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Workshops

FARM ESTATE PLANNING

On Thursday, **February 16**, in cooperation with Snow College, we will be sponsoring a Farm Estate Planning workshop for anyone interested. The workshop will be held at the Juab County Community Center Cultural Hall starting at 7:00 pm. Jay Olsen, Snow College Farm/Ranch Management Instructor, will be the presenter. Jay will cover items relating to basic estate planning, working with family members in estate planning, and ideas for farm inheritance. Jay is very knowledgeable in Ag business management. We encourage all producers, spouses, and older family youth to attend.

PESTICIDE TRAINING

On Thursday, **January 26**, in cooperation with the Farm Bureau, we will be sponsoring a pesticide workshop for anyone interested. The meeting will be held at the Juab County Cultural Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Farm Bureau Safety specialist A. J. Ferguson, will be the presenter. The meeting will cover the following three areas: label is the law, pesticide record keeping systems, and pesticide safety. All producers that currently have a Utah Pesticide license will receive CEU credits for attending. We would encourage all of you to attend and learn more about pesticide management.

2012 SPRING GARDEN SERIES CLASSES

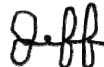
Watch for more information on the following classes: Gardening, Pruning Roses, Drip Irrigation, and Hanging Baskets beginning in March.

Agent Notes

In this issue of the Ag Informer, you will find general information about a variety of county, regional and state workshops, and conferences. For those who would like more information or registration forms, you can either follow the instructions in the write up or contact our office. We would like to encourage you to go to our county

website, extension.usu.edu/juab. You will find a wide variety of information that should be helpful to you. If we can be of assistance to you, feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey E Banks
USU Extension Agent

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 23-25—Utah Green Industry Conference*
- Jan. 26—Pesticide Training*
- Jan. 26-28—AI School*
- Feb. 4—Sheep & Goat Education Day*
- Feb. 14—Utah Beef Cattle Field Day*
- Feb. 16—Farm Estate Planning*
- Feb. 22-24—Diversified Ag Conference*
- Feb. 23—QuickBooks Classes Start*
- Feb. 28-29—Utah Weed Conference*
- Mar. 12-14—Water Users' Workshop*

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Pesticide License Certification



Commercial, non-commercial, and private applicators are required to renew their Utah license every three years. There are three options for renewing a pesticide license. The options are: (1) complete and pass the general pesticide exam and at least one category exam, (2) attend a re-certification workshop and pass at least one category, or (3) attend pesticide training programs recognized by UDAF and obtain credit for the required number of CEUs. If CEUs are used to renew a license during the year, all training forms and payment must be submitted to UDAF before the end of the year. Anyone who would like a list of the UDAF CEU approved programs can go to their website at www.ag.utah.gov.

Artificial Insemination School

ABS will again be conducting an artificial insemination school in Nephi.

The 3 day school will be held **January 26-28**. The school will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm daily. The cost for this school will be \$250. This is an excellent opportunity for those interested in learning about A.I. or those who would like to brush up on their A.I. skills.

If you are interested in attending the school, you can contact Kevin McCarthy, ABS area representative, at 801-201-4964 or email kevinmccarthy@juno.com.

Diversified Agricultural Conference

The 9th annual Diversified Agriculture Conference will be held **February 22-24, 2012** in Layton, Utah.



There is an exciting conference planned that will give conference participants the opportunity to engage in hands-on workshops including developing marketing assessments, communicating with customers electronically, and analyzing potential enterprises.

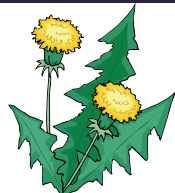
Conference Highlights include:

- Value Added Agriculture
- Recreation
- Tourism
- Direct Ag Marketing
- Farmers Markets
- Further Agriculture Processing

The conference fees will be approximately \$40 for early registration and \$60 for late registration.

Visit the website at www.diverseag.org for registration information.

Utah Weed Conference



On **February 28 & 29**, the Utah Weed Association will be holding their annual conference at the Riverwoods Conference Center in Logan.

It will cover a wide range of topics including noxious weed control, crop weed control, invasive weed management efforts, and what's new in the industry.

All producers that currently have a Utah Pesticide

License will receive CEU credits for attending. The conference will start at 9:00 am on the 28th and go to 4:30 pm on the 29th. The registration fee is \$65. To register for the conference go to www.utahweed.org.

QuickBooks Class

Featured Fact Sheet

Beginning

QuickBooks Training Class

In Nephi ~ Begins Feb 23 ~ 6:00 P.M.

- ~ **QuickBooks Pro 2010/11**
- ~ **5 Thursday evenings**
- ~ **Hands-on application**
- ~ **Learn using your accounts & numbers**
- ~ **Course is only \$96**

May be reduced to \$48 through Custom Fit Training program.



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Know your Cost of Production: A Review for the Cow-Calf Operation

Record keeping and planning is an important management function for any business, particularly for one as unpredictable as the cow-calf business. However, good record keeping and planning will not lead to improved profits unless the records are used to identify management opportunities, and cost savings. Knowing cost of production is a critical aspect of a marketing plan.

Drought is a periodic reality for many cow-calf operations and having a clear understanding of the reality of drought related costs is essential to making informed production and marketing decisions. Most cow-calf operations are range forage based operations. When drought adversely impacts this forage base, the entire cost structure is typically, negatively impacted, as additional resources are needed to offset the loss in the range forage base, current and into the future.

For a copy of the complete 4 page fact sheet and to view other related fact sheets, go to the Livestock Marketing Information Center at www.lmic.info.

Utah Beef Cattle Field Day

“Getting the Most From Pastures”

The 32nd Annual Utah Beef Cattle Field Day will be held **February 14th, 2012** at the BYU Harmon Conference Center, 770 East University Parkway, Provo, from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm.

Topics to be covered include:

- Getting the Most Out of Your Pastures
- Setting up Management Intensive Grazing (MiG) cells on pastures
- American Grazing Lands Services

- Cattle Industry Trade Show

Registration fee is \$20.



Upcoming Events

SHEEP AND GOAT EDUCATION DAY

Saturday, **February 4th**, will be the date for the Utah Sheep and Goat Education Day, sponsored by the Utah Wool Growers and Utah State University Extension. It will be held in St. George. The workshop will be from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and will cost \$25. Topics that will be covered include animal health, applied nutrition, goat marketing, and fiber marketing.



UTAH GREEN INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

“Back To Our Roots”, **January 23-25** at the South Town Expo Center. The program will include a number of workshops including Native Utah Plants, Western Gardens and Landscapes, Perennials and Grasses, Pesticide Calibrations and Sprayers, Utah Urban Forestry, and Why Water. Registration information can be found at www.utahgreen.org.

WATER USERS' WORKSHOP

St. George will be host site for the 2012 Utah Water Users' Workshop on **March 12-14**. The conference will cover a wide range of topics including water quality standards, water rights, legislative update, canal safety, groundwater trends, and Utah water outlook. For more information go to <http://extension.usu.edu/uwuw>.

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