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Drought Leadership Training

Virtual Training #3: Livestock and Range

February 18 , 2022

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ABOUT US

Drought Advisors is a partnership among:

- Colorado State University Extension
- Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- The Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance
- Colorado Ag Water Alliance
- Northern Plains Climate Hub
- Natural Resource Conservation Service.

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COLORADO AGRICULTURAL DROUGHT ADVISORS

MISSION

To remove barriers and share drought coping strategies within individual operations by working holistically as a network to ensure needs are met.

VISION

To build short and long term resilience for drought among Colorado Producers by working with farmers and ranches to connect resources, identify/ assess risk, and implement practices that lesson the impact of drought.

Drought Leadership Training

Using Forecasts in Drought Planning

Drought information and forecasts can be hard to put into action.

Virtual Training #1

FEB 4th

Risk Management

Learn about risk management tools and programs.

Virtual Training #2

FEB 11th

Livestock and Range: Drought Management

Gain actionable tools and resources to manage rangeland and livestock operations during drought.

Virtual Training #3

TODAY!

Crops: Drought Management

Gain actionable tools and resources to manage cropping systems during drought.

Virtual Training #4

March 4th

In-Person Final Training

Build a framework for action. The Drought Training Series culminates in this final in-person event.

In Person Training

West Slope: 3/8-3/9

East Slope: 3/15-3/16

MARCH

TODAY'S AGENDA

Virtual Training #3

11:00 | Introduction

11:15-11:30 Speaker #1 Robbie LeValley

11:35-11:50 Speaker #2 Erik Tucker

11:55-12:10 Speaker #3 Joe Lanier

12:15-12:30 Speaker #4 John Welch

12:35-12:50 Q&A Panel discussion among all presenters and audience

12:50-1:00 Wrap up, next steps and evaluation

1:00 End

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JOE LANIER

Joe Lanier is a Pleasent View Rancher in the Southeastern corner of Colorado. He farms his own land and helps his family's homestead which was started in 1917. They are currently raising alfalfa that they sell to dairies in Texas. In addition to the alfalfa production, also grow a mix of grass, oats, barley, and other small grains that they put up as hay and a set of cover crops they allow cattle to graze. Joe has a dedication to service, is a lifelong learner, and is always ready to consider trying something new.

ROBBIE LEVALLEY

Robbie LeValley is a cow-calf producer from Western Colorado. LeValley Ranch is a multi-generational ranch and owns a direct beef marketing business with five other ranches that include a retail store and two USDA packing and processing facilities. LeValley Ranch utilizes BLM permits and private lands for grazing and was the recipient of the Colorado Section of the Society of Range Management Grazing Excellence award in 2005. They are active partners with BLM, NRCS, CPW, and USFWS.

JOHN WELSH

John Welch was born and raised in Midland Texas and moved to Colorado after graduating from Texas A&M. He ranched in southeastern Colorado for 30 years and returned to Texas in 2003 to take a position as CEO and President of Spade ranches with offices in Lubbock, Texas.
The Spades have operated in west Texas since 1889 and currently run approximately 6,000 cows on five different locations in west Texas. Since retiring from Spade Ranches, he has continued to be involved with our family operation, Welch Cattle, CO, which runs a cow-calf operation on their ranches in Colorado and on leased ranches in Montana and Texas.

ERICK TUCKER

Erick Tucker is a rancher west of Ordway, Colorado. After twenty-five years in the custom cattle feeding business, he decided he wanted to go back to more ranching. Erick takes a holistic approach to problems faced by ranchers today. Some of those approaches included looking for degraded lands to restore, learning about soil health with land and livestock interactions, and using out-of-the-box thinking to offset the damage to the land.

Five Healthy Soil Principles

1. Keep it covered (armor)
2. Maintain a living root
3. Minimize disturbance
4. Maximize diversity
5. Use livestock

GRASS

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THANK YOU!

We will see you in two weeks!

- Virtual Training #4: Crops Drought Management
  - Moderated by Gus Westermann
- In-Person Final Training: Drought Planning and Stress Management
  - West Slope - 3/8-3/9
  - East Slope - 3/15-3/16