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AG. NOTES



San Juan Ag Water Users Annual Meeting

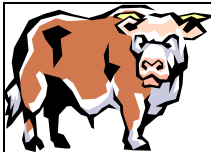
The annual meeting of the San Juan Ag. Water Users will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2005 in the Bloomfield High School Auditorium starting at 6:30 pm.

Tentative Agenda

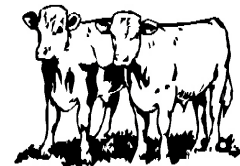
Navajo Nation Water Settlement
1975 San Juan Basin Re-adjudication

It is important that each ditch is represented at this meeting.

The annual dues for the San Juan Ag. Water Users Association, from each Ditch Association are \$150.00 per year and are payable no later than **January 5, 2005**. Your association should also designate your voting delegate at that same time. Dues and voting delegate information may be mailed, or hand delivered, to the San Juan County Extension Office.



San Juan Basin Beef Symposium



This year the Beef Symposium will be held in Pagosa Springs at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds on February 5th, 2005. It includes an array of good topics, speakers and

lunch. Registration is \$10.00 and is due January 30th, registration after the 30th is \$15.00. Please find attached the schedule and registration form.

SAN JUAN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM



The San Juan County Extension Service will offer 40 hours of intense training in Horticulture in exchange for 40 hours of volunteer time teaching and helping others about gardening. There will be a \$40.00 materials fee.

The training will begin Friday, January 23, 2005 from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, and will continue each Friday through March 26. Classes will be held at the San Juan County Fire Operations Center (next door to the Extension office), 209 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec. Topics will include insect identification and control, xeriscape, ornamentals and trees, fruits and vegetables, botany, soils, fertilizers, pruning, pathology, weed identification and control, conifers and pesticide safety.

These sessions will be taught by a variety of specialists from New Mexico State University and local professionals.

You may pick up an application at the San Juan County Extension office, 213-A South Oliver Dr. in Aztec or call (505) 334-9496 for more information. There are openings for 25 in the class. Application deadline is Friday, January 9, 2005.

Ornamental and Turf Certification Workshop

The Ornamental and Turf Workshop will be held March 3rd at McGee Park in Farmington. There will be concurrent sessions, one for Continuing Education Units and one for Certification and Training. Testing for all categories will be conducted on March 4th by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Mark your calendar and watch for further information to be sent out next month.

Four Corners Weed Symposium

The annual Four Corners Weed Symposium will be held February 19th in Farmington at Mc Gee Park. There will be six New Mexico C.E.U.'s



available for the conference. Topics will include Weed I.D., Alfalfa Weed Control, Range Weed Control, Irrigated Pasture Weed Control, Industry Update and Management to Reduce Weed Invasion. Registration information will be sent out in February.

Farm and Ranch Improvement Funds

The San Juan County FRIF Committee will be taking applications for Invasive Weed Control on Private and State Land. If approved, cost share is 50% of the cost if done by a Commercial Applicator or 75% if the owner does application. There will be a \$2500 maximum per individual or entity. The committee will also be offering cost share on Sagebrush control at the rate of 50% cost share. There is a limited amount of money available for Sagebrush and other range improvement items. *Applications* are available here at the Extension Office.

Red Books Available

RANCHERS: The Integrated Resource Management Red Books for record keeping have been sent out. If you don't receive one or if you need an extra for your neighbor, you may pick one up here at the office or I'll have them available at the Beef Symposium on the 5th of February.

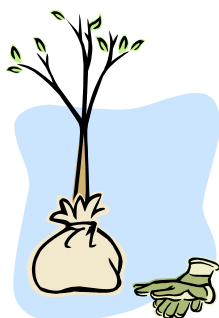
Private Applicator Renewal

For those of you who have a Private Applicator License to enable you to buy restricted use pesticides, the following rules apply for renewal. Your license is good for 5 years and at the end of the five years you need (5) C.E.U.'s to automatically renew your license. Without the five (5) C.E.U.'s during the five-year period you must re-test to receive your new license. If you don't want to re-test, you will need to attend meetings that offer accredited C.E.U.'s within the 5-year time frame. These include the Ornamental and Turf Workshop, Weed Symposium and Commercial Pesticide Applicators Workshop. If you wish to re-test, please call and set up a time to test here in the office. Plan on about an hour to take the test.



New Mexico State Forestry Seedlings Available

Bare root and containerized tree seedlings for the use of windbreak plantings are available again this year from the New Mexico State



Forestry Division. Bare root seedlings are \$36/50 while the containerized seedlings are \$49/49 trees. New Mexico residents must own at least one acre of land to be eligible for the program. Order forms are available on line at www.nmforestry.com or are available here at the Extension Office.

WE WISH EACH OF YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dates to Remember

December

19 Four Corners Weed Symposium (6 C.E.U.'s)

January

11 Master Gardener Applications due

13 San Juan Ag. Water Users Annual Meeting
Bloomfield High School Auditorium, 6:30 PM.

February

5 San Juan Basin Beef Symposium
Pagosa Springs, Colorado, Archuleta County Fairgrounds

19 Four Corners Weed Symposium (6 C.E.U.'s)

March

3 Ornamental & Turf Re-Certification Workshop – McGee Park
(8 C.E.U.'s)

18 Alfalfa and Irrigated Pasture Symposium

April

3 Four Corners Bull Test Sale– Hesperus

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