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Crop Storage Workshop with Ken Hellevang of NDSU

University of Wyoming Extension, Evelo Sales, MillerCoors, and Simplot have teamed up to bring Dr. Ken Hellevang, North Dakota State University Extension Specialist in Agricultural Engineering to Wyoming. Hellevang is author of several NDSU extension publications on crop drying and storage, including "Natural Air/Low Temperature Crop Drying" (NDSU Extension Bulletin #35 revised). He has published equilibrium moisture content charts for many crops grown in Wyoming.

Hellevang will speak at the UW Research and Extension Center – Powell, at 747 Road 9, Powell Wednesday, **December 4**, 2013. A classroom session will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served courtesy of Simplot. After lunch the workshop will move to an on-farm grain bin.

Registration for the workshop is $10 at the door. Register for lunch by contacting UW Extension Educator Sandra Frost in Powell at (307) 754-8836 or sfrost1@uwyo.edu.

CDL Study Group offered AGAIN – Powell and Greybull

Dec. 17-19 **CDL Study Group - Powell**
9 a.m. – 3 p.m., UW Research & Extension Center – Powell
Registration $25, lunch served. Call to register (307) 754-8836.
Trucks provided by local farmers.

Jan 22-24 **CDL Study Group – Greybull**
9 a.m. – 3 p.m., UW Research & Extension Center – Powell
Registration $25, lunch served. Call to register (307) 765-2868.

Results from Study Groups last winter are on the poster attached to this email.

Wyoming Building Farmers in the West – Jan & Feb 2014

Wyoming Building Farmers in the West builds farm community and farmer capacity through classroom work, networking, and mentoring for beginning farmers and ranchers. The USDA defines beginning producers as those with less than 10 years of experience. The classroom program is a series of eight (8) evening classes designed to explore farming as a business and provide tools and ideas to refine and enhance their business planning and management skills. Building Farmers in the West also offers a Mentor Program where beginning farmers/ranchers are paired with experienced producers to provide support. Class will be Tuesday evenings in Jan and Feb 2014.

Participants will be able to

- Develop business goals and objectives that align with their values and resources
- Develop a business plan
- Describe their personal management strengths and weaknesses and build a plan to address their weaknesses and leverage their strengths
- Project input requirements and costs
- Understand how successful producers asses and manage risk
- Access a network of community resources

As of May 2012, **Building Farmers in the West** had reached over 300 producers in six states. Given feedback from community partners who worked with previous program participants in Colorado, we expect at least 10% will have made such significant progress on their business plans that they will be able to acquire additional capital (land, water, financing), establish new markets, or complete the requirements to participate in government programs within 18 months of completing the course. Applications available online at http://www.uwyo.edu/ces/bighorncrops/index.html or by calling (307) 754-8836.

Crop Budgets available for 2013

University of Nebraska at Lincoln has posted on its website CropWatch, the latest 2013 Crop Budgets. You can find them at:
http://cropwatch.unl.edu/web/cropwatch/archive?articleID=5061200

Colorado State University Extension posts crop budgets on its Agriculture & Business Management website at:

http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/ABM/cropbudgets.htm

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For further information contact UW CES Educator, Sandra Frost, at 307-754-8836 or sfrost1@uwyo.edu.

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