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NMSU range animal nutritionist Mark Petersen discusses the summer ag issues workshop plans with advisory board member Richard Spencer.

Corona research ranch plans workshop

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The Corona Range and Livestock Research Center Advisory Committee and the center's manager and university advisors have committed to hands-on workshops for the summers of 2006 and 2007.

Last July, the Corona research ranch hosted a well-attended field day with more than 200 visitors coming from across the state.

The event was to familiarize ranchers and land managers with the research facility and what it has to offer.

The advisory committee met at the ranch on Jan. 16 to hear updates on the ranch, reports on research currently being spotlighted and to discuss plans for another field day as well as the workshops and the possibilities of an interim newsletter.

Another field day is planned for July 2008 with the 2006-07 workshops targeting specific issues.

All events are scheduled for the

third Friday in July.

The workshop for the 2006 session will cover at least three specific areas that are currently high priority to livestock producers including the upcoming mandatory livestock identification programs.

The NMSU Corona Range and Livestock Research Center is a 42-section working livestock ranch that is utilized as a field research laboratory by the research faculty of the Animal and Range Sciences Department of New Mexico State University.

The center is self-sustaining and utilizes the income from its cattle, sheep and hunting enterprises for all operation costs as well as providing support for research programs conducted at the center.

Advisory committee members meet twice a year to assist scientists and center staff with ideas to promote applied problem solving into the management of the center.

For more information on the NMSU Corona ranch contact Shad Cox at 505-849-1015.