

ILM Summer 2003 Student Forum

The ILM Summer Student Program involves students in ILM project activities during the summer academic break. It is designed to give the students experience and insight into livestock health problem solving. Each student is assigned a faculty mentor who oversees a project, generally concerning a livestock producer problem. The students also attend weekly seminars conducted by ILM faculty and participate in field activities outside of their own project area to broaden their experience. The program, begun in the summer of 2000 as a unique opportunity for veterinary students at Colorado State University, is supported by donations from livestock industry companies and private livestock producers.

Ten students involved in activities during the 2003 summer break presented their research findings December 3rd. sophomore veterinary students **Jace King** and **Michael Suit** worked with Dr Kevin McSweeney to collect information contained in the lead article on EED in this issue of CDN. **Katie Jones**, a junior veterinary student studied mastitis and udder preparation in dairy cattle with Dr Heather Hirst. **Dusti Pruna** a sophomore veterinary student worked with Dr John Wenz on a study concerning the use of recycled sand bedding. **Sarah Tomlison**, a senior veterinary student worked with Dr Jason Lombard on a study of dystocia, calf morbidity and mortality that was reported in the July 2003 CDN and at the annual conference of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. Senior veterinary student **Julie Severidt** and **Gina Henriksen**, another sophomore veterinary student, worked on educational tools for dairy workers involving lameness, hoof care and sick cows.

Students, producers or donors interested in participating in this program can contact Dr Frank Garry, Coordinator of ILM (970) 297-0371.