

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Program List for Station –KAKR Apr - June, 2020

Assessment of Issues for this quarter: Issues important to our community are gleaned from Federal agencies, ag organizations and local Chambers of Commerce, law enforcement, business owners, city/county/state employees, politicians, other media, Facebook and Twitter postings, conversations with community members at community concerts, special events and other functions in the communities of our listening area.

Section I. Issues.

A. Education: Discussions with organization leaders, water educators and Colorado State University Extension especially as it relates to the region's agriculture industry.

B. Government: The general discussion of policies related to our government both statewide and local issues. Government programs, state ballot initiatives and bills.

C. Agriculture- Government related: Government programs and policy discussion specific to agriculture and rural communities.

D. Agriculture- Environmental and Resources related: Land and water issues.

E. Agriculture- Crop, Livestock and Production related: Planting, harvest, crop disease, livestock issues, new technology.

F. COVID-19 Related Interviews. Discussions pertaining to how local and regional entities are reacting to the pandemic.

Section II. Responsive Programs

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

COVID-19: Beginning March 12, twice an hour updates on local COVID-related cancellations, help for individuals and businesses, info from businesses on open/close, information from the Department of Health. June 1 we reduced the announcements to once an hour.

A: Education: Discussions with organization leaders, water educators and Colorado State University Extension especially as it relates to the region's agriculture industry.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 1, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Ron Meyer, Executive Director of the Colorado Sunflower Association. Meyer talked about corn planting being done and the dry conditions. He then said sunflower planting will start at the end of May. He says there most likely will be more acres in Colorado planted to sunflowers because demand has been good. He then talked about pests and field treatments. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 12, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Kim Reddin, Director of Market Development and Public Policy with the Colorado Corn Growers Association. She highlighted an article series that she is a part of that highlights corn and the environmental benefits and then talked about an ethanol campaign in Colorado Springs and the rest of the state about the advantages of using ethanol. The focus is in Colorado Springs because they have more pump options for E15 and E85 than any other part of the state. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

B: Government: The general discussion of policies related to our government both statewide and local issues. Government programs, state ballot initiatives and bills.

Northeast Colorado Talks. Broadcast on April 14, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Logan County Commissioner, Byron Pelton. Pelton says that Logan County closed the county offices to the public on March 17th and several employees are working from home. On March 23, they created a website that has a symptom tracker form so that they know where the COVID is at in the county. The website also has a business tracker so that they can track how much businesses have been lost economically in Logan County. There is also a program to assist with grocery and shopping for high risk individuals. Pelton has been trying to get the Governor to move back the property tax deadline beyond April 30. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Northeast Colorado Talks. Broadcast on April 22, 2020. Duration: 15 minutes. Broadcast on January 24, 2020. Discussion with Colorado Representative, Rod Pelton. He talked about his district's COVID-19 feedback. He says that the closure orders are hurting the economy and talked about his frustrations with communication from the Governor's office. Host: Lorrie Boyer. In Studio Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 27, 2020. Duration: 8 minutes. Discussion with Jeff Rassmussen, County Executive Director, Morgan County Farm Service Agency. He gave program updates and deadlines. Host: Lorrie Boyer. In Studio Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 20, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Marlin Eisenach, Morgan County CSU Extension Agent and Livestock Specialist. He talked about county fair planning and how things are still being planned, but will be different. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on June 19, 2020. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Corn Growers Association Executive Director, Nick Colglazier. He talked about state legislative bills. He then talked about Governor Jared Polis's gathering of voter signatures methods as being diluted, thus they have joined other organizations to file an amicus brief that would uphold the state constitution of in person signature gathering. He then talked about crop estimates for this year and crop conditions and then he mentioned upcoming deadlines for Farm Service Agency payment programs. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on June 26, 2020. Duration: 7 minutes. Discussion with American Farm Bureau Federation Director of Congressional Relations, Allson Crittenden. She talked about the court decision to allow farmers and applicators to use up the rest of dicamba that was already purchased before the Environmental Protection Agency banned use of three different dicamba products. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on June 29, 2020. Duration: 8 minutes. Discussion with Micah Goodman. She talked about her 4H projects and her recently becoming President of the Colorado 4H officer team. She talked about the process of running for President. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Agriculture:

C: Agriculture- Government related: Government programs and policy discussion specific to agriculture and rural communities.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 2, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Shawn Martini, Vice President of Advocacy for the Colorado Farm Bureau. Martini gave an update on the current trade deals and where they are at right now. Economic pressure in age due to COVID-19. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 2, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Bill Meyer, Director of the Colorado Ag Statistics Service. He gave an overview of the Colorado Crop Conditions report, the March prospective plantings report, the cash reports survey and a labor survey. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 2, 2020. Duration: 7 minutes. Discussion with President of U.S. Wheat Associates, Vince Peterson. He talked about how they are coping with COVID-19. He talked about trade commitments that are moving forward and discussed trade details. He also mentioned that four personal contacts passed away due to COVID-19. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 2, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Terry Finkhauser, Executive Vice President of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association. He talked about the JBS plant closure and how CCA acts as a facilitator in these types of conversations. He then talked about the markets and the need to open business back up in Colorado. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 2, 2020. Duration: 7 minutes. Discussion with Nick Colglzier, Executive Director of the Colorado Corn Growers Association. He talked about the corn markets, trade, labor and aid for farmers and ranchers. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 8, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Chris Galen, Vice President of Membership Services with the National Milk Producers Federation. Galen gave the reason for milk dumping going on in the U.S. He says spring dumping and lower retail demand due to COVID-19 are the primary things causing dumping. He then talked about their request to USDA asking for additional assistance for dairy producers. He also mentioned the Small Business Administration payroll protection program and a possible fourth market facilitation payment program. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 9, 2020. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Colorado State Commissioner of Agriculture, Kate Greenberg. She talked about CDA being a part of emergency response and recovery efforts in the state. She went through all the CDA teams that have been put together to handle COVID-19 needs. Greenberg also discussed the intra-state export and movement regarding critical businesses and workers for critical businesses. She feels that consumers are recognizing and supporting the importance of ag and the food supply chain. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 13, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with R-CALF U.S.A. CEO, Bill Bullard. He talked about the beef industry's response to COVID-19. He is looking for Congress to introduce new legislation that would require packers to purchase 50% of cattle from the price discovery market plus have the ability to label meat as to where it was raised and processed. He talked about a lawsuit to enforce fair market practices and then explained why there is lack of beef in grocery stores. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 14, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Travis Taylor, CSU Livestock Extension Agent, Great Plains Area. He talked about calving, cattle vaccinations, supplements and shared labor issues with COVID-19. Taylor then suggested that producers have their bulls semen tested for breeding season. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 20, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Colorado State Veterinarian, Dr. Keith Roehr. Dr. Roehr talked about a foreign animal disease showing up in Colorado rabbits. He says it is highly contagious with a high mortality rate. There is a vaccine, but it is not licensed in the United States. He warned that skunks carry rabies, which can transfer to livestock. He then spoke about other animal diseases, including strains of Coronavirus in cattle. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 21, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Kurt Woerner, President of the Independent Cattle Growers Association. He talked about the current market situation and what is going on with captive supplies. He explained that Country of Origin legislation is needed to prevent this. He also mentioned a state Country of Origin Bill and that they will be looking to get that introduced again next year. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 22, 2020. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Ethan Lane, National Cattlemen's Beef Association Vice President of Government Affairs. He talked about the NCBA COVID-19 response to beef plant shutdowns. He talked about beef supplies and beef getting to the grocery store. He then talked about the recent stimulus package passed by Congress and talked about the aid included for cattle producers. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 23, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Jim Yahn, General Manager of the North Sterling and Prewitt Reservoirs. He gave a reservoir conditions update and says that irrigating will start next week. He then talked about looking into new technologies to update and make irrigation more efficient for water users in his district. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 28, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Megan Nelson, Economist Analyst for the American Farm Bureau Federation. She talked about an additional \$3 billion being allocated to help with getting perishable food to food banks. She talked about approved commodity boxes being used for the food. Entities are submitting requests for proposals in order to obtain funding for local food bank projects. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 5, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Claire Hutches, U.S. Wheat Associates Market Analyst. As an export organization, U.S. Wheat is tracking threats to yield potential. She gave an overview of wheat conditions in the United States. She talked about freezes, drought and predictions of dry conditions in the plains. She then talked specifically about extreme dryness in Eastern Colorado. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 7, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Shawn Martini, Vice President of Advocacy with the Colorado Farm Bureau. He gave an overview of how the ag industry is coping with COVID-19. He talked about their role in helping farmers mitigate meat processing plant shutdowns. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 8, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with National Farmers Union President, Rob LaRew talked about the ramifications of concentration in agriculture as it comes to light amid the COVID-19 pandemic. He then talked about getting help to agriculture to help keep farms from bankruptcies, which are up 23%. He then reminded listeners that farm stress is a problem and asked people to

watch for signs, check in on neighbors and to not be afraid to ask for help.

WWW.nfu.org has a farm stress page with information and hotlines for producers.

Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 13, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Chris Galen, Vice President of Membership Services with the National Milk Producers Federation. He talked about milk dumping slowing down. Galen says that milk prices will remain low for the most of the year, with the last three months a bit higher. He talked about labor and then talked about the USDA Coronavirus support program and feels that the payment program payment limit is not enough for dairy farmers. Farmers will have to sign up in June to take part in it and details are not yet out. He also expects an additional stimulus package to be released by Congress later in the year that will include some benefits for agriculture. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 15, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Matt Berry, Chief Development Officer for the National Western Center. Berry talked about food partnership development efforts, the Colorado Family and Food Response team and their work with food research, policy and funding. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 22, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Dave Carter, Executive Director of the National Bison Association. Carter talked about a slow down in the bison market as a result of COVID-19. He then talked about Mexico opening up their borders and importing bison into the United States. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 26, 2020. Duration: 5 minutes. Discussion with American Farm Bureau Federation Economist, Shelby Meyers. She talked about the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program funding just released last week for agriculture. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on June 2, 2020. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Vice President of Communications with U.S. Wheat Associates, Stever Mercer. Mercer talked about end-of-year sales of wheat. He said that exports are up and demand started solid. He said that hard red winter wheat had a good year. He then talked about the China trade agreement and what can be done if they don't meet their trade obligations. Mercer then went on to highlight expectations for the next marketing year. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on June 8, 2020. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with CEO of R-Calf, United Stockgrowers of America, Bill Bullard. Bullard discussed cattle market reform legislation that has been introduced. Bullard then talked about what else is needed for COVID-19 help for cattle producers. He says that they are asking USDA to open up CRP for acres to be opened for cattle grazing for holding cattle back until the processing system can get caught up. They are also looking for help in getting meat shipped intrastate. He then spoke about an antitrust hearing that is taking place later today that R-CALF will be a part of. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on June 10, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Chris Galen, Senior Vice President of Member Services and Strategic Initiative, Chris Galen. Galen talked about the CoronaVirus Food Assistance Program available to producers and gave an outlook for the dairy industry for the second half of the year. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

D: Agriculture- Environmental and Resources related: Water, land and water issues.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on February 14, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Tim Palmer, President of the National Association of Conservation Districts. He talked about field conditions in Iowa where he lives. He says that agriculture practices continue even with COVID-19. He says that they are also offering educational programs for kids that are doing at home school right now. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on April 29, 2020. Duration: 13 minutes. Discussion with Rachel Gabel, Writer and Assistant Editor with the Fence Post. She talked about things she has been covering including the beef and lamb checkoff, the recent fire at Innovative Foods near Windsor, CO., meatpacking plant issues with Cargill and JBS and then talked about her children's book that she wrote. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 6, 2020. Duration: 7 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Wheat Seed and Trade Specialist, Tyler Benninghoven. He gave an update on current wheat conditions. He says overall conditions look good and is starting to joint. He did say that there is some freeze damage. He is also monitoring leaf disease. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 12, 2020. Duration: 6 minutes. Discussion with Jeremy Peters, CEO of the National Association of Conservation Districts. He said that

their conservation work continues amid COVID-19. He then went on to talk about their legislative work and their work in preserving pollinators. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on May 27, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with National Cattlemen's Beef Association Vice President, Ethan Lane. He talked about the Coronavirus Food Assistance Payments. He talked about mandated cash cattle market price discovery legislation, which they are opposed to. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on June 5, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Dr. Calvin Trostle, Professor & Extension Agronomist Department. of Soil & Crop Sciences Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service says that the overall sunflower market is strong for bird food with people staying home more and weather has caused shortfalls for confectionary sunflowers, leading to higher prices. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on June 2, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Mike Stanz, Vice President of Advocacy with the National Farmers Union. Stranz talked about demand shifts as a result of the pandemic. He mentioned price fixing investigations and federal aid to support farmers. He says that there is legislation with additional aid in congress right now too. Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

E: Agriculture- Crop, Livestock and Production related: Planting, crop disease, livestock issues, new technology.

Daily Ag Interview - Broadcast on April 1, 2020. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Wheat Seed and Trade Specialist, Tyler Benninghoven He talked about coaxium wheat- what it is and what to consider when planting it. He went over several recommendations for treatments. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview - Broadcast on April 3, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Executive Director of the National Sunflower Association, John Sandbakken. He talked about the sunflower industry and markets during the COVID Pandemic. He gave a near term outlook, saying that what is out there is being used and demand is strong, however by the end of the year, supplies will most likely be tight with premiums expected. Sandbakken also mentioned that workers and transportation are issues that they are monitoring. He recommends producers diversity risk and plant multiple crops and lock in prices when the prices are good. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview - Broadcast on May 4, 2020. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service, Bill Meyer. He recapped the latest Colorado Crop Progress report and then talked about the upcoming Ag Yield Survey, survey of Irrigation Organizations for the Economic Research Service, The Farmers Market Survey, Organic survey and Horticulture survey. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview - Broadcast on May 19, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Curt Woerner, President of the Colorado Independent Growers Association. He talked about legislation that would require meat processors and packers to buy cattle on the spot market. He then talked about supporting a request by R-CALF, USA to open up CRP land to emergency grazing due to backup of cattle in feedlots due to meat plant shutdowns as a result of COVID-19. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Daily Ag Interview - Broadcast on May 12, 2020. Duration: 14 minutes. Discussion with Cyndi Hoffmeister, Morgan County Producer. She explained how meat processing works for people who raise or buy individual animals and want to have it custom processed. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

F. COVID-19 Related Interviews. Discussions pertaining to how local and regional entities are reacting to the pandemic.

Northeast Colorado Talks. Broadcast on May 5, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Center for Healing Trauma and Attachment Executive Director, Doreen Hills. She talked about resources and counselling that they have available to those who are suffering from stress as a result of COVID. They have an online support group for those who would like to take part. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

Northeast Colorado Talks. Broadcast on May 20, 2020. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Eben Ezer CEO, Shelly Griffin. She talked about new protocols that Eben Ezer has put into place regarding employees and visitors. She talked about social distancing, personal protective equipment and limited numbers of people entering/visiting the facility. Host: Lorrie Boyer. Phone Interview.

