

Report of

**Promoting safe and tasty grass-fed beef, an opportunity for the Inner Mongolia of  
China and Wyoming**

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### **Scientists visited and dates of visit**

Drs. Jin and Zhao, Sept 27 to Oct 14

### **Summary**

During Sept 27 to Oct 15, Drs. Jin and Zhao visited University of Wyoming. Drs. Jin and Dr. Zhao's primary goal is to explore ways to foster greater collaboration between the University of Wyoming and Inner Mongolia Agricultural University. During summer 2009 we (Meijun Zhu, Min Du, Steve Paisley, Warrie Means) visited Inner Mongolia and toured the grasslands northeast of Huhhot as part of our Global Perspectives Grant/International Travel Award. At that time we discussed continued and increased collaborations.

During their visiting, they visited the UW International Programs office and discussed with Dr. Anne M. Alexander about undergraduate student exchange program, and the possibility of establishment of a joined undergraduate program, graduate and faculty exchange program. They have also met and discussed with Dean, Dr. Frank Galey and associated Deans, Drs. Bret W. Hess, Glen Whipple and Jim Wangberg regarding to possible future collaboration and exchange program. They observed lamb and hog slaughter in the Meat Lab, observed a couple classes, and toured LAREC Swine, Sheep and Beef units as well as the UW campus. They have also toured JBS USA, Inc., Lamb Division slaughter facilities, Mountain States Lamb Coop lamb fabrication facilities, Harper Livestock (88, 000 head lamb feedlot), and two Wyoming cattle feedlots (Gross-Wilkinson and Petsch). They toured several Wyoming ranches that Dr. Paisley lined up. They had discussions with Dr. Hixon, Department head of Animal Science Dept. They also meet with Dept head of Renewable Resource Dept, Dr. John Tanaka, and his faculty members. Our regional climate and forage based livestock production systems are very similar that in Inner Mongolia, therefore, there is a great potential for the future collaborations.

On Oct 8, Drs Jin and Zhao gave a jointed seminar on “Grassland resource, livestock production, and traditional food processing in Inner Mongolia, China” in Animal Science Departmental seminar.