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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Oklahoma State University (OSU; 1991-1994)

Master of Science OSU (1989-1991)

Bachelor of Science. Facultad de Agronomía, Universidad de la República del Uruguay

Montevideo, Uruguay (1974-1981)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1982-1992 Research Assistant -Reproductive Physiology. National Research Center, INIA (La Estanzuela, Colonia, Uruguay)
- 1989-1998 Graduate research assistant and research assistant. Reproductive Endocrinology. Oklahoma State University (Animal Science Department)
- 1998-2001 Postdoctoral fellow – Poultry Endocrinology. University of Arkansas (Poultry Science Department)
- 2001-2011 Assistant Professor – Department of Animal and Food Sciences, Texas Tech University & Department of Food and Animal Sciences, Alabama A&M University
- 2011-2014 Associate Professor – Department of Food and Animal Sciences, Alabama A&M University
- 2014- Professor – Department of Food and Animal Sciences, Alabama A&M University

TEACHING

Undergraduate regular courses taught:

FAS 353

Animal Breeding and Genetics

FAS 430L

Physiology of Reproduction

FAS 440

Research Methods in Bioscience

FAS 460

Animal Anatomy and Physiology

FAS 492

Animal Science Capstone

FAS 424

Animal Models in Biomed. Res.

Graduate regular courses:

FAS 540

Research Methods in Bioscience

FAS 560

Animal Anatomy and Physiology

FAS 586

Advanced Topics in Animal Science

FAS 623

Quantitative Genetics

FAS 630

Advanced Reproductive Physiology

FAS 697/797

Graduate Seminar

HONORS:

Teacher of the year. Alabama A&M University. 2021
USDA-NIFA Award for Excellence in Multistate Research (Grant NE-1442). 2019
USDA NIFA Minority Serving Institution Award. 2016
American Education Week Award. Huntsville, AL. 2015
Professor of the year. Alabama A&M University. 2014
Outstanding Researcher. Alabama A&M University. 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed publications and books.

1. Taofeek, N. O., N. Chimbetete, N. Ceron-Romero, F. Vizcarraa, M. Verghese and J. A Vizcarra. 2022. The effect of systemic infusion of acylated and des-acyl ghrelin on feed intake, weight gain, corticosterone, and growth hormone concentrations in male broiler chickens. *Poultry Science* 101(7):101945.
2. Vizcarra, J., Ceron-Romero, N., Taofeek, N. O. and J. Kirby. 2021. Chapter 36 - Reproduction in Male Birds. In C. G. Scanes (Ed.), *Sturkie's Avian Physiology* (Seventh Edition). San Diego: Academic Press. ISBN: 9780128197707).
3. Ceron-Romero, N., A. Thomas, E. Vroonland, K. Sanmartin, M. Verghese, E. Heinen and J.A. Vizcarra. 2021. The effect of a Ghrelin Receptor Agonist (Capromorelin) on Feed Intake and Body Weight Gain in Broiler Chickens (*Gallus gallus domesticus*). *Poultry Science*. *Poultry Science* (2021): 101204.
4. Vizcarra, F. R., M. Verghese, and J. A. **Vizcarra**. 2018. Effect of short- and long-term feed restriction on ghrelin concentrations in turkeys. *Poultry Science* 97(6) 2183–2188.
5. Lents, CA., Looper, ML., Ojeda, AJ., **Vizcarra**, JA, and Wettemann, RP. 2015. Removal of ruminal contents followed by restricted feeding does not affect the frequency of luteinizing hormone pulses in steers. *The Professional Animal Scientist* 31:349-353.
6. Kirby, J. and **Vizcarra**, J. 2015. Regulation of FSH secretion in broiler breeders. *Rev. Bras. Reprod. Anim.* 39(1) 91:96.
7. Mutai, E., Sunkara, R., **Vizcarra**, J., Walker, L. and Verghese, M. 2015. Antioxidant, Enzyme Inhibitory and Anti-Obesity Potential of Sorrel Calyx Extracts in 3T3-L1 Adipocytes. *Food and Nutrition Sciences*, 6, 452-465. doi: 10.4236/fns.2015.65047.
8. **Vizcarra**, J., Alan, R., and Kirby, J. 2015. Chapter 29 - Reproduction in Male Birds. In C. G. Scanes (Ed.), *Sturkie's Avian Physiology* (Sixth Edition) (pp. 667-693). San Diego: Academic Press.
9. **Vizcarra**, J.A. 2013. Gonadotropins. Editor. ISBN: 978-953-51-1006-4, InTech, DOI: 10.5772/47863.
10. **Vizcarra**, J.A. 2013. Contribution of Chicken GnRH-II and Lamprey GnRH-III on Gonadotropin Secretion, Gonadotropin, Dr. Jorge Vizcarra (Ed.), ISBN: 978-953-51-1006-4, InTech, DOI: 10.5772/47863.
11. **Vizcarra**, J., H. Wright, and A. Vizcarra. 2012. The effect of passive immunization against ghrelin on feed and water intake in turkeys. *Poult. Sci.* 91 (9) 2305-2309.

12. **Vizcarra**, J.A. 2012. Differential feed intake in mammalian and avian species: Immunization against ghrelin. *Archivos Latinoamericanos de Producción Animal* 20(3-4):113-117.
13. **Vizcarra**, J.A., R.P. Wettemann, and S.L. Karges. 2012. Immunization of beef heifers against gonadotropin-releasing hormone prevents luteal activity and pregnancy: Effect of conjugation to different proteins and effectiveness of adjuvants. *J Anim Sci.* 90(5):1479-88.
14. Barretero-Hernandez, R., M. Galyean, and J. **Vizcarra**. 2010. The Effect of Feed Restriction on Plasma Ghrelin, Growth Hormone, Insulin, and Glucose Tolerance in Pigs. *The Professional Animal Scientist.* 26(1):26–34.
15. **Vizcarra**, J.A., J. Kirby, and D. Kreider. 2010. Testis Development and Gonadotropin Secretion in Broiler Breeder Males. *Poult. Sci.* 89:328-334.
16. Barretero-Hernandez, R., J.A. **Vizcarra**, A. Bowen, and M. Galyean. 2010. Lamprey GnRH-III releases luteinizing hormone but not follicle stimulating hormone in pigs. *Reprod. Domest. Anim.* 45(6):983-987.
17. Arelovich, H., C. Abney, J. **Vizcarra**, and M. Galyean. 2008. Effects of Dietary Neutral Detergent Fiber on Intakes of Dry Matter and Net Energy by Dairy and Beef Cattle: Analysis of Published Data. *The Professional Animal Scientist* 24:375-383.
18. **Vizcarra**, J.A., J.D. Kirby, S.K. Kim, and M.L. Galyean. 2007. Active immunization against ghrelin decreases weight gain and alters plasma concentrations of growth hormone in growing pigs. *Domest. Anim. Endocrinol.* 33(2): 176-189.
19. Bowen, A., S. Khan, L. Berghman J.D. Kirby, R.P. Wettemann, and J.A. **Vizcarra**. 2006. Immunization of pigs against chicken GnRH-II and lamprey GnRH-III: Effects on gonadotropin secretion and testicular function. *J. Anim. Sci.* 84(11):2990-9.
20. **Vizcarra**, J.A., and J.J. Ford. 2006. Validation of the sperm mobility assay in boars and stallions. *Theriogenology.* 66(206): 1091-1097.
21. McDonald, C.A., A.C. Millena, S. Reddy, S. Finlay, J.A. **Vizcarra**, S.A. Khan, and J.S. Davis. 2006. FSH-Induced Aromatase in Immature Rat Sertoli Cells Requires an Active Phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase Pathway and is Inhibited via the Mitogen-activated Protein Kinase Signaling Pathway. *Mol. Endocrinol.* 20(3):608-618.
22. Kirby, J.D., J.A. **Vizcarra**, L.R. Berghmann, J.A. Proudman, J. Yang and C.G. Scanes. 2005. Regulation of FSH secretion: GnRH independent? In: *Functional Avian Endocrinology.* A Dawson & P J Sharp (Eds). Narosa Publishing House, New Delhi, India. p. 83-96 (ISBN: 81-7319-568-4).
23. Cornett, L.E., J.D. Kirby, J.A. **Vizcarra**, J.C. Ellison, J. Thrash, P.R. Mayeux, M.D. Crew, S.M. Jones, N. Ali, and D.A. Baeyens. 2005. Molecular cloning and functional characterization of a vasotocin receptor subtype expressed in the pituitary gland of the domestic chicken (*Gallus domesticus*): avian homolog of the mammalian V1b-vasopressin receptor. GenBank Accession Number NM_001031498.
24. **Vizcarra**, J.A., D.L. Kreider, and J.D. Kirby. 2004. Episodic gonadotropin secretion in the mature fowl: serial blood sampling from unrestrained male broiler breeders (*Gallus domesticus*). *Biol. Reprod.* 70(6):1798-805.

25. Cornett, L.E., J.D. Kirby, J.A. **Vizcarra**, J.C. Ellison, J. Thrash, P.R. Mayeux, M.D. Crew, S.M. Jones, N. Ali, and D.A. Baeyens. 2003. Molecular cloning and functional characterization of a vasotocin receptor subtype expressed in the pituitary gland of the domestic chicken (*Gallus domesticus*): avian homolog of the mammalian V1b-vasopressin receptor. *Regul. Pept.* 110:231-9.
26. Looper, M.L., J.A. **Vizcarra**, R.P. Wettemann, J.R. Malayer, T.D. Braden, R.D. Geisert, and G.L. Morgan. 2003. Influence of estradiol, progesterone, and nutrition on concentrations of gonadotropin and GnRH receptors, and gene expression of GnRH receptors and gonadotropin subunits in pituitaries of beef cows. *J. Anim. Sci.* 81:269-278.
27. Prado, T.M., R.P. Wettemann, L.J. Spicer, J.A. **Vizcarra**, and G.L. Morgan. 2002. Influence of exogenous gonadotropin-releasing hormone on ovarian function in beef cows after short- and long-term nutritionally induced anovulation. *J. Anim. Sci.* 80:3268-76.
28. Lents, C.A., R.P. Wettemann, M.J. Paape, J.A. **Vizcarra**, M.L. Looper, D.S. Buchanan, and K.S. Lusby. 2002. Efficacy of intramuscular treatment of beef cows with oxytetracycline to reduce mastitis and to increase calf growth. *J. Anim. Sci.* 80:1405-1412.
29. Bacon, W.L., J.A. **Vizcarra**, J.L. Morgan, J. Yang, K. Liu, D.W. Long, and J.D. Kirby. 2002. Changes in Plasma Concentrations of Luteinizing Hormone, Progesterone, and Estradiol- 17β in Peripubertal Turkey Hens Under Constant Lighting or 14L:10D Photoperiods. *Biol. Reprod.* 67: 591-598.
30. Yang, J., J. **Vizcarra**, R. Okimoto, and J. Kirby. 2002. *Gallus gallus* follicle-stimulating hormone beta gene, exons 1, 2 and 3 and complete cds. The chicken follicle-stimulating hormone beta subunit gene. GenBank Accession Number AF467082
31. Ali, N., L.E. Cornett, J.A. **Vizcarra**, J.D. Kirby, and D.A. Baeyens. 2001. Molecular cloning and pharmacological characterization of a vasotocin receptor subtype that is expressed in the pituitary gland of the domestic chicken. GenBank Accession Number AY008272.
32. Bossis, I., R.P. Wettemann, S.D. Welty, J.A. **Vizcarra**, and L.J. Spicer. 2000. Nutritionally induced anovulation in beef heifers: ovarian and endocrine function during realimentation and resumption of ovulation. *Biol. Reprod.* 62(5): 1436-1444.
33. Arelovich, H., F.N. Owens, G.W. Horn, and J.A. **Vizcarra**. 2000. Effects of supplemental zinc and manganese on ruminal fermentation, diet intake and digestibility in cattle fed prairie hay and urea. *J. Anim. Sci.* 78:2972-2979.
34. Looper, M.L., J.A. **Vizcarra**, and R.P. Wettemann. 2000. Estrus and Luteal Activity of Postpartum Beef Cows after Treatment with Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone and Prostaglandin F_{2 α} . *The Professional Animal Scientist* 16(4): 207-212.
35. **Vizcarra**, J.A., R.P. Wettemann, and G.L. Morgan. 1999. Influence of dose, frequency and duration of infused gonadotropin releasing hormone on secretion of luteinizing hormone and follicle-stimulating hormone in nutritionally anestrous beef cows. *Domest. Anim. Endocrinol.* 16(3): 171-181.
36. Bossis, I., R.P. Wettemann, S.D. Welty, J.A. **Vizcarra**, L.J. Spicer, and M.G. Diskin. 1999. Nutritionally induced anovulation in beef heifers: ovarian and endocrine function preceding cessation of ovulation. *J. Anim. Sci.* 77:1536-1546.

37. Hamilton, T.D., J.A. **Vizcarra**, R.P. Wettemann, B.E. Keefer, and L.J. Spicer. 1999. Ovarian function in nutritionally induced anoestrous cows: effect of exogenous gonadotropin-releasing hormone *in vivo* and effect of insulin and insulin-like growth factor I *in vitro*. *J. Reprod. Fertil.* 117:179-187.
38. **Vizcarra**, J.A., R.P. Wettemann, J.C. Spitzer, and D.G. Morrison. 1998. Body condition at parturition and postpartum weight gain influence luteal activity, glucose, insulin and NEFA concentrations in primiparous beef cows. *J. Anim. Sci.* 76:927-936.
39. **Vizcarra**, J.A. 1998. International markets hold potential for U.S. meats. In: Special Report. *Feedstuffs* 70(3): 1-47.
40. **Vizcarra**, J.A., R.P. Wettemann, T. Braden, A.M. Turzillo, and T. Nett. 1997. Effect of gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) pulse frequency on serum and pituitary concentrations of luteinizing hormone and follicle-stimulating hormone, GnRH receptors, and messenger ribonucleic acid for gonadotropin subunits in cows. *Endocrinology* 138:594-601.
41. **Vizcarra**, J.A., and R.P. Wettemann. 1996. Reproducibility, repeatability and degree of expertise required to assess body condition score in beef cattle. *The Professional Animal Scientist* 12:28-31.
42. **Vizcarra**, J.A., R.P. Wettemann, and D.K. Bishop. 1995. Relationship between puberty in heifers and the cessation of luteal activity after nutritional restriction. *Animal Science* 61:507.
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44. **Vizcarra**, J.A., J.M. Mieres, and D. Vaz Martins. 1986. The effect of different growth parameters and some characteristics of the carcass, on the composition, dressing percentage and weight of valuable retail cuts of Hereford steers (II). (Efecto de distintos parámetros de crecimiento y características de la res en la composición, rendimiento y peso de cortes valiosos del cuarto trasero de novillos Hereford II). *Investigaciones Agronómicas* 7: 37-44.
45. **Vizcarra**, J.A., W. Ibañez, and R. Orcasberro. 1986. Repeatability and reproducibility of two systems to evaluate body condition in Hereford beef cows. (Repetibilidad y reproductibilidad de dos escalas para estimar la condición corporal de vacas Hereford). *Investigaciones Agronómicas*. 7:45-47.
46. **Vizcarra**, J.A., J.M. Mieres, and D. Vaz Martins. 1985. The effect of different growth parameters and some characteristics of the carcass, on the composition, dressing percentage and weight of valuable retail cuts of Hereford steers (I). (Efecto de distintos parámetros de crecimiento y características de la res en la composición, rendimiento y peso de cortes valiosos del cuarto trasero de novillos Hereford I). *Investigaciones Agronómicas* 6:60-67.

Abstracts for professional societies, proceedings, trade journals and popular press

1. Rowland, Jaylon T. Thompson, Daija, BS; Shackelford, Louis; Baker, Michael; Taofeek, Nurudeen, PhD; Vizcarra, Jorge, PhD. 2022. The Effect of Sodium Octanoate doses on Feed Intake, Water Intake, Body Weight, and Concentrations of Ghrelin, Ketone Bodies, and Glucose in Turkeys. Undergraduate short-term research experience program to unlock potential (STEP-UP). Bethesda, MD.
2. N. Taofeek T. Smith, A. Thomas, K. Muse, N. Merrell, B. Mosley, M. Paris, N. Ceron, N. Taofeek, P. Sanmartin, E. Vroonland, E. Ceber, J. Boateng, S. Ongutu, M. Verghese and J. Vizcarra. 2022. The effect of Hemp (*Cannabis sativa*) supplementation to the Skip-a-Day Feeding Method in Broiler Chickens on Animal Behavior and Animal Performance. 2022 Virtual Cannabis Research Conference. Oregon State University
3. K. Sanmartin-Castillo, E. Vroonland, N. Ceron, N. Taofeek, L. Swanson, M. Verghese, E. Heinen and J. Vizcarra. 2020. The Effect of a ghrelin receptor agonist (capromorelin) on Feed and Water Intake, Body Weight Gain and Animal Behavior in Female Broad Breasted White Turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*). Poultry Science Annual Meeting (Abstract).
4. N. Taofeek, N. Ceron-Romero, K. Sanmartin, E Embden, T. Smith, A. Thomas, O. Cintron, E. Vroonland, M. Verghese, and J. Vizcarra. 2020. The effect of short term feed restriction and refeeding on ghrelin, growth hormone, glucose, insulin, and corticosterone concentrations in male broiler chickens. Poultry Science Annual Meeting (Abstract).
5. N. Ceron-Romero, N. Taofeek, A. Thomas, K. Sanmartin, E. Vroonland, M. Verghese, and J. Vizcarra. 2020. The effect of corticosterone infusion on the concentrations of insulin, ghrelin and glucose in full fed and feed restricted birds (*Gallus gallus domesticus*). Poultry Science Annual Meeting (Abstract).
6. A. Thomas, T. Smith, K. Muse, N. Merrell, B. Mosley, M. Paris, N. Ceron, N. Taofeek, P. Sanmartin, E. Vroonland, E. Ceber, J. Boateng, S. Ongutu, M. Verghese and J. Vizcarra. 2020. The effect of Hemp (*Cannabis sativa*) supplementation to the Skip-a-Day Feeding Method in Broiler Chickens: 1: Animal Behavior. STEM Day 2020. Alabama A&M University.
7. T. Smith, A. Thomas, , K. Muse, N. Merrell, B. Mosley, M. Paris, N. Ceron, N. Taofeek, P. Sanmartin, E. Vroonland, E. Ceber, J. Boateng, S. Ongutu, M. Verghese and J. Vizcarra. 2020. The effect of Hemp (*Cannabis sativa*) supplementation to the Skip-a-Day Feeding Method in Broiler Chickens: 2: Animal Performance. STEM Day 2020. Alabama A&M University.
8. N. Chimbetete, S. Willis, L. Shackelford, J. Vizcarra and M. Verghese. 2020. The Anti-Obesity and Anti-Diabetic Effect of Hibiscus Sabdariffa in Combination with Probiotics in Sprague Dawley Rats. Institute of Food Technologists (Abstract)
9. Ceron-Romero, N, N. Taofeek, A. Thomas, J. Johnson, R. Winter, M. Verghese, and J. Vizcarra. 2020. The Effect of Feed Restriction on Pulmonary Pressure and Hormones Related to Energy Metabolism in a Galliform Model (*Gallus gallus domesticus*). Institute of Food Technologists (Abstract)

10. Taofeek, N., N. Ceron-Romero, A. Thomas, E. Vroonland, M. Verghese, and J.A. Vizcarra. 2019. The effect of Short-Term Feed Restriction on Spatial Memory: Development of a Novel Galliform Model. 2019. Aging Symposium. The University of Alabama at Birmingham Abstract p41.
11. Ceron-Romero, N, N. Taofeek, A. Thomas, H. Chance, E. Vroonland, M. Verghese, and J. Vizcarra. 2019. The Effect of ghrelin antagonist (D-Lys3) GHRP-6 on feed intake in broiler chickens (*Gallus gallus domesticus*). STEM Day 2019. Alabama A&M University. Abstract #18.
12. Ceron-Romero, N, N. Taofeek, A. Thomas, J. Johnson, R. Winter, M. Verghese, and J. Vizcarra. 2019. The Effect of Feed Restriction and Mild Hypothermia on Concentrations of Ghrelin, Corticosterone and Pulmonary Arterial Pressure in Broiler Chickens (*Gallus gallus domesticus*). Association of Research Directors. Jacksonville, FL. (Abs p).
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14. Taofeek, N., F. Vizcarra, M. Verghese, and J.A. Vizcarra. 2018. The effect of Feed Restriction on ghrelin concentrations in male broiler chickens. International Poultry Scientific Forum. Atlanta, Georgia. (M3 p 1).
15. Vizcarra, F.R., H. Wright, R. Long, M. Verghese, and J.A. Vizcarra. 2017. The Effect of Short- and Long-Term Feed Restriction on Ghrelin Concentrations in Turkeys. Association of Research Directors. Atlanta, Georgia. (Abs 421 p 193).
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17. Vizcarra, F., Wright, H., Long, R. and **Vizcarra**, J. 2014. Preprandial Concentrations of Ghrelin in Turkeys. STEM Day 2014. Alabama A&M University. Abstract #45. First Place in Abstract Competition.
18. Wright, H, K. Portis, J. Sharpe, F. Archer, and J. **Vizcarra**. 2013. Animal Welfare: A Perspective among Faculty Members. STEM Day 2013. Alabama A&M University. Abstract #25.
19. **Vizcarra**, J.A. 2012. The effect of body condition on reproductive traits in beef cattle. XX International congress on agricultural technology transfer. Asuncion, Paraguay. pp 13-21.
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21. Peterson, M., J. Matthews, J. Khatiwada, J. **Vizcarra**, A. Gueye, and G. Abdelrahim (advisor). 2012. Effect of dietary supplementation of ferrous sulfate on performance and carcass characteristics of meat sheep. STEM Day 2012. Alabama A&M University. Abstract #79.

22. Wright, H., and **Vizcarra**, J.A. 2012. The orexigenic and behavioral effects of passive immunization against ghrelin in turkeys. CALNS Research presentation day. Presentation #3.
23. **Vizcarra**, J. 2011. Vaccination against Ghrelin: differential feed intake in mammalian and avian species. Proceedings XXII ALPA meeting 19:5.
24. Bush, A., R. Kantety, J. **Vizcarra**, G. Abdelrahim, and K. Konan (advisor). 2011. cDNA construction, cloning and sequencing of full length cDNA from tuber crop yam (*Dioscorea* sp.). STEM Day 2011. Alabama A&M University. Abstract #45. Award: 1st place Graduate competition.
25. Matthews, J., J. Khatiwada, J. **Vizcarra**, and G. Abdelrahim (advisor). 2011. Feeding value of peanut skins for meat sheep. STEM Day 2011. Alabama A&M University. Abstract #56.
26. Peterson, M., J. Khatiwada, J. **Vizcarra**, and G. Abdelrahim (advisor). 2011. Carcass characteristics of wether lambs fed increasing levels of distillers dried grains with soluble. STEM Day 2011. Alabama A&M University. Abstract #57.
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28. Wright, H., A. Vizcarra, L. Shackelford, G. Abdelrahim, and J. **Vizcarra** (advisor). 2011. The effect of anti-ghrelin antibodies on turkey behavior. STEM Day 2011. Alabama A&M University. Abstract #59.
29. Vizcarra, A., H. Wright, L. Shackelford, G. Abdelrahim, D. Washington, and J.A. **Vizcarra**. 2011. Orexigenic Effects of Anti-Ghrelin Antibodies in Broad-Breasted White Turkeys. Association of Research Directors. Atlanta, Georgia. (Abs P-SP-U-30 p 173).
30. Wright, H., A. Vizcarra, L. Shackelford, G. Abdelrahim, and J. **Vizcarra**. 2011. The Effect of Passive Immunization Against Ghrelin on Animal Behavior. Association of Research Directors. Atlanta, Georgia. (Abs P-SP-U-34 p 174).
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33. Abdelrahim, G., J. Khatiwada, D. Rankins, N. Gurung., and J. **Vizcarra**. 2010. Carcass characteristics of sheep fed peanut skins. *J. Anim. Sci.* (Abs 95).
34. **Vizcarra**, J.A., R. Barretero-Hernandez, A. Bowen, and B. Tilley. 2009. Lamprey GnRH-III selectively releases luteinizing hormone but not follicle stimulating hormone in pigs. 15th Biennial Research Symposium. Association of Research Directors. Atlanta, Georgia. (Abs P-159).
35. **Vizcarra**, J., R. Barretero, A. Bowen, and B. Tilley. 2008. The effect of peripheral administration of lamprey GnRH-III on gonadotropin secretion by pigs. 6th International congress on Farm Animal Endocrinology. Roanoke, Virginia. (Abs 38).

36. **Vizcarra**, J.A. 2008. La condición corporal en rodeos de cría: del campo al laboratorio. Congreso Argentino de Producción Animal. (Key note speaker).
37. **Vizcarra**, J.A. 2005. Ghrelin: an endocrine signal linking nutrition and reproduction. *Reproduction in Domestic Animals* 40(4): 393 (Abs P214).
38. Bowen, A., S. Khan, L. Berghman, J.D. Kirby, and J.A. **Vizcarra**. 2005. Immunization of pigs against chicken (c)GnRH-II and lamprey (l)GnRH-III: Effects on gonadotropin secretion and testicular function. *J. Anim. Sci.* (Abs 414).
39. Dehn, C., S. Finlay, and J.A. **Vizcarra**. 2003. Assessment of Boar Sperm Mobility Based on Accudenz Penetration. *Biol. Reprod.* 68(supplement 1) (Abs 408).
40. Finlay, S.B., C.A. McDonald, S.C. Reddy, J.A. **Vizcarra**, J.C. Davis, and S.A. Khan. 2003. Amplification of IGF-1 induced PKB/AKT phosphorylation by FSH in porcine Sertoli Cells. *Biol. Reprod.* 68(supplement 1) (Abs 422).
41. **Vizcarra**, J.A., S. Khan, L. Berghman, J. Kirby, C. Dehn, and S. Finlay. 2003. Neuroendocrine contribution of lamprey GnRH-III in the control of testicular function in pigs. IX World Conference On Animal Production (p 37).
42. Kuenzel, W.J., J.A. **Vizcarra**, J.D. Kirby, and S.A. Copeland. 2001. Sulfamethazine augments the photostimulatory effects of long days on gonadal development in male chicks. *Soc. Neuroscience* (Abs 630.20).
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