

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Program List for Station –KSIR July - September 2023

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. Water becoming a bigger issue during drought seasons.

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

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.

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 July 19, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Morgan County CSU County Extension Specialist, Marlin Eisenach. He talked about getting ready for the upcoming Morgan County Fair. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on August 3, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with the new Executive Director of the Colorado FFA Foundation, John Stahley. He gave a background on himself and his work and talked about the foundation's purpose and upcoming projects, goals, and the Ag Hall of Fame. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on August 25, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Golden Plains Area CSU Extension Specialist, Travis Taylor. He talked about the Colorado State Fair, toxic plants in pastures, and cattle prices. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on August 31, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Kit Carson County CSU Extension Specialist, Ron Meyer. He gave a growing update for area crops and alternative crops research. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on August 31, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Morgan County CSU Extension Specialist, Marlin Eisenach. He talked about his time at the Colorado State Fair, silage harvest, the Morgan County Carcass contest, and other upcoming events. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

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

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on July 5. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Farm Bureau Executive Director, Taylor Szilagyi. She talked about their upcoming annual summer meeting and some of the issues they will discuss and set policy on. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on July 14. Duration: 14 minutes. Discussion with National Farmers Union, Senior Advisor, Ann Stekel. She talked about NFU wanting to have more renewable energy in the push for electric vehicles, they want additional higher blends of ethanol on the market, farm bill progress, and the new USDA higher level blends of ethanol program. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on July 25. Duration: 8 minutes. Discussion with American Farm Bureau Federation Director of Grassroots Programs Development, Tom Donnally. He talked about the importance of meeting with Congressional lawmakers when they come home on a recess from Washington DC beginning July 31. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on July 31. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Rodger Ott, director of the National Agriculture Statistics Service Mountain Regional Field Office, USDA. He recapped recently released reports and upcoming surveys. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on August 23. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Agriculture Emergency Coordinator, Dan Frazen. He talked about West Nile Virus being found in Colorado and advising horse owners to vaccinate against it. He then talked about some of the things he has learned from veterinarians concerning emergency response planning, high pathogenic influenza in birds is still being reported, and his work with the Colorado State Fair on emergency preparedness. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on September 4. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Rocky Mountain Regional Field Office Director, Rodger Ott. He recapped the August Crop Production Report, the Farm Computer and Ownership Report, the Land Value and Cash Rents Report, and the Cattle on Feed Report. He then highlighted upcoming surveys. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on August 28. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Logan County Farm Service Agency Loan Office, Carlos Camancho. He talked about the acreage report deadline, loans for distressed farmers, and FSA loans for auctions. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on September 8. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with

National Farmers Union President, Rob Larew. He talked about the upcoming Farm Bill deadline and the legislation itself, the federal budget, and the annual NFU fly-in next week. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

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

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on July 10, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with R-CALF United Stock Growers of America, CEO, Bill Bullard. He talked about new legislation introduced in the US Senate regarding Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling, feedlot loss and consolidation, and what that means for the cattle industry and for consumers. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on July 10, 2023. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with Public Lands Council Director, Sigrid Johannes. She talked about the proposed Bureau of Land Management Conservation rule that would change grazing on BLM land. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on August 15, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Independent Cattle Growers' Past President, Kurt Woerner. He talked about a new bill introduced into the House of Representatives that would require Country of Origin Labeling on meat products, what Colorado wolf introduction has done to the cattle industry and what he believes it means. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on August 15, 2023. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with R-CALF United Stock Growers of American CEO, Bill Bullard. talked about a new bill introduced into the House of Representatives that would require Country of Origin Labeling on meat products, a lamb industry petition that they filed that would review the large amounts of sheep being imported, a recent white house briefing on competition in agriculture, and the upcoming annual convention. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on September 13, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with National Milk Producers Federation Vice President of Member Services and Governance, Chris Galen. He talked about Congress being back in session and the possibility of a government shutdown, a Federal Milk Marketing Order system national hearing, and disaster assistance for dairy farmers. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on September 18, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion Colorado State Veterinarian, Dr. Maggie Baldwin. She talked about her recent travels, including to the National Livestock Disease Laboratory to be opened up in the next few years in Kansas. She also said West Nile Virus cases are increasing in horses across the state. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

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

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on August 30, 2023. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with Jim Yahn, general manager of the North Sterling and Prewitt reservoirs. He gave an area reservoir update and highlighted the recent Colorado Water Congress conference and potential state water legislation. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on August 31, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Ag Water Alliance Executive Director, Greg Petersen. He talked about what CAWA does and the upcoming Ag Water Summit. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

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

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on July 6, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Wheat Communications and Policy Specialist, Madison Anderson. She talked about delayed harvest due to cool, wet weather. She talked about pests and a couple of stem sawfly surveys going on and potential yield. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on July 12, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Bryan Irey, Crossroads Coop regional manager. He gave an analysis of the USDA World Agriculture and Supply Demand Estimates Report and the crop Production report released earlier today. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on July 20, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Erin Karney, executive vice president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association. She talked about planning that is going on ahead of the state legislative session. She is concerned about Governor appointments on the Colorado Wildlife Commission. She also talked about the low numbers of cattle in the US and recapped a recent CCA summer meeting. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on August 18, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion

with Erin Karney, executive vice president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association. She talked about a river and water-related interim committee, Colorado task force listening sessions on creating a statewide Waters of the US plan, Greenhouse Gas 2.0 plan, the importance of labeling plant-grown meat labeling, Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on September 21 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Cattlemen's Association Executive Vice President, Erin Karney. She talked about a new ruling that would allow producers to work with the US Fish and Wildlife and manage wolves under the state plan. She commented on the need for conservation and risk management programs in the farm bill and keeping them funded, discussions with the Colorado water and ag committee on various issues, including the pesticide pre-emption and rural veterinarian shortages and the loan repayment program being open for applications. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.

Daily Ag Interview. Broadcast on September 28 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with North Sterling and Prewitt Reservoirs, Jim Yahn. He gave a reservoir storage update and then talked about a recent water tour that he was a part of for legislatures and lobbyists to educate them on ag water use and issues. Interview conducted by: Lorrie Boyer.