



DROUGHT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Riverview Event Center, Brush, CO
March 16, 2022



WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We can't control drought. But we can change how it impacts our agricultural operations. Thank you for joining us for a hybrid program that combines virtual and in-person training for retail agriculture, agricultural services, extension, and agriculture-focused agencies/organizations. This training concludes and reflects on all of the topics we have learned thus far including using forecasts in drought planning, risk management in drought, drought management strategies for livestock and range, and drought management strategies for cropping systems. Over the next two days, we'll focus on stress management in drought and drought planning.

The curriculum was developed by researchers, farmers, ranchers, and agricultural professionals, and draws on expert speakers from around the region. This training would not be possible without the support of the following individuals and is funded by the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

Retta Bruegger, CSU Extension

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Greg Peterson, Colorado Ag Water Alliance

Lauren Vilen, CSU School of Education

AGENDA

March 16th, 2022 | Riverview Event Center
Morning

8:30 | Introductions and Welcome

8:45 | Lecture - The Building Blocks of Drought Planning

Introduction to drought planning frameworks; why planning matters

Led by Retta Bruegger of CSU Extension

9:30 | Break

9:45 | Discussion/ Role Planning : Drought Planning Scenarios Using the Drought Planning Framework

11:00 | AgWell: Stress Management in Drought + Mental Health Basics

Led by Dan Waldvogle and Clinton Wilson of Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

12:00 | Lunch



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Afternoon

12:30 | AgWell Continued

2:15 | Break - Snacks Provided

2:30 | Drought Planning Scenarios + Role Playing, Part II

3:15 | Debrief from Scenarios

3:45 | Final Discussion, Evaluation + What's next:

What should a drought plan framework look like for Colorado?

4:30 | Adjourn



SPEAKERS



Clinton Wilson

Originally from Seattle, Clinton spent most of his career working for social-service non-profits in the Pacific Northwest. In 2017 he and his family relocated to Colorado where he has spent the last four years working with farmers and ranchers as the Executive Director of Poudre Valley Community Farms: a farmland cooperative, based in Fort Collins. Now the program director for AgWell, his goal is to build a more connected, community-focused, collaborative, and robust support system for the agricultural community here in the Rocky Mountain Region.



Dan Waldvogle

Dan Waldvogle is the Director of External Affairs for the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union. Dan leads legislative and policy efforts representing our roughly 20,000 family farmer and rancher members and administers the Rural Peer Assistance Network program. He has a diverse background in agriculture where he has raised livestock, practiced meat processing and produced specialty crops. He is passionate about creating opportunities with the hope of maintaining the stewardship of our working lands and livelihoods. When he is not working, he enjoys time with his family and spends as much time as possible on his family cow-calf operation.

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ABOUT DROUGHT ADVISORS



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR COLORADO PRODUCERS

MISSION

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

VISION

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



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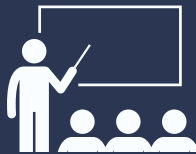
PRODUCERS ARE THE EXPERTS WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THEM

ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTING



Connecting with producers to increase drought resilience.

DROUGHT LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Increasing the number of professionals and producers trained in drought planning.

DROUGHT PLANNING



Working with a network of experts while providing funding producers to support drought planning.

DROUGHT STUDY



Analysing vulnerabilities and status of drought preparedness.

Drought is a complex problem that lacks an easy or straightforward fix. For agricultural producers, increasing resilience to drought may involve long-term operational changes that cannot be achieved overnight. Ag producers are experts in their operations, and often have years to decades of expertise. We are here to support them in creating drought plans that build on their expertise.

We know there is no one-size-fits-all approach to building agricultural resilience to drought. That's why CSU Extension, CSU Agricultural Experiment Station, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Colorado Ag Water Alliance, the USDA Climate Hub, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Ditch and Reservoir Company Alliance have all partnered to create Colorado Agricultural Drought Advisors.

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