

CWAC/CAWG annual county meetings

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Colorado wheat producers are invited to attend and participate in the annual county business meetings and elections jointly sponsored by the Colorado Wheat Administrative Committee (CWAC) and the Colorado Association of Wheat Growers (CAWG). The business meetings and elections will be held Jan. 12–19, at 14 different locations. The business meeting for Phillips and Sedgwick County wheat producers will be held at the Agricultural Education Building in Haxtun at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18.

“We want input from growers around the state, and we want you to hear how your check-off funds are being used to promote Colorado wheat and develop new varieties of wheat at Colorado State University,” said CWAC President Richard Starkebaum of Haxtun.

Starkebaum will discuss how funding from the producer-approved assessment is being invested in education, research and promotion programs, the hard white wheat marketing program with ConAgra and public-private wheat breeding/research collaborations.

CAWG President Jerry Cooksey of Roggen will present an update on state and national legislative activities, including Governor Bill Ritter’s proposal to suspend several state agricultural sales tax exemptions and federal Cap and Trade legislation.

CWAC/CAWG Executive Director Darrell Hanavan will review the current U.S. and world wheat situation.

CWAC and CAWG are two distinctly separate organizations with different, but complimentary purposes.

CWAC is the producer-elected Board of Control for the Colorado Wheat Marketing Order whose purpose is to decide how assessment funds are to be spent for research, promotion and education activities.

CAWG is a voluntary membership association that lobbies on behalf of wheat growers at the

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state and national levels of government and provides special programs and benefits to dues paying members.