

April 2016



Important Dates to Remember

April 1st - Wind River Conservation District Tree Order Deadline
April 19th - Popo Agie Conservation District Tree Order Deadline
July 15th - Annual Crop Reporting Deadline
July 4th - Office Closed
August 1st - ARC/PLC Contract Signup Deadline

Fremont County FSA Office **USDA to Provide Agricultural Credit Training, Expand Opportunities for Farmer Veterans and Beginning Farmers**

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Next County Committee Meeting: 06/16/2016

USDA announced a partnership with the Farmer Veteran Coalition (FVC) to conduct agricultural credit training sessions in the Midwest for military veterans and beginning farmers and ranchers. States under consideration to host the workshops include Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Nebraska.

These workshops will provide individuals interested in farming as a career, including military veterans, with methods to improve business planning, financial skills, and improve understanding of the risk management tools that can help small farm operations.

Other partners include Niman Ranch, a community network of more than 700 independent family farmers and ranchers, Farm Credit Council, and the Farm Credit System, which provides loans, leases and financial services to farmers, ranchers and rural businesses across the United States. The workshops will also include assistance with credit applications and introductions to local or regional food markets.

To learn more about veterans in agriculture, visit www.usda.gov/veterans. Visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans or your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to learn more about FSA's farm loan programs. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>. More information also is available from the Farmer Veteran Coalition at www.farmvetco.org.

AGRICULTURE RISK COVERAGE AND PRICE LOSS COVERAGE PROGRAM (ARC/PLC)

Signup for the ARC/PLC program started which December 7th and runs through **August 1, 2016**. It is your responsibility to enroll your farm each year (2016, 2017 and 2018) during the signup period.

5th Annual Garden Expo - Backyard & Outdoor Living - Popo Agie Conservation District

The Garden Expo consists of two main components: workshops and a trade show. The doors open at 9:00 a.m. Beginning at 9:30, choose from two workshops every hour; workshops last about 45 minutes.

TRADE SHOW—Vendors will showcase new products and services and provide our first peek of spring blooms. Come see lawn art, mowers, decking, grills/smokers, and a wide selection of plants. Informational booths will feature handouts on being good stewards when you're out enjoying the great outdoors.

WORKSHOPS—Workshops will range from lecture style classes to "how to" demonstrations. Interested in raising bees or chickens? Don't miss "The Latest Buzz In Beekeeping" and "City Chickens". Watch while Jessie Allen, former Miss Wyoming, demonstrates Dutch oven cooking or learn how to perform "Fearless Fermentation" of sauerkraut and yogurt. Learn ways to enhance your property from the pasture, to the garden, to the trees and shrubs in your yard. See page 3 for the schedule and workshop descriptions.

KID'S CORNER— The Kid's Corner will feature activities such as planting a marigold and creating a work of art. The Kid's Corner is a big hit with families.

PETTING ZOO— New this year we are planning a petting zoo of "Barnyard Buddies". The whole family will enjoy these little critters.

CONCESSIONAIRES— Food vendors will be available to provide tasty treats and satisfying meals.

INCENTIVES— Attendees can enter a drawing for a balled and burlapped tree donated by Sprouts Greenhouse. We will also have drawings for gift baskets.

Plan now to attend... you won't want to miss it!

April 16, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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