

## Issues Programs List

### Quarterly Issues Program List for Station – KNAB-AM October - December 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.

**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 October 6. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with Kit Carson County CSU Extension Specialist, Ron Meyer. He recommended perennial weed control efforts be taken now, and gave a wheat planting and corn harvesting update. He also talked about millet, rye, and an upcoming crop clinic. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on October 18, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Morgan County CSU Extension and Livestock Specialist, Marlin Eisenach. He talked about the fair board meeting to review the fair and take in comments and suggestions then make changes as they deem fit, end-of-year programs, including the carcass contest, corn harvest, and livestock care heading into winter. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast October 27. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with Golden Plains Area CSU Extension Specialist, Travis Taylor. He talked about winter cattle feeding, corn stalk care, hay values, and cattle size. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast November 6. Duration: 8 minutes. Discussion with Kit Carson County CSU Extension Specialist, Ron Meyer. He talked about corn harvest and storage, sunflower harvest and storage, and winter program meetings coming up. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Community Interview.** November 29. Chris Brom talked with NNikki Wall, Old Town Curator about the Christmas activities at Old Town and the community involvement in making it happen. 10 minutes.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast December 1. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Kit Carson County CSU Extension Specialist, Ron Meyer. He talked about dry conditions, ordering seeds, checking grain bins, and upcoming producer programs. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast December 22. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with

Golden Plains Area CSU Extension Specialist, Travis Taylor. He highlighted the recent Range Beef Cow Symposium and talked about things he learned there about cattle indexing, cattle vaccine research, cattle markets, and cattle prices. 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 October 27, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Colorado State Veterinarian, Dr. Maggie Baldwin. She discussed the new wild horse program and a fast-spreading dog illness. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Community Interview** - October 13, 2023. Alec Creighton talked with Burlington School superintendent Shane Walkinshaw on the bond issue on the ballot in November to support the school district. 15 minutes

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

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on October 9, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with R-CALF United Stock Growers of America, Bill Bullard. He talked about anti-trust issues in the cattle industry and gave an RFID tags update. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on October 13, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with National Farmers Union Education Coordinator, Lisa Buckner. She talked about the recent Beginning Farmers Institute and an upcoming women's conference. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on October 23, 2023. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with the Director of the Mountain Region Field Office, National Agriculture Statistics Service, USDA, Julie Schmidt gave an overview of recently released reports and highlighted upcoming surveys. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on November 9, 2023. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with U.S. Wheat Associates Senior Vice President of Communications, Steve Mercer. He talked about a new program that increases funds for food aid and export market development. It's called the Regional Agricultural Promotional Program. Interview

conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on November 8, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Chris Galen, National Milk Producers Federation senior vice president of member services and governance. He talked about their annual meeting next week, gave a farm bill, and gave a federal milk marketing order hearing update.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on December 4, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Mountain Region Field Director of the National Agriculture Statistics Service, USDA, Rodger Ott. He reviewed the latest and last monthly Colorado Crop Progress and Condition report, went over the November Crop Production Report, the latest Cattle on Feed Report, the latest Chicken and Eggs Report, and reviewed the latest Ag Labor Report. He then talked about upcoming surveys and the Census Report. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on December 7, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Farm Bureau Vice President of Strategy and Advocacy, Ashley House. She talked about the need for the next Farm Bill to be passed early in 2024, Lands Bills in Colorado in the 2024 legislative session. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on December 8, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with National Farmers Union Vice President of Government Advocacy, Mike Stranz. He talked about state Farmers Union meetings that he attended, the Farm Bill Process, and the 2024 legislative session. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on December 11, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with R-CALF United Stock Growers of America CEO, Bill Bullard. He talked about the new USDA rules that require purchasing US-born, raised, and slaughtered beef for school lunch programs, he talked about what is going on with Paraguay beef imports, the sheep industry issues that could filter in the beef industry on imports, and the cattle markets. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on December 26, 2023. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with Nikki Jones, with IDEAg, a branch of the American Farm Bureau Federation that is in charge of event planning. She talked about the 2024 convention and shared information regarding speakers, topics, and show format. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

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

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on October 5, 2023. Duration: 8 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Farm Bureau Executive Director, Taylor Silyagi. She talked about the Colorado River Drought Task Force, Colorado Ag legislation to watch for in 2024, and their upcoming annual meeting. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on October 9, 2023. Duration: 8 minutes. Discussion with State Specialist in Specialty Crops and Colorado Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association working board member, Adrian Card. He talked about upcoming meetings and issues this past summer in the state's specialty crop industry. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on December 28, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with the General Manager of the North Sterling and Prewitt Reservoirs, Jim Yahn. He gave a reservoir storage update, talked about the South Platte being a "free river" right now, the recent South Platte River Forum, and gave an update on what is going on between Colorado and Nebraska regarding the Perkins Canal. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**E. Agriculture- Crop, Livestock, and Production related:** Planting, harvest, crop, disease, livestock issues, new technology. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on October 4, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion Colorado Wheat Director of Communications and Policy, Madison Anderson. She talked about the recent USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service Small Grain Report, the latest crop progress report, and the National Association of Wheat Growers family-in discussions and priorities. The need for wheat stem sawfly funding and the farm bill expiration. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on October 20, 2023. Duration: 6 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Corn Promotion Council President, Matt Mulch. He talked about their strategic plan with the short-term goal of leadership training for directors and the rollout of sustainability programs. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on October 31, 2023. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Nikki Jones, American Farm Bureau Director of Events Marketing. She highlighted

the 2024 annual meeting. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on October 26, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with the General Manager of the North Sterling and Prewitt Reservoirs, Jim Yahn. He gave a reservoir fill update and talked about recent town hall meetings regarding the Nebraska Perkins Canal, the Water Resources Review Committee work, and upcoming water-related meetings. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on October 30, 2023. Duration: 8 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Wheat Executive Director, Brad Erker. He talked about wheat planting and planting conditions. He then talked about upcoming meetings that their members are engaging in. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on November 2, 2023. Duration: 8 minutes. Discussion with Travis Grant, Colorado Farm Bureau associate director of outreach and advocacy. He talked about policy development that will be presented at their upcoming annual meeting, which will be November 16-19th in Denver. Policy topics include water, private property rights, and pesticide pre-emption and regulations. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on November 3, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Sugarbeet Growers Association President, Jack Bridenbach. He talked about current harvest conditions and crop quality. He also gave an overview on what sugar is used for and other states that grow sugar. All sugar produced domestically stays in the U.S. he said. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on December 19, 2023. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Independent Cattle Growers Past President, Curt Waerner. He talked about the current cattle market situation and its volatility. He then discussed that they are pushing back on beef imports from Paraguay due to foot and mouth disease and then mentioned the next annual legislative day is in planning and the next annual convention will be taking place in La Junta in July. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on December 15, 2023. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Corn Producers Council Executive Director, Nick Colglazier. He gave an overview of 2023 organization and industry highlights and then talked about upcoming meetings in the early part of 2024. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

