

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

November 2016	December 2016	February 2017
2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting 26 <sup>th</sup> Tree List	6 <sup>th</sup> Rancher to Rancher Workshop	8 <sup>th</sup> Pesticide Workshop

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be November 2, 2016 at the Liberty school in Joes, CO. We will be announcing the winners of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade poster contest and handing out prizes. There will be a free meal offered along with some entertainment. **RSVP by October 26<sup>th</sup>.** Phone: (970)332-3107 ext. 3 email: [yccd77@gmail.com](mailto:yccd77@gmail.com)

### Colorado State Forest Service Nursery Tree Sale

It's time to start thinking about the 2017 tree sale. This year, we will have a tree list that is more attuned to Yuma County soils and climate. If you would like the tree list emailed to you, please contact us at the office or stop by. Phone: (970)332-3107 ext. 3 email: [yccd77@gmail.com](mailto:yccd77@gmail.com)

### Pesticide Applicator Recertification Workshop

The workshop is scheduled for February 8, 2016 at the Wray Roundhouse from 10 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be served; the recertification fee is \$40. Please call (970)332-3107 ext. 3 if you have any questions. Notifications will be sent out in January.



**OCTOBER 27, 2016 • 7 P.M. CENTRAL**

The new Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) for medically important feed-grade antibiotics will take effect on Jan. 1, 2017. Join the webinar to hear the latest information on how cattlemen and the cattle industry can prepare for these changing antibiotic use regulations. Mike Murphy DVM, JD, PhD (FDA Veterinary Medical Officer, Office of the Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine) and Tom Portillo, DVM (Manager of Animal Health & Wellbeing, Friona Industries and 2016/17 President of Academy of Veterinary Consults) will provide brief presentations followed by a Question & Answer session.



*“Autumn...the year’s last, loveliest smile.”* – William Cullen

### Fall Activity Opportunities

Fall has quickly arrived in Yuma County but this does not mean that it's time to stay indoors. There are plenty of recreational opportunities that are close to home.

- 1. Weathers Family Farm** located at 11550 Hwy 34 Yuma, CO. Their hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Their corn maze is a part of their farm and ranch and they invite anyone to come and see/learn how their farm works.
- 2. Pumpkins and More A-Maiz-ing Farm** located at 45595 Co Rd 10 Holyoke, CO. Their dates and hours are Friday, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. They have pumpkin patches, corn mazes and other attractions. You can contact them at (970)580-2707 or (970)580-5382 email address: [pumpkinsandmore@gmail.com](mailto:pumpkinsandmore@gmail.com) website: <http://www.pumpkinsandmoreamaizingfarm.com/>. You can also find them on Facebook.
- 3. Lenz Family Farms** located at 29220 Co Rd 54 Holyoke, CO. Their Farms offer tours of their Yukon gold potatoes from harvest to packaging August 15 – December 15 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To set up a tour contact them at (970)332-5499 or email them at [lenzfarms@pctelcom.coop](mailto:lenzfarms@pctelcom.coop) or [rod@lenzfamilyfarms.com](mailto:rod@lenzfamilyfarms.com).
- 3. Oestman Paint Ball** provides paintballing for any occasion. They supply all of the equipment and the course, all you have to do is bring your friends and have fun. Call for prices: (970)597-0084.

**Check out this free webinar to stay up on the changing antibiotic regulations**

## Rancher to Rancher Workshop this December in Wray

by Julie Elliott

Attending any workshop, seminar or meeting is great. Most people would agree that there is equal, or even more benefit from the attendees exchange of ideas and experiences during the breaks.

The Rancher to Rancher workshop is built upon that idea: that there is a lot to learn from your peers who are in the trenches, making the decisions, and living with the consequences. If this appeals to you, then you want to mark Tuesday, December 6, to be in Wray, CO. The workshop will be held at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 500 Blake Street. Coffee, rolls and registration will open at 8:30 with the program running from 9 to 4.

Chip Hines, retired rancher from Kit Carson, CO, will open the program. When the focus shifted to individual animal performance as a profitability measure, the "bigger is better" idea was born. Chip has spent a lot of time studying the changes in the livestock industry. Chip is the author of several books: *"Time to Change"*, *"How Did We Get it so Wrong"*, *"A Slantwise Guide to Prosperity"*, and *"Cow Country Essay's and a Little Slantwise Logic"*. Chip will share

some thoughts about "bigger is better" and the impact on ranch profitability and the rangeland.

Several years ago, Mike Geesen decided that checking cows during a blizzard and warming cold calves was no fun. The Deertrail, CO, area rancher moved to calving in June several years ago. How does he manage light calves in the fall? Don't cows have troubles calving in the heat? What about conception rates? Mike will share the challenges of summer calving and why he would never go back to March.

Low stress livestock handling. One can hardly pick up a cattle magazine without seeing some reference to low stress livestock handling. But, what is it really? Ryan Sexton was born and raised a rancher and horseman, he felt he could get it done with the best of them. Then the Nezel, NE, rancher attended a Bud Williams Stockmanship school. Ryan will share his experiences and videos of how slowing down can actually make things happen faster.

After lunch, the group will hear how three ranchers manage their livestock grazing. Lynn Myers of Lewellen, NE, Dennis Smith from Abarr, CO, and Ryan

will each briefly talk about their grazing management strategy. It's not a one size fits all, but the results can still be comparable.

The session will close with an in depth look at transition planning. We all know it needs to be done, but it is easier to fix fence than delve in to such emotional and difficult topics. Ryan and Lynn gave a highly acclaimed presentation at the National Conference on Grazing Lands in Texas last December. They will share what they have learned by going through the process with separate operations from opposite sides. Ryan is in the beginning years while Lynn is looking to step out. This will be a powerful and viewpoint changing session.

There is no fee for registration, but you do need to save your lunch by Tuesday, November 29, right after Thanksgiving. Call the Yuma County Conservation District at 970-332-3107 ext. 3 anytime. You can email Sheila Rogers at [yccd77@gmail.com](mailto:yccd77@gmail.com). Or stop by the office in the USDA Service Center at 247 North Clay, diagonally across the parking lot from the Sandhiller Motel

*"Our greatest strength lies in collaboration, not competition."* – Joseph Rain

# Apply Now for 2017 SARE Farmer/Rancher Grants

SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 Farmer Rancher Grant Program of the North Central Region of USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE).

This is a competitive grants program for farmers and ranchers in the north central region who want to explore sustainable solutions to problems through on-farm research, demonstration, and education projects. The SARE North Central Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

The SARE Farmer Rancher Grant program has funded a variety of topics including pest/disease management, crop and livestock production, education/outreach, networking, quality of life issues, marketing, soil quality, energy, and more.

- Farmer Rancher grants are offered as individual (\$7,500 maximum), team of two (\$15,000 maximum), or group (\$22,500 maximum) grants for ideas initiated by farmers and ranchers.
- Projects may last up to 24 months.
- About 40 projects are funded each year.

View recently funded projects, download a grant application, or watch online presentations on how to apply for a farmer rancher grant on the [website](#).

For more information on the NCR SARE program in Nebraska, contact SARE State Coordinator and Nebraska Extension Educator Gary Lesoing at 402-274-4755 or [gary.lesoing@unl.edu](mailto:gary.lesoing@unl.edu). A [state summary](#) for Nebraska is available on the [NCR SARE website](#).

## Plant of the Month:

### Maximilian Sunflower

*Helianthus maximiliani*

- Native perennial
- Can grow up to 10 ft. tall
- Grows numerous flower heads
- Low water use
- Likes dry to moist soils
  - Can grow in limestone-based, sandy, sandy loam, medium loam, clay loam and loam soils
- Eaten by livestock; produces a large amount of seeds that other wildlife eats
- Bloom times: August, September, October, November
- Maximilian sunflowers are often used in pollinator plots



Source: [http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=HEMA2](http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=HEMA2)

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**Annual Meeting:**  
**November 2, 2016**  
**Liberty High School @ 6:00 pm**

**Please RSVP by October 26<sup>th</sup>**

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Check out our updated web page and Facebook page for future events.

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**FIELD PEA PRODUCTION WORKSHOP**  
 Ag Complex Building, Railroad Street, Culbertson, NE  
 Friday, November 4, 2016



**SARE**  
 Sustainable Agriculture  
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**FREE**  
 Registration &  
 Refreshments

**REGISTER BY**  
**October 30**

**CALL:**  
 Nebraska Extension  
 Hitchcock County,  
 (308) 334-5686

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**GREENCOVER**  
 SEED

**ARROW SEED**

**AGENDA**

**8:30 AM-Central Time Welcome and Registration**

**9:00 AM – 9:30 AM Market Updates**  
 Sponsors/Exhibitor updates  
 Ben Dutton - A brief look at data and trends that favor the production of field peas

**9:30 AM – 10:45 AM Why Grow Field Peas?**  
 Strahinja Stepanovic - Outline and rationale  
 Rodrigo Werle - Soil nutrients, microbial activity, and soil infiltration  
 Julie Peterson - Beneficial insects  
 Tony Adesemoye - Beneficial microbes & diseases to watch for  
 Chuck Burr and Daran Rudnick - Water use, yield, yield quality, and economics  
 Lucas Haag (K-State) - Field Pea as a Fallow Alternative on the Central High Plains

**10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Break**  
 Sponsors/Exhibitors, Pet food exhibit, Breakfast cake made from pea flour

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Growing Peas - Part 1**  
 Dipak Santra - Field pea varieties for Nebraska  
 Lucas Haag (K-State) - Kansas variety testing and seeding rate studies  
 Rodrigo and Strahinja - Seeding rates, seeding depth, and inoculants  
 Cody Creech - Herbicide options in field peas

**12:00 PM – 12:45 PM Lunch**  
 K-STATE Research and Extension  
 Nancy Frecks - Nutrition facts about peas  
 Colorado State Extension

**12:45 PM – 2:00 PM Growing Peas - Part 2**  
 Ron Meyer (CSU) - Peas grown for forage  
 Carrie Ann Eberle - Winter pea performance in Wyoming  
 Farmer Panel - Steve Tucker (Venango, NE), Brad Hansen (Hemingford, NE), Dennis Demmel (Ogallala, NE), Jordan Dunker (Atwood, KS)

**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Hands-on Exercise**  
 N EXTENSION  
 Matt Stockton - Selecting most profitable crop rotation

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Check out these upcoming events

Grass-Grazers-Family: Finding Common Ground; 1-3 November 2016; Colorado State Fairgrounds, Pueblo, Colorado

## Grass-Grazers-Family: Finding Common Ground


**November 1-3, 2016**

**Colorado State Fairgrounds: Pueblo Colorado**


**Creative Arts Building**

What does it take to develop a successful livestock enterprise, manage grasslands, stay financially sound, and keep the family involved and working toward a common goal?


The Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management and Colorado State University Extension are pleased to announce an exciting training opportunity tying forage, livestock, and family aspects of ranching operations together. Pre-register NOW!



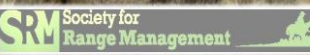
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