

Logan & Morgan Agriculture & Natural Resources Newsletter

The combined Logan & Morgan Ag and Natural Resources Staff provide this newsletter to provide upcoming events and news on current issues affecting agricultural businesses, rural land owners and urban landscape managers.



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Calendar: (information provided in flyers or articles – Phone contact

January

31 Ag Energy Workshop for Dairies – Wellington - Flyer - (970)491-6281

31 High Plains NoTill Conference – Burlington - Flyer - 719-740-0715

February

1 High Plains NoTill Conference – Burlington – Flyer – 719-740-0715

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7 Holyoke - Dennis Kann - 970-345-2287

8 Fort Morgan – Bruce Bosley – 970-768-6449

9 Aurora – Dale Edwards – 303-730-1920

Private Applicator Recertification Programs - Article

8 Fleming – Alan Helm– 970 - 474-3479

16 Burlington & Flagler – Ron Meyer – 719-346-5571 Ext. 302

28 Wiggins & Akron – Bruce Bosley – 970-768-6449

29 Sterling – Bruce Bosley - 970-768-6449

15-16 Agriculture - Big and Small conference – Flyer - Henderson
Adams County Fairgrounds – Karen Crumbaker 970-498-6003

21 Cattle Handling & Proper Injection Sites – Akron – Article
Michael Fischer - 970-332-4151

21-22 Central Great Plains Irrigation Conference – Flyer
Colby Kansas - 785-462-7140

Pesticide Applicators Licensing and Recertification

Ron F. Meyer (Golden Plains Agronomist) & Bruce Bosley

Currently, there are two groups of agricultural pesticide applicators who are required to be licensed with the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA). Licenses are divided into Private applicators and Commercial applicators.

Private applicators are those producers who apply pesticides on the land they farm (owned or rented). As the Colorado statutes are written, private applicators may not apply pesticides for a fee to anyone or they will be classified as commercial applicators. In addition, private applicators only need to be licensed to apply restricted-use pesticides. Non restricted-use pesticides do not require a license to purchase.

Commercial applicators are those who apply pesticides for a fee, regardless of the type of pesticide.

Both private and commercial applicators must be licensed before they can purchase restricted-use pesticides. Keep in mind that the old EPA pesticide licenses are valid in Colorado only until they expire. Therefore, applicators that hold the old cards will need to take the new CDA test to become current. Anybody can order a test directly from the CDA or stop in at one of the Colorado State University Extension offices, as many offices continue to carry them. In addition, some agricultural retailers also have tests available.

Once licensed, applicators can either collect continuing education credits (CEC) or retake the test when renewal is required. Private applicators need 7 CEC's within a three year period in order to renew their license without testing. Commercial applicators need not only the 7 "Core" CED's, but also additional category credits.

Private Applicator's Recertification Sessions

There is a pre-registration fee and an at-the-door – late fee for most of these workshops. Please call the contacts listed for each program to pre-register for the program.

- 8 February – Fleming – contact Alan Helm – 970-474-3479
- 14 February – Hugo – contact Alan Helm – 970-474-3479
- 16 February – Burlington Community Center – 8:30 to Noon – contact Ron Meyer –
 - 719-346-5571 Ext. 302
- 16 February – Flagler Aerial Spraying – 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. – contact Ron Meyer (above)
- 28 February – Wiggins Fire Hall – 8:30 to Noon – contact Bruce Bosley – 768-6449
- 28 February – Washington Extension Office, Akron – 2:00 to 5:30 – Bruce Bosley
- 29 February – Logan County Extension Office, Sterling – 8:30 to Noon – Bruce Bosley

Colorado AgrAbility Project

Did you know?

Colorado agriculture is a big, dangerous business. The state has 28,268 farms and it had 78 agricultural fatalities 1997-2000. Colorado has 1,600 injury compensation claims for agricultural-related injuries that result in a loss of over \$8 million each year. There are an estimated 6,965-10,882 farmers/ranchers with disabilities.

The Colorado AgrAbility Project

- 2 Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. If you have a disability for which you seek an accommodation, please notify the appropriate County Extension office staff at least 10 days before the event.

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The Colorado AgrAbility Project promotes success in agriculture for people with disabilities or other physical challenges and their families. Colorado AgrAbility is part of a nationwide network of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs begun through the 1990 Farm Bill. The goal of the National AgrAbility Project is to inform, educate, and assist farmers, ranchers, farm workers, and their families with disabilities, so they can continue to have successful careers in agriculture.

Farming and ranching are physically demanding and hazardous professions. Colorado AgrAbility and modern technology can help men and women with disabilities continue to do what they love--farm and ranch. AgrAbility can help by:

1. Assessing agricultural work sites and tasks.
2. Recommending farm equipment adaptation, home modifications, and adaptive equipment.
3. Referring families to local service providers.
4. Providing informational and educational winter workshops from CSU Extension for farmers, ranchers and family members with disabilities and the professionals who work with them.

To refer yourself, a family member, or a friend to AgrAbility, call Bob Fetsch (970-491-5648) or e-mail him at robert.fetsch@colostate.edu.

We've also developed Neighbor-to-Neighbor Support Training for farm/ranch families who want to provide support to others with a newly acquired disability or physical challenge. For more information, e-mail Bob Fetsch at robert.fetsch@colostate.edu.

Classes and Workshops

Below is a list of upcoming workshops that will be presented by Jill Sump, Goodwill Industries Denver and Vince Luke, Goodwill Industries Denver.

"Getting Around Better on Your Farm or Ranch with AgrAbility" will be the main topic. The workshops are for Colorado farm and ranch families who are dealing with illnesses, conditions or disabilities and for the professionals who work with them. Workshops are from 9:00 am to noon with a free box lunch provided afterwards for those who pre-register. If you'd like to participate, please either call or e-mail Bob Fetsch at (970) 491-5648, robert.fetsch@colostate.edu or the extension agent listed for more information.

Holyoke 2/7/12	Extension Office Events Center 22505 Hwy. 385, Holyoke	CSU Extension Dennis Kaan (970) 345-2287 dennis.kaan@colostate.edu
Ft. Morgan 2/8/12	Ft. Morgan Extension Office 914 E. Railroad Ave. Ft. Morgan	CSU Extension Bruce Bosley (970) 768-6449 bruce.bosley@colostate.edu
Aurora 2/9/12	Arapahoe Co. Fairgrounds Event Center Room 1 25690 East Quincy Ave. Aurora	CSU Extension Dale Edwards (303) 730-1920 dale.edwards@colostate.edu

2011 Golden Plains Area Agricultural Handbook orders

The 2011 edition of the Golden Plains Area Agricultural Handbook is currently in production and orders are being taken now for your copy. This publication is a permanent and often used item in many farm, ranch, and agribusiness offices in Northeastern Colorado. This resource book contains the latest university research for High-Plains agriculture in Colorado. Most of the research results presented in the handbook are conducted on local farms and ranches in the area.



Subscribers will find information regarding crop production, water management, crop pathology and weed management information, along with insect control, horticulture, weather, livestock cost of production, and crop cost of production information. In total, subscribers will find approximately 150 pages of current research information required to make informed decisions for agricultural operations.

Pricing for the handbook is a tiered pricing system for multiple subscriptions and the handbook is available in print copy or CD version. The CD version has the added benefit of spreadsheet templates and other resources useful in farm and ranch decision making processes. The deadline for receiving a break on our subscription price is February 15, 2011. Order forms are available at every Golden Plains Area Extension office or from the web site at <http://goldenplains.colostate.edu>. Please send your order to: Washington County Extension Office, 181 Birch, Akron, CO 80721. Don't miss out, hurry and get your order in today!

Cattle Handling & Proper Injection Sites Program – *Michael Fischer, GPA Livestock Agent*

CSU Extension is hosting a program on cattle handling and proper injection sites. Learn why Beef Quality Assurance is important, where injection sites should be located, and tips on handling cattle when working with them. Michael Fisher (Golden Plains Area Livestock Agent) will be presenting.

Contact Michael (970)322-4151 or the Washington County Extension Office (970)345-2287.

Logan County Producer Needs Assessment *Megan Jedlicka*

In an effort to best meet the needs of livestock producers in Logan County I am conducting a needs assessment survey for future extension programming. Please complete the enclosed survey and return to: Logan County Extension, Attn. Megan Jedlicka, 508 S 10th Ave, Suite 1, Sterling, CO 80751 or fax to 970-522-7856 by February 20, 2012. Please feel free to share with other producers who may not have received this survey. Thank you in advance for your input! – Use Survey Form in Newsletter

Logan County Prairie Dog Control Rebate Program *Bruce Bosley*

Logan County Pest District will be continuing it's Prairie Dog Control Rebate Program for the 2010 and 2011 management season. The Logan County Extension Office will be handling this program until a Pest District Supervisor is hired by Logan County later this year.

This program is available to all Logan County Landowners who wish to control prairie dogs on their Logan County property. This rebate program is limited to the use of Rozol[®] prairie dog bait. Rozol[®] is a Restricted Use Pesticide that can only be applied by a Licensed Pesticide Applicator in active prairie dog towns during the period of October 1st 2011 until March 15th 2012. Rozol[®] bait must be purchased at a Logan county pesticide/bait retailer. Receipts from the purchases need to be included with the rebate application.

Pick up rebate applications at the Logan County Extension office. The deadline for receiving completed rebate applications at the Logan Extension office is April 1st 2012.

The application form requires the following information: the landowner's name, address, and phone number, the Colorado License number of the pesticide applicator who made the bait applications, the legal descriptions of where each application was made within Logan County, and how much bait was used at each location. Receipts for prairie dog bait purchases are also required to complete the application.

Please contact Bruce Bosley for questions on these and other cropping systems topics at (970)768-6449 or bruce.bosley@colostate.edu.

