

CSU Extension plans drought summits

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Colorado State University Extension is planning to host a series of drought summits at various locations within the Golden Plains Area.

These five informational meetings will be held at different locations but will also be webcast. As a result, anyone can attend either in person at the sites listed or link to the webcast. There is no charge for attending or linking. For those attending at the physical locations, lunch will be provided courtesy of sponsors.

The Drought Summit web-cast will be presented via Adobe Connect. In order to login to the webcast, go to the following web address: <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/colodrought> .

When going to that URL, one will be at a login page. Simply click on bullet "Enter as a guest." Participants will then be prompted for their name. Enter name and click "Enter Room" to enter the meeting space. One can hear the presentation but will have to type questions in the chat box and the presenters will address them.

Any time before the meeting, one can visit the following URL to confirm the ability to connect to the Connect server: http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm .

For answers to questions about the technology, contact Ruth directly at 970-491-6988 or ruth.willson@colostate.edu.

Drought Summit dates, locations and topics are as follows (11 a.m.-1 p.m.):

Tuesday, Feb. 12—Burlington Community Center, Burlington—Weather updates and crop insurance issues.

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Tuesday, Feb. 19—Washington County Events Center, Akron—Crop production issues, forage production with limited irrigation, entomology and insect concerns during drought.

Tuesday, Feb. 26—Yuma Community Center, Yuma—Livestock production issues including herd liquidation and tax consequences and livestock disease during drought.

Tuesday, March 5—Phillips County Event Center, Holyoke—Range management issues, pasture management, invasive weeds and insects.

Tuesday, March 12—Sedgwick County Courthouse Annex, Julesburg—Human resources issues, family financial management and communications.

Each webinar session will be recorded and available for viewing at later times. Program and viewing details will be posted on the Golden Plains Area web site at <http://goldenplains.colostate.edu>

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