

2017 Drought Outreach



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Leaders

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Feed: Adele Harty, Warren Rusche

Agronomy: Ruth Beck

Range Management: NRCS staff, Pete Bauman

Drought Disaster Programs: FSA staff

Schedule

7 Meetings

July 6: Herreid & Gettysburg

July 24: Lemmon and Faith

July 25: Pierre & Chamberlain

August 23: Wall

About 300 participants total

Traditional (print, radio) & social media brought diverse audience



Photo courtesy of V. Stuart

DROUGHT MEETING

August 23

Wall

Wall Community Center

501 Main St.

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Attendees can bring forage/feed samples for quick nitrate test and water for livestock suitability.

No fee to attend, no RSVP needed.

Agenda

Climate

Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension State Climatologist

Economics

Heather Gessner, SDSU Extension Livestock Business Management Field Specialist

Rangeland Management

Dave Ollila, SDSU Extension Sheep Field Specialist

Livestock

Adele Harty, SDSU Extension Cow/Calf Field Specialist

Agronomy

Chris Graham, SDSU Extension Agronomist

FSA Programs

USDA Farm Service Agency staff



Decision Making 2018: Grazing and Finance Planning

April 3

Kadoka

10:00 a.m -12:00 p.m.
Club 27
920 SD Highway 248

Wall

2:00-4:00 p.m.
Wall Community Center
501 Main St.

Milesville

6:00-8:00 p.m.
Milesville Hall
20308 Milesville Rd.

April 4

Dupree

10:00 a.m -12:00 p.m.
Harry's Hall
312 Main St.

Timber Lake

2:00-4:00 p.m.
Community Center
700 Main St.

Bison

6:00-8:00 p.m.
Grand Electric Social Room
801 Colman Ave.

April 5

Buffalo

10:00 a.m -12:00 p.m.
Rec Center
108 Hodge St.

Belle Fourche

2:00-4:00 p.m.
First Interstate Bank
41 5th St.

Union Center

6:00-8:00 p.m.
Community Center
19617 Ballfield Rd.

Come as you are! We understand calving/lambing has begun but hope you can fit this useful and applicable information into your busy schedule.

No registration fees or RSVP requirement

Agenda and Topics

- Weather update and outlook
Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension State Climatologist
- Grazing and Forage-tools to evaluate spring turn out and expected grass production
Dave Ollila, SDSU Extension Sheep Field Specialist
- Finances-creating production and personal budgets, working with bankers
Heather Gessner, SDSU Extension Livestock Business Management Field Specialist

Given the continued drought conditions across the regions, combined with low commodity market prices, many producers are facing financial hardship. As spring pasture turnout approaches in April/May, we are providing producers with tools and management tips to proactively make stocking rate decisions. Having these tools and information will enhance the interaction with lending institutions regarding changes to their operations, if needed. Providing these tools to create grazing plans empowers producers to make hard decisions, potentially destocking, while utilizing data and information and not rely on reactive measures which may leave doubt and question in their minds.

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