



Colorado County Agents Association

from the mountains to the plains

President's Message

Thaddeus Gourd, CCAA President

I just wanted to fill you in on some late breaking news on the condition of Wayne Cooley, Delta County agronomist. Wayne has taken a turn for the worst and is now at Saint Mary's Hospital, 2635 North 7th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501. The hospital phone number is 970-244-2273. Your cards, letters and phone calls are greatly appreciated by him and his family.

The Western Slope Tour is now scheduled for Thursday and Friday, June 19 and 20th, 2008. We needed to advance the date because of a 4-H Meeting conflict. Please save this date and let me know if you can make this tour. We need enough agents (10 or more) to commit to this adventure in order to make it worth while for everyone. The tour could possibly include some or most or all of the following: Palisade Insectary, a discussion on Japanese beetle eradication efforts in Palisade, tomato research trials, movable hoop house systems, arboretum visit, tree fruit production facility, golfing, river rafting, mountain biking and sleeping out under the stars. Please hit me back on email and let me know if you could participate in this tour.

Forum is tentatively scheduled for starting on Wednesday, October 1 and 2, 2008. Because of the short time frame of forum, I would like to propose a September 30, 2008, Tuesday afternoon board member business meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. The general member's business meeting will start at 2:00 p.m. Our annual CCAA banquet would take place on the evening of Wednesday, October 1. This would include our nationally famous auction, so start thinking about those one of a kind auction items.

NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. The conference will be held in Greensboro, North Carolina on July 13-17, 2008. Tours being offered include: The Appalachian Agriculture Tour, the Foothills Nursery Crop and American Heritage Tour, the Sampson County Agriculture Tour, the Sustainable Agriculture Tour and the Beef Cattle and Specialty Markets Tour. For those of you on the fence about going, I would encourage you to think about this conference. North Carolina State University has a strong Extension Service program and you may pickup a few gold nuggets of knowledge that you may be able to use back in your county. Check the NACAA web site for more details, deadlines about this great conference. <http://www.ncacaa.org/2008ampic/>

Also the deadline is fast approaching about professional improvement national scholarship funds to workshops, society meetings like the Western Society of Weed Science. However, these national funds **can not** be used to attend the NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. In order to obtain scholarship funds from the national association, you must have donated \$40 to the national scholarship fund. This is the money you might have spent at our CCAA auctions. In order to use funds in 2009, you must have applications in by June 1, 2008. Each person is eligible for a total of \$2000 in a lifetime or up to \$1000 per year. Any ideas that we as a CCAA group would like to look at such as a noxious weed workshop along the Colorado River (aka rafting trip down the Colorado or Green rivers) are open to me.

Check out the application at:

http://www.nacaa.com/awards/2008_forms/scholarship_application.doc

Your 2007-2008 Officer Team

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We will need new 2 year representatives from each Region.

Western Rep. Western: Dinah Peoples 1 year left and Dan Fernandez 2 year term

Northern Rep. Fred Petersen 1 year and Tom Fey 2 year term

Southern Rep. Dean Oatman 1 and Bruce Fickensher 2 year

National Association of County Agricultural Agents 2007-2008 State Committee Appointments

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