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Dear CDA_Employee,

June 4, 2008



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Mark Your Calendars!



Aug. 22 - Sept. 1, 2008
in Pueblo

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State Fair Board Meeting

June 25, 2008 at 10 a.m.

The meeting is open to the media and public.

For more details, call (719) 561-8484.

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[Colorado Farmers' Markets](#)



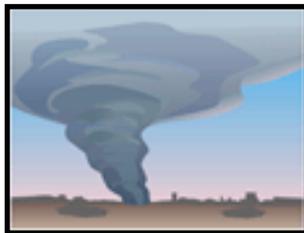
From The Commissioner

The last month was certainly busy for Colorado's agricultural producers. It was a busy one for me too. In early May, I hosted a town hall meeting in Wray with a wonderful turnout and a very active discussion, Governor Bill Ritter signed some important ag-related bills into law, and May wrapped up with the tragedy in northern Colorado.

It doesn't seem too long ago that we were working to save livestock stranded in the blizzards and now, Colorado agriculture communities are, once again, facing another challenge brought on by elements beyond our control.

Rural communities are made up of people who pull together when things get tough, and once again, we see people pitching in to help their neighbors deal with this ordeal. We may never know the true amount of loss suffered by the recent tornadoes but no tornado, blizzard, or any other disaster Mother Nature can throw at us can destroy the strength within our agricultural families across the state.

John R. Stulp
Commissioner of Agriculture



Colorado Ag Disaster Fund

Colorado's agriculture industry is pulling together to aid in cleanup and recovery process after the May tornadoes. Here is one program offering assistance.

The **Colorado Ag Disaster Fund** is seeking donations to assist the farmers and ranchers hit by the recent tornados in Weld County. Donations will lend a hand to farmers and ranchers as they pickup the pieces in the aftermath of the tornados. Building

[Calendar of Events](#)

You can include your agriculture event on CDA's calendar. Email the name of the event, date, location, contact information, and website to [CDA Calendar](#)



Become an Ag Ambassador today!

Ag Ambassadors educate Coloradans about the importance of agriculture in the state. [Learn more](#)

Job Announcements

For current job announcements at CDA, [Click here](#) then, click on "Colorado Department of Agriculture" or call (303) 239-4108

The list is continually being updated, so remember to visit often

materials, fencing supplies and other items are needed immediately.

You can support those affected by sending a tax deductible donation to:

Colorado Ag Disaster Fund: Weld County Tornado Fund
9177 East Mineral Circle
Centennial, CO 80122

The Fund was established in 2007 after back-to-back blizzards devastated southeastern Colorado. The fund raised more than \$750,000 in donations that helped farmers and ranchers hit by the blizzards. The fundraiser also established the Colorado Ag Disaster Fund, so the agricultural community would be ready to react in the face of another disaster.



Governor Ritter Signs

Agriculture Bills into Law

Gov. Bill Ritter signed three bills into law on May 14, 2008, that support Colorado's \$16 billion, 100,000-job agriculture industry, one of the state's most important economic sectors. [Learn more](#)

Photo: Governor Ritter, Commissioner Stulp and Senator Isgar horse around on the steps of the capitol after the bill signing



2008 Friend of 4-H

Chris Wiseman, general manager of the Colorado State Fair, was chosen as the 2008 Friend of 4-H by the Colorado Association of Extension 4-H Agents. "I am honored to have received this award,"



Fun Fact

Colorado is well known for our lamb. The state ranks 4th nationally for all sheep and lambs with over 400,000 head of sheep in the state.

Growing Season is Grilling Season...

[Grilled American Lamb Chops with Marinated Colorado Potatoes](#)

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Agriculture is to strengthen and advance Colorado's agriculture industry; ensure a safe, high quality, and sustainable food supply; and protect consumers, the environment, and natural resources.

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