

2010 ASAS Western Section Graduate Student Representative Candidate

Megan L. Van Emon

Megan Van Emon was born in Sturgis, Michigan, and grew up in Columbia City, Indiana. She attended Purdue University and graduated with a BS in animal science and minors in biological sciences and Spanish language and literature in May 2006. During her undergraduate career, she worked in the Swine Nutrition Laboratory under Alan Sutton, Brian Richert, and Scott Radcliffe. Working in the laboratory sparked her interest in graduate school. She began her MS work at Purdue University under the direction of Scott Lake. Her thesis was titled "Process of Wet Distiller's Grains to Optimize Protein Quality for Ruminants." Van Emon graduated with a MS in animal sciences in December of 2008. She is currently pursuing her PhD at North Dakota State University under the guidance of Kim Vonnahme and Christopher Schauer. She is located at Hettinger Research Extension Center in Hettinger, North Dakota, where she is currently working on her research project. Her research consists of administering protein supplementation to ewes during late pregnancy and observing the outcome on the lambs. Being located at the research center has provided unique opportunities. She is able to work in research but also interact with local producers and design future projects based on producer input to provide information on livestock specific to the region. Van Emon indicated that the ASAS Western Section plays a crucial role in developing livestock programs in western America, and she believes that working at the Hettinger Research Extension Center will provide her with increased opportunities to provide current research information directly to producers. She is interested in being a Graduate Student Representative because she wishes to be involved in the development of graduate students and animal science programs in universities. Van Emon believes she could provide insight into how to improve current programs and aid in the development of new programs.