

## Issues Programs List

### Quarterly Issues Program List for Station –KSIR April - June 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.

**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.

Northeast Colorado Talks (NECT) - weekdays at 8:35, hosted by Chris Brom

## **A: Education:**

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 26, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with CSU Golden Plains Area Livestock Specialist, Travis Taylor. He talked about clostridium C&D issues and the importance of biosecurity as USDA is making changes that will limit the number of antibiotics that a producer can purchase. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

NECT April 6, 2023 Chuck Miller of the Property Rights Foundation of the West discussed the importance of understanding what personal property rights are, and what land owners can do to protect those rights as new legislation threatens to impact things like mineral and water rights along the midwest.

NECT April 12, 2023 Alec Creighton spoke with Morgan County Sheriff Dave Martin about the changes from Winter to Spring, and the driving challenges that come with the new season, namely driving among farm equipment and implements. They also discussed motorcycles becoming more active on the roadways as the weather improves, and safety steps for burning in the county with warm, dry conditions.

**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 April 3, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with National Agriculture Statistics Service, Rocky Mountain Regional Field Office, USDA, Director, Roger Ott. He gave an overview of the latest Planting Intentions Report, Grain Stocks Report, the Colorado Crop Progress Report, Colorado Prices Received by Farmers Report, and upcoming surveys. He reminded producers to fill out the Census of Agriculture survey if they have not already done so. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 17, 2023. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with Colorado State Veterinarian, Dr. Maggie Baldwin. She talked about continued monitoring of High Pathogenic Avian Influenza, animal disease traceability via RFID ear tags on cattle, sale barn reader technology, and a grant they received to craft a disease preparation plan for the state of Colorado. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 19, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Morgan County CSU Extension Agent and Livestock Specialist, Marlin Eisenach. He talked about 4H members choosing steers from the catch-it contest and happenings

with the Morgan County Cattlemen's Association. He also talked about planting and crop conditions, pasture conditions, and after-calving care for cows. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 24, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Logan County Farm Loan Officer Trainee, Carlos Comancho. He talked about sign-ups being open for the Grassland CRP program from now until May 26. Emergency Relief and Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program. He also mentioned loan interest rates going up for May and they have an opening for a Farm Loan Trainee.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on May 15, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with DVM Maggie Baldwin, Colorado state veterinarian. She talked about secure food supply planning, animal traceability efforts, and RFID ear tag traceability at sale barns. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on May 17, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Morgan County Colorado State University Extension and Livestock Specialist, Marlin Eisenach. He talked about the recent rain and what that means for field conditions. He then talked about the meat quality assurance program. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

NECT Apr 3, 2023 . Cathy Shull from Progressive 15 discusses some bills across the legislature that the organization is keeping an eye on as they move through the system. The biggest issue they are following pertains to trade routes that move through Colorado between Mexico and Canada.

NECT June 13 2023 Logan County Commissioner Mike Brownell talks with Chris Brom about the latest projects around Logan County. In particular, the County has broken ground on an addition to the exhibit center at the Logan County Fairgrounds. He also discussed a joint venture with the USDA to help bring some entertainment/activity opportunities to Logan County.

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

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 4, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Peter Laudeman, director of trade policy with U.S. Wheat Associates. He talked about his work in the National and International Food Air programs and the importance of ensuring that food donations keep food in them, not just cash. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 6, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Farm Bureau General Counsel and State Affairs Director, Austin Vincent. He gave a legislative update. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 14, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with the National Farmers Union. Director of Government Relations, Aaron Shier talked about the Colorado Right to Repair bill passed by the state General Assembly and is coming to the Governor's desk. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 25, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with the American Farm Bureau Federation Senior Director of Government Affairs, Courtney Briggs. She talked about the history and current status of the Waters of The US Rule including a court-ordered preliminary injunction. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 26, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with National Cattlemen's Beef Association General Council, Mary-Thomas Hart. She talked about the Waters of the US Rule and gave an update on what is going on with it and what the future of it is pending on. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on May 4, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Taylor Szilagi, Colorado Farm Bureau executive vice president. She talked about her new role with CFB, her background in agriculture, and her goals. She then talked about trying to get wolf-related bills through the state legislature this last week of the session and Farm Bill work and priorities. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on May 8, 2023. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with R-CALF USA CEO, Bill Bullard. He talked about RFID tags commenting period is now over, and highlighted what they submitted. Bullard then discussed their viewpoint on what needs to be in the next Farm Bill. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on June 9, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with National Farmers Union Government Relations Team Member, Lalya Soberanis. She talked about their support for Country of Origin Labeling in the Farm Bill, Farm Bill priorities, and checkoff reform efforts. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on June 27, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with American Farm Bureau Federation Economist, Bernt Nelson. He talked about the Environmental Protection Agency's renewable fuel standards that they released recently

for 2023, 2024, and 2025. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

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

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 10, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with the National Association of Conservation Districts Second Vice President, Bill Simshauser. He talked about farming conditions in his area in Southwest Kansas. He then highlighted their recent fly-in to Washington, DC. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on May 9, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with the National Association of Conservation Districts, Secretary/Treasurer, Mark Masters. He said that USDA officially awarded them funding to start a Climate Smart Agriculture Program and they are now beginning to put that program together. He also mentioned that they continue to monitor the Farm Bill and that they are happy to receive funding for more technical assistance providers to help with conservation projects and programs. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

NECT April 5, 2023 Eric Brown, Communications Specialist for Northern Water Conservancy District, talked about the current snow pack levels and the outlook for the Spring season as that snow begins to melt. Eric also gave an update on the Chimney Hollows water project and reminded listeners about tour opportunities to see their systems and projects.

NECT April 10, 2023 State Senator Byron Pelton discussed the reintroduction of wolves on the western slope of Colorado. The legislature is debating guidelines for reintroducing the wolves and potential compensation/protections for livestock producers who are impacted by the wolves. Senator Pelton also covered legislation pertaining to land use, and how the community can share their concerns and input regarding how public and private lands are used for development.

NECT June 7 2023 Eric Brown of the Northern Water Conservancy District gives Chris Brom a snapshot of the current water situation in area reservoirs. He also provides updates on the Chimney Hollow construction project, as well as information regarding tours of Northern Water's infrastructure and their Conservation Gardens.

**E. Agriculture- Crop, Livestock, and Production related: Planting, harvest, crop,**

disease, livestock issues, new technology.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 5, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Wheat Executive Director, Brad Erker. He talked about current wheat growing conditions, the latest wheat variety report from USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA, a Colorado Pesticide Act that is up for sunset and would like to be renewed, and their 2023 Farm Bill priorities. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 6, 2023. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with R-CALF U.S.A. CEO, Bill Bullard. He talked about government overstep with RFID ear tag use, Opportunities and Fairness in Farming, which is checkoff legislation that would change who operates programs, and the American Beef Labeling Act that they would like introduced into the 2023 Farm Bill. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 17, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Erin Karney, executive vice president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association. She gave an update on their office relocation into a temporary office until their permanent location in the Livestock Exchange Building is ready. She gave a state legislation update, including a wolf compensation fund bill and another that would not allow for wolf reintroduction until rules are in place to manage them, and a stream restoration bill that would allow for projects without state engineer approval and/or water court. Still, it was not enough to ensure that landowners would not suffer injury with projects. The new rewritten language now only includes minor projects, which CCA is neutral on. She also gave a cattle industry economic update and mentioned the upcoming annual meeting on June 19-21 in Steamboat Springs. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on April 17, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Corn Promotion Council Sustainability Action Team member and member of the US Grains Council Innovation and Sustainability Committee. He talked about their recent CCPC team meeting and that they identified tasks and goals including defining what sustainability is. He said that sustainability includes social and economic metrics. He also talked about their goal of providing more information to producers and issuing environmental scores. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on May 3, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Wheat director of communications and policy, Madson Anderson. She gave a wheat-growing update, state legislation, market development programs and annual wheat field days. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on May 10, 2023. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with National Milk Producers Federation Vice President of Member Services and Strategic Initiatives, Chris Galen. He gave an overview of the Milk Price Reform plan that they submitted to USDA. He then explained how the debt ceiling affects the Farm Bill. He then gave a general Farm Bill update. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on May 16, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Curt Werner, past president of the Colorado Independent Cattle Growers Association. He talked about Tyson releasing a climate-smart beef program and checkoff program reform. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on May 18, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Cattlemen's Association Executive Vice President, Erin Karney. She talked about Governor Polis vetoing a bill aimed at allowing ranchers to use lethal force to control wolves reintroduced into Colorado, Beef Checkoff reform, and the 2022 National Beef Quality Audit findings. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on May 24, 2023. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with Public Lands Council Executive Director, Kaitlyn Glover. She talked about the Bureau of Land Management's proposed land lease rule. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on May 30, 2023. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Farm Bureau General Council and Director of State Affairs, Austin Vincent. He talked about the recent Waters of the US Supreme Court ruling in favor of the Sacketts, which is a win for agriculture. He then explained Proposition 12 being upheld and what that means for interstate ag trade. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on June 13, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Crossroads Coop Regional Manager, Bryan Irey. He talked about recent reports released and upcoming reports for the week that will impact the markets. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on June 15, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Executive Director of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Erin Karney. She said that recent rains have been good for grassland. She also talked about interim state water task forces and ballot initiatives that affect the cattle industry. Karney then gave an overview of their upcoming annual convention. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on June 20, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Independent Cattle Growers Association Past President, Curt Werner. He talked about next month's upcoming annual convention, the low cattle numbers in the US due to drought, wolf reintroduction in Colorado, and the Opportunities for Fairness in Farming Act. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on June 30, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Zach Riley, executive director of the Colorado Livestock Association. He highlighted their upcoming annual meeting on July 19 and 20th, current litigation that they are involved in, and Proposition 12 as it pertains to Colorado's livestock sector. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.