

Drought workshop in Wray

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Yuma County Conservation District and the NRCS is sponsoring a drought workshop Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 11-12 in Wray.

Whether one owns rangeland and cattle, or are a landlord who leases range, or are the one with the cows leasing the range, this workshop is for anyone. Learn a totally unique approach to drought management that has never been available before.

This workshop series will begin Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 11. There will be a separate session Tuesday evening and one on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Tuesday afternoon will focus on the thought processes of drought and the Calf Cost Cow-Q-lator spreadsheet. This spreadsheet, which predicts profit (or loss) given certain conditions such as hay prices, amount of hay fed, calf weaning size, calf prices and many more variables that only a computer can crunch.

Attendees will go through the worksheet and fill in the best and worst case prices and conditions and learn the profit estimate using those parameters. This spreadsheet is free and available on the web.

After a provided dinner, the workshop series will continue with an introduction to various web resources. Pat Reece will introduce all of these resources and explain why ranchers should know how to use these websites to gain valuable information vital to making informed drought plan decisions.

On Wednesday, attendees will learn about drought indicators, plant drought response, and drought planning. Attendees will learn what they need to know to answer critical questions: How much moisture is needed? How does one decide how many animals they can run in the summer? When can one decide? The workshop will start at 9 a.m. and close by 3:30 p.m.

Ranchers may attend any part or all of the workshop sections. There will not be a registration

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