

## Issues Programs List

### Quarterly Issues Program List for Station –KSIR January - March 2024

**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. Elections.

**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 January 5, 2024. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Kit Carson County CSU Extension Specialist, Ron Meyer. He talked about the weather and growing conditions. He then talked about sorghum growth potential in Eastern Colorado, how the 2023 sunflower crop ended up, how the wheat is doing, and upcoming pesticide applicator workshops. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on January 23, 2024. Duration: 8 minutes. Discussion with American Farm Bureau Federation Media Relations Specialist, Bailey Corwine. She talked about a new mental health online portal for agriculture called "Togetherall." Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on March 1, 2024. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with Carson County CSU Extension Specialist, Ron Meyer on checking bins, wheat breaking dormancy, field preparation, changes in insecticide availability, and upcoming applicator workshops. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Northeast Colorado Talks:** March 21 8:35am - Chris "Bull" Brom and Greg Heavener, Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the US National Weather Service Denver/Boulder Colorado, talk about the recent winter storms across the state, as well as another potential storm that could be coming this weekend. They also looked ahead to the coming warmer months and the fast-approaching severe weather season.

**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 January 3, 2024. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Senior Vice President of Member Services and Governance, Chris Galen. He talked about what to expect in policy in early 2024, gave an update on the USDA Milk Marketing Order Reform Hearing, and a 2024 dairy industry economic outlook. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on January 4, 2024. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Taylor Szilagyi, Colorado Farm Bureau executive director. She talked about policy

and upcoming state legislation that they are working on and monitoring including animal welfare, private property rights, and raw milk. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on January 29, 2024. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with Colorado State Veterinarian, Dr. Maggie Baldwin. She talked about her office doing a livestock import regulations update, emergency preparedness, and an upcoming workshop on it and wolf depredation. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on February 7, 2024. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Wheat Executive Director, Brad Erker. He highlighted their recent Washington DC Meetings with the National Association of Wheat Growers. Current growing conditions, and upcoming county meetings and meetings going on and coming up. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on February 19, 2024. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with Colorado State Veterinarian, Dr. Maggie Baldwin. She talked about being at meetings to give updates, she will be meeting with tribes in Southern Colorado, to form collaborations for emergency preparedness, Avian Influenza has been found on the Western Slope in a commercial flock, and foreign animal diseases in general, her presentation at Fort Carson and an upcoming large livestock disease preparedness workshop in Sterling on March 19th. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on February 15, 2024. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Cattlemen's Association Executive Vice President, Erin Karney. She talked about state policy related that if introduced would interfere with private property rights, wolverine introduction, and ballot initiatives. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on February 26, 2024. Duration: 8 minutes. Discussion with Logan County Farm Service Agency Loan Officer, Carlos Comancho. He gave a programs update including deadlines and talked about webinars for new and beginning farmers. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Northeast Colorado Talks:** March 26 8:35 am - Chris Brom was joined by Greg Brophy on Northeast Colorado Talks to discuss the recent political headlines in Colorado. They discussed the special election process for the House District 4 opening, as well as a number of gun bills working their way through the State Legislature

**Northeast Colorado Talks;** March 25 8:35 am - Chris Brom was joined by Yuma County Commissioner Scott Weaver and Weld County Commissioner Mike Freeman to discuss

legislation that both counties are watching as they work their way through the State Capitol. They are currently monitoring bills that include CDOT funding for road projects and regulations for renewable energy projects.

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

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on January 8, 2024. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with R-CALF United Stock Growers of America CEO, Bill Bullard. He talked about the anti-trust case that they are involved in, environmental social, and, government standards, and new merger guidelines and gave an overview of 2024 from his perspective. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on February 7, 2024. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with National Milk Producers Federation Senior Vice President of Member Services and Governance, Chris Galen. He gave an update on the Federal Milk Marketing Order Hearing, Farm Bill, election-year politics, and his recent visit to Colorado. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on March 7, 2024. Duration: 8 minutes. Discussion with Ashely House, vice president of strategy and advocacy at the Colorado Farm Bureau. She talked about the agriculture appropriations bill that just passed and the US Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal to restrict grazing on national refuges. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on February 14, 2024. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Colorado State Commissioner of Ag, Kate Greenberg on issues she is hearing and talking about, new positions at CDA, the state's veterinarian shortage, and grant opportunities. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on March 11, 2024. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America CEO, Bill Bullard. He talked about the new rule issued by USDA that will enforce the Packers and Stockyards Act and then he gave an update on RFID Ear Tags for cattle and is concerned about the government pushing for mandatory use of these tags. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on March 27, 2024. Duration: 7 minutes. Discussion with National Cattlemen's Beef Association Chief Counsel, Mary Thomas-Hart. She talked about the Securities and Exchange Commission climate reporting rule and the Farm Bill. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

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

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on January 2, 2024. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with U.S. Wheat Associates, Vice President of Communications, Steve Mercer. He talked about the new video series that they produced on sustainable farming. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on February 1, 2024. Duration: 11 minutes. Discussion with Taylor Szilagi, Colorado Farm Bureau executive director. She talked about current legislative issues that they are monitoring, including private property rights, raw milk consumption, and an opposition campaign on the ballot initiative that would make slaughterhouses illegal. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on February 28, 2024. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Public Lands Council and National Cattlemen's Beef Association Government Affairs Director, Sigrid Johanne. She talked about a bill that would allow flexibility in the Endangered Species Act and a new habitat bill- both of which NCBA supports. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on March 6, 2024. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Wheat Director of Communications and Policy, Madison Anderson. She gave a wheat conditions update and talked about activities and travels, state legislation, and scholarship opportunities. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on March 18, 2024. Duration: 12 minutes. Discussion with National Association of Conservation Districts CEO, Jeremy Peters. He talked about funding in the federal appropriations bill, climate change, and the Working Lands Climate Corps. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Northeast Colorado Talks:** March 19 8:35 - Chris Brom and Joe Frank, GM of the Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District, discussed today's water meeting at

Northern Water, as well as a variety of projects that Northern Water is involved in. They also talked about the latest on the Colorado River and the disagreements between the upper and lower basin states along the river.

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

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on January 16, 2024. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Independent Cattle Growers Association Past President, Curt Werner. He talked about winter conditions for producers, and early bills introduced into the state legislature that affect the agriculture industry. He then talked about wolf reintroduction and a lawsuit they are involved in. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on January 18, 2024. Duration: 10 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Cattlemen's Executive Vice President, Erin Karney. She talked about their recent mid-winter conference, upcoming state bills, and ballot initiatives affecting the cattle industry. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

**Daily Ag Interview.** Broadcast on February 20, 2024. Duration: 9 minutes. Discussion with Colorado Independent Cattle Growers Association Past President, Curt Waerner. He talked about their recent state legislative day, state land, and revenue for schools. He also talked about the beef industry roundtable. Interview conducted by Lorrie Boyer.

