

CWAC/CAWG annual county meeting to be held Jan. 11

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

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. 4–11, at 14 different locations. The business meeting for Phillips County wheat producers will be held at the Haxtun Community Center at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11.

“This is an opportunity for everyone to get involved and voice their opinion. It is a very exciting time right now with everything that is going on with wheat breeding and wheat research. Growers should get involved to find out what is happening now and what we are looking forward to in the future,” said CWAC President Dan Anderson of Haxtun.

Anderson 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 Chris Tallman of Brandon will present an update on state and national legislative activities, including state budget issues affecting ag sales tax exemptions, national issues on the horizon such as the 2012 Farm Bill, and information on biotechnology he is sharing with the public as a national wheat spokesman for biotechnology.

Attendees will receive a copy of the “Wheat Production and Pest Management” guide published by Colorado State University.

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.

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