn, PAC, NPB, and ASC.

CONGRATULATIONS

It was recently announced that **Dr. Kelly Bruns** has been selected by the American Society of Animal Science as the **Outstanding Young Teacher** in the Midwestern Section! Kelly will officially receive the award at the Midwest ASAS meetings in Des Moines on March 19-21, 2007. Please take time and congratulate Kelly on this accomplishment.

- Bob Thaler

Congratulations also to **Dustin Mohrhauser**, Animal Science undergrad from Hartford, SD. Dustin has been awarded a \$2,000 Scholarship Grant from the National Meat Association. He will receive recognition in February at their annual convention in Las Vegas, NV.

Alumni News

Casey (M.S. '00) and **Lora** (B.S. '00) **Wright** of Centerville, SD are the proud parents of **Cullen Benjamin Wright**. He was born on Saturday, November 11th at Sioux Valley Hospital. He weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and was 19.5 in. long.

ARS December Birthdays

December 9	Cody Moret
December 17	Brandi Perry
December 21	Cody Wright
December 22	Jane Pesall
December 23	Tim Nath
December 24	Rozanne McGrath

FALL JUDGING SEASON CONCLUDES

SDSU Livestock Judging Team

The SDSU Livestock Judging Team traveled to Louisville, Ky, November 13th, 2006 for the 101st National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest, for which the winning team is honored as the National Champions. The first National Collegiate Judging Contest was held in 1900, the inaugural year of Chicago's International Live Stock Exposition. Since 1900, the contest has taken place annually except for 6 years when the International was canceled (1914-15, 1942-45). The contest remained in Chicago until 1975, the last year of the historic International Live Stock Exposition. Since 1976, it has been held in Louisville, KY, in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition.

SDSU's team members were **Justin Freuchte**, Pipestone, MN; **Ryan Johnson**, Ashton, IA; **Dustin Mohrhauser**, Hartford, SD; **Adam Raml**, Goodwin, SD; **Megan Sneesby**, Lake Preston, SD; and **Rachel Wulf**, Hancock, MN. **The team received 7th place overall out of 26 teams.** The team was 8th in Swine, 9th in Cattle, and 11th in Sheep. Individual honors included **Adam Raml** tied for 14th place in Sheep, and **Dustin Mohrhauser** and **Justin Freuchte** tied for 10th place in Swine. Overall Individual Rank out of 130 contestants: **Dustin Mohrhauser** was 27th, **Ryan Johnson** was 45th, **Rachel Wulf** was 46th, **Adam Raml** was 48th, and **Justin Freuchte** was 87th. **Tanner Machado** coached the team.

SDSU Meats Judging Team

The Meats Judging Team traveled to the International Meat Judging Contest in Dakota City, NE on November 12th.

Team members include **Britton Blair**, Sturgis, SD; **Eric Gjerde**, Hazel, SD; **Jennifer Hansen**, Canova, SD; **James Holz**, Grand Junction, IA; **Scott Larsen**, Viborg, SD; **Sarah Nath**, Luverne, MN; **Gina Neu**, Rockham, SD; and **Melissa Smith**, Williamsburg, IA. **Overall the team finished in 6th place** with 14 total teams participating. As a team they placed 3rd in Specifications and 3rd in Total Placings. They were 4th in Pork Judging, 5th in Beef judging, and tied for 5th in Lamb Judging. Individually, Brittan Blair was 4th in Total Placing and Melissa Smith was 1st in Beef Grading. High alternates in this last contest of the season were Gina Neu, 4th and Jennifer Hansen, 5th.

This year's meats team was coached by **Amanda Everts** and **Carissa Nath**.

We extend a huge thank you to all of our coaches and helpers for their hard work and dedication to our judging programs. Congratulations on a job well done!