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in Their Rural & Agriculturally Related Professions!*

DATES TO REMEMBER!

May 7 – Chapter Board Meeting - Brookings

May 8 – SDSU Network Event – Brookings

May 16 - West River Breakfast Meeting - 9 A.M.

Rapid City Marlin's Roadhouse Grill

June 25-28 – Joint Range Camp (Montana / South Dakota / Wyoming)

Camp Needmore near Ekalaka, MT

Late July - East River Breakfast Meeting –Sioux Falls Roll’N Pin

- in conjunction with Hefty Field Days – date TBD

July 14-18 - ASFMRA Summer Education Week – Omaha, NE

Sept. 8-12 - Leadership Institute – Washington, DC

October 16 – SDSU Ag-Bio Career Fair

Nov. 11-15 – 84th ASFMRA Annual Meeting – Reno, NV

January 16-17–Winter Education & Joint Meeting W/PAASD - Chamberlain

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Aggies: Farm Managers, Appraisers, Affiliates, Students, Friends

If you are a part of this group, you are tied to agriculture and many of us have ties to agriculture through many generations. Agriculture is important to all of us, directly or indirectly....we all must eat....whether meat lovers, vegetarians, vegans or the next new deal....someone is growing and raising the food to feed all of us. Production agriculture is important to our country and the world. Many of us may be a little spot on a large map but I challenge each of you to continue to be proud that you are part of the agriculture industry.

I just printed off some maps from the “Drought Monitor” website. It is a pretty map if you like the colors red and brown. It is an ugly map if you are involved in livestock, crop and feed production. Basically, everything west of the Missouri River and the southeast part of SD is red and brown....Drought – Extreme and Drought – Exceptional. I don’t really care for their “exceptional” adjective as I usually think of exceptional as something good or great. An exceptional drought classification is neither good nor great in South Dakota.

The next several months will be extremely busy for the Farm Managers of our Chapter as they work with their clients and the lessees. I am sure they are receiving many calls from their clients and lessees. Uncertainty creates a lot of concerns. Out here in western SD, many ranchers are already deciding the “date certain” when they start shipping cattle to salebarns. There is no available pasture and relatively no precipitation during the last eight months. A two-inch rain or a six-inch wet snow would be welcome.

Sorry that my message is a little negative this month. Kind of reflects comments I hear from colleagues and many farmer/rancher friends. Stay positive and I will visit with you again next month.

MONSANTO SPONSORED SDSU NETWORK EVENT TO BE HELD MAY 8th

This event will give our chapter members an opportunity to interact with various SDSU extension and academic personnel that have contributed in recent years or can contribute in the future to our achieving our chapter mission through education and networking.

We have invited over 75 South Dakota State University representatives to join us for our chapter SDSU Network Event on Wednesday May 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the McCrory Gardens Education and Visitor Center in Brookings.

The program agenda will include:

Ron Ensz – ASFMRA Chapter President – Welcome and ASFMRA update

Philip Mueller - Monsanto Farm Manager/Account Manager –
-“A New Era in Agriculture”
-Integrated Farming Systems
-What is in the trait/developing pipeline with an industry update.

Nathan Mueller - SDSU Crop Variety Testing Coordinator & Extension Agronomist
-Variety selection: Information vs. Emotion

Dennis Todey – State Climatologist at SDSU –
-Discussing the past South Dakota drought and future weather/climate trends.

Lunch catered by SDSU will be provided after the event at about noon.

WEST RIVER BREAKFAST MEETING

Submitted by Perry Beguin

There were five members present...Dave Baker, Perry Beguin, Ron Ensz, Loy Matthes, and Kent Rasmussen. There were also three guests, Martin Olson an appraiser with Rabo Bank from Scottsbluff, Mindy Hulbert with the South Dakota Extension Service who has taken some online appraisal courses and has interest in becoming an appraiser, and Jay Widdoss who has been a guest a number of times.

Ron Ensz reported that he had received some comments or concerns about the Chapter opposing Senate Bill 179 as stated in the last newsletter. If you have thoughts on this matter please contact Ron.

Ron also reported that two individuals have taken advantage of the Jerry Kjerstad memorial scholarships. The membership was also reminded of the upcoming SDSU Network meeting in Brookings on May 8, 2013 with SDSU faculty members.

There was also the usual sharing of recent sales and happens that have been going on the West River area.



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Paul Reisch, Membership Committee Chair

We welcome four new student members who have recently joined our chapter! They are Sara DeClerk, Amanda Koch, Brett Lynch, and Bronc McMurtry. Brett has interest in farm management; the others are currently taking the Rural Appraisal class at SDSU.

These individuals learned of the organization through discussions with academic members Larry Janssen and Jerry Warmann as well as the visit of chapter members to the appraisal class in February. We are hopeful they will be attending the Summer Education Week opportunity in Omaha on July 14th.

We lost one associate member and one student member in February who chose not to renew. Summary of Current 67 Members:

3 Academic	5 Student	5 Affiliate	3 Partner	1 Honorary
12 ARA – 1 retired	5 AFM	33 Associate – 30 appraisers / 3 farm managers		

EAST RIVER BREAKFAST MEETING

by Paul Reisch

There were four members present...Allan Husby, Brad Johnson, Paul Reisch, and Paul Sickler.



Most of the group's discussion revolved around water issues, most specifically land drainage and tiling.

Brad has served on the state Board of Water and Natural Resources for several years and is currently chairman. He is also part of a 12 member Legislative Task Force that was established by the 2012 Legislature to research water issues (flooding, drainage, tiling) and make recommendations. The task force has a 3 year statute of authority. The makeup is 3 members from the House, 3 members from the Senate, 6 members at large.

The task force held two educational meetings in 2012 with a third meeting scheduled in the latter part of the year cancelled because of weather. The task force would have discussed possible issues for legislation at the meeting that was cancelled. The task force did not take a position on SB 179, an Act to provide for a uniform county drainage permit application form and to remove the maximum limit for drainage permit fees. This bill did not make it out of committee.

Brad conveyed that a major concern of the task force is the lack of knowledge of how the significant amount of flooding over several years and tiling in the past couple of years affects the hydrology of water in eastern South Dakota. This is the driver of task force being established to research ways to address this.

Education Chair Allan Husby is looking at the possibility of an educational seminar for January 2014 in Chamberlain focused on drainage and tiling from an appraiser and farm manager perspective. The objective would be to gain a greater understanding of the pros (why is so much happening recently) and cons (why are others concerned), types of tiling and costs, and impacts on land values. Those present brainstormed possible resources and speakers for such a seminar.

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Can you identify this plant? Is it a positive or negative in a domestic grazing system? What are some other values of the plant?

If you want to learn about Montana's number one natural resource, rangeland, the answers to the above questions and many more will be discussed at the 2013 Ag Lenders Range School, June 26-28, 2013.

This year's school will be based at Camp Needmore near Ekalaka, MT. Educational activities will take place on area ranches and will feature plant ID, range site ID, a tour of the Dugan Fire, improved pasture management, and noxious weed management. We will also have an opportunity to view an antique tractor collection and visit the Ekalaka Museum.



This inexpensive learning experience (\$200 for 3 days of meals and refreshments) is filled with fun and the great outdoors. Both Farm Land Appraisers and Realtors can earn certification credits at the school.



You will have the ability to camp with us on site, or stay at a motel in town. Cabins with beds, along with restrooms and showers are all available at the camp. Send in your reservation today or contact any of the directors listed at the bottom of the page for more information.



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