

“Ghaaji – Separation of Seasons” – NNDA Inaugural Agriculture Conference, October 12, 13, 14, 2010

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

James Bilagody, Well Known Local Entertainer and Recording Artist, will host and provide MC duties and entertainment daily from 9:00 am – 10:00 am and from 12:35 – 12:55! Get ready to laugh and be entertained by the best entertainer in the West!

NAVAJO NATION ORGANIZATIONS

Clarenda Begay, Museum Curator, and Eunice Kahn, Archivist, Museum, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation

“History of NN Agriculture”

Fixed 30 foot historical photographic display of early Navajo farming practices. Some photos never displayed in public. Photos from the 1940’s of Navajo producers throughout the NN. Names of Navajo farmers, farm location, early farming practices, etc. will be presented for 15 minutes on the hour. Two museum staff will be available to manage the fixed display area in order to answer questions and to provide a 15 minute presentation for individuals or groups.

Fixed Display at the South End of Nakai Hall.

Ms. Vangie Curley-Thomas, Deputy Director (Acting), Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation

“Overview of the Navajo Nation Budget Process”

At most meetings the subject on the budget becomes a favorite topic; for example, why additional expenses – travel, mileage, meals, per diem for meeting -- for committees and boards, elected officials, can't be covered. Some questions raised are - why new windmills can't immediately be purchased or why can't more windmills be immediately maintained, etc. Questions come to the Agriculture Department about why the budget does not cover these costs which are greatly needed. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the NN budget process to better inform clients such as the Grazing Officials, the NN Ranchers, and the Farm and Land Boars. Ms. Thomas will share the budget process which can be complex and confusing however with this overview you will have a better understanding of how you can plan your organization’s goals and objectives together with strategic and long term planning to better serve your operating needs.

Mike Halona, Department Manager III, and Everytt Begay, GIS Supervisor, Land Department, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation

“GPS Surveying for Agriculture Use”

The use of various GPS data collectors, mapping software and computer equipment will be demonstrated. Find out more about a pilot project where the NLD trains the NNDA staff on using how GPS while inventorying the largest Navajo Nation ranch. See how current GPS and GIS technologies were used to provide mapping and document management services. An addition, there will be an overview of the Navajo Land Title Data System (NLTDS) and how the system is being used to organize NN resources. Learn to utilize GPS and GIS technologies to provide maps for your community. How can the “Navajo Land Title Data System (NLTDS)” help you develop a comprehensive range management plan and other future projects for your community?

Power Point Demonstration, Classroom Demonstration

Mike Halona, Department Manager III, and Harlan Charley, Senior Programs & Projects Specialist, Land Department, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation

“Review of Proposed NN Homesite Lease Process”,

The Presentation will provide first hand information on the proposed NN Homesite Lease Regulation which reflects the responsibility and duty of a Grazing Committee Member or Land Board to conduct field clearance and verify Grazing Permit holder consents for a Homesite Lease.

Power Point Demonstration.

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Judy Willeto, Soil Conservationist, Division of Natural Resources, NN

“Livestock in the Right of Way”

The rules and regulations behind the NN code regarding Livestock in the Right of Way – Title III and XIV.

PP Presentation

Sgt. Aurelia Nez, Resource Enforcement, Division of Natural Resources, NN

“What do I need to know before hauling livestock?”

Basic information on documents needed to haul your livestock across state lines, when hauling to and from areas with an outbreak, etc. Be prepared with livestock information before you haul your livestock for sale or auction.

PP Presentation

Sgt. Aurelia Nez, Resource Enforcement, Division of Natural Resources, NN

“The DANGER of Livestock in the Right-of-Way” Sgt. Aurelia Nez, Resource Enforcement, NN

Warning graphic pictures! What can happen when people, vehicles and livestock meet on the open highway.

PP Presentation

Irvine Chee, Legal Advocate, NN Department of Justice

“What do I need to know about Probate?” Probate and/ or Quiet Title - Procedural requirements in filing probate/quiet title.

PP Presentation

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“Tally Count – New Supreme Court Decision”

Discussion of the objection overrule by Grazing Committee when no tally count has been accomplished. Such ruling will affect the permittee’s consent when dealing with homesite lease, fencing, farming and grazing. If you have a grazing permit but no tally count then homes, farms, etc. can be approved. You are giving leeway when no tally count is accomplished. Full discussion of these issues and more!

PP Presentation

Frankie Thompson, Forestry Department, Fish and Wildlife Department, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation

“The 10 Year Forest Management Plan, and Moratorium on Housing Development in the Forest”

Forestry will discuss the status of the FMP, and what it means for those who reside/use the forest for grazing, wood gathering, etc. He will also discuss the moratorium on building houses in the forest.

PP Presentation

Jerome Bekis and Irving Brady, Hydro-Tech, Water Management Branch, Department of Water Resources, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation

“Data Collection of NN Surface Water Resources”

A presentation on the data collected from two SNOTEL sites and nine snow courses located on the Navajo Nation. Year-end report summary for all data collection activities will be discussed. Data collection provides information on streams, snow surveys and climate.

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Jason John, Hydrologist, Water Management Branch, Navajo Department of Water Resources, Division of Natural Resources, NN

“NN Drought and Water Shortage”

Drought conditions can affect domestic, municipal, industrial, agricultural, and livestock water use. The Navajo Nation Water Management Branch collects data to monitor drought conditions. The data is compiled on a monthly basis and sent out to various programs and agencies depending on the severity of the drought according to the Drought Contingency Plan.

PP Presentation

Timothy Begay, Navajo Cultural Specialist and Tony Joe, Program Manager, Traditional Culture Program, Historic Preservation, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation

“Importance of Culturally Significant Places and How They Can Affect Your Agricultural Productivity”

Presentation will focus on the identification, and preservation of cultural resources including sacred places/traditional cultural places through the Section 106 (National Historic Preservation Act) process on the Navajo lands and how they may affect certain projects such as the establishments of individual grazing units (fences), conservation projects, etc. Included will be discussion on how modern, historic and prehistoric burials may affect the current land use practices.

PP Presentation

Teresa Showa, Principal Hydrologist, Department of Water Resources, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation

“Historical Agriculture”

A presentation will show historic maps of various irrigation in its early developments, overview of Navajo irrigation projects and their ultimate acreage, crops reports from 1935-1950's, and maybe historic pictures.

Presentation format: Maps will be posted around the room, use a PPT to show the various crop reports and pictures. Highlight the most productive years and crops of each area.

Teresa Showa, Principal Hydrologist, Department of Water Resources, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation

“Ganado Irrigation Project: Producing Corn and Marketing Local Corn”

DESCRIPTION: Teresa has worked extensively with the farming community of Ganado, and she will share her experiences in revitalizing the farming community to make the land much more productive. Additionally, she has worked to produce and market traditional Navajo products and her efforts are a prime example for other communities who may want to pursue similar efforts.

PP Presentation

NNDA

Cowboy/Ranch Horse Challenge, Organizer: Mr. Ray Castillo, Department of Agriculture, Navajo Nation

Registration: 9:00 am at the West Side of the 4H Pavilion, for horse and rider; Registration Fee: \$20 - Cash only, Cash payout

Race Start Time: 11:00 AM (prompt start @ West Side of 4H Pavilion); No limit to the number of riders!

Toughest cowboy and ranch horse team obstacle and time challenge in the west! This challenge will test training ability and the most sacred trust between a horse and his rider. Obstacle course will include any and all activities a rider and their horse will do on the ranch – check your mail, slide down hills, open gates, etc. See the horse and rider attitude and control. Who will win this challenge? Root your favorite horse and rider to victory.

Location: West Side of 4H Pavilion

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Mr. Ron M. Jones, Manager, Grazing Management Office, Department of Agriculture, Navajo Nation

“Community Ranching and Farming Project Implementation”

Curriculum will focus on implementing 3 NNC 783, not used grazing and farming permits to aid in range recovery at community levels. An implementation chart, sample resolutions, and land conservation planning will be shared to allow communities to access USDA resources.

PP Presentation

Mr. Ron M. Jones, Manager, Grazing Management Office, Department of Agriculture, Navajo Nation

“Administration of Enforcement for Grazing Regulations”

Curriculum will focus on viewing the barriers to effective enforcement or, environmental compliance, there will be a review of entities involved and the roles and responsibilities of each entity, and what is needed to establish a standard of operations.

PP Presentation

Mr. Ron M. Jones, Manager, Grazing Management Office, Department of Agriculture, Navajo Nation

“Grazing Management Office; Full Time Employee Conversion of the Elected Officials”

This curriculum will focus on the pros and cons of reauthorizing the plans of operations for the Farm Boards, Eastern Navajo Land Boards, District Grazing Committee, and the Grazing Management Office, in light of the Navajo Grazing Act. Attention will also be given to non-performance issues, ethics and rules violations, and prosecution.

PP Presentation

Mr. Ron M. Jones, Manager, Grazing Management Office, and Ray Castillo, Principal Extension Agent, Department of Agriculture, Navajo Nation

“Elected Officials Q&A”

The Elected Official's comments, concerns, and questions are being solicited to create a guiding framework to obtain corrective action. The discussion will be used to identify and justify policy and organizational changes, and to engage of important entities that need education on rules and roles of the elected officials and how this education can be used to obtain support for the elected official.

PP Presentation

Ms. Roxie June, Senior Planner, and Mr. Richard Begay, Program and Projects Specialist, Department of Agriculture, Navajo Nation

“Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture Overview” – A summary of the services provided by the Grazing Management Program, NN Veterinary and Livestock Program, Extension Agents, and the NN Ranch Program. What projects have been accomplished to serve the Navajo Nation? How can NNDA better serve your needs as a agriculture producer? What has NNDA been working on in 2010 to protect and enhance NN resources? An information filled presentation where your input is needed to create a better organization to serve Navajo producers!

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“Update on Plans for Big Boquillas”

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Review of the Interdepartmental Division of Natural Resources team to address inventory, management and lease options for the Big Boquillas. Historical review of Big Boquillas acquisition and lease. Information on the Ranch including number of acres, timeline of team activities, Plan of Operation, Business Plan, future outlook, etc. Input from the audience is welcome.

Mr. Ivan Becenti, Acting Manager, Ranch Program, Department of Agriculture, Navajo Nation

“NN Bull Breeding Program” – Overview of the NN Purebred Black Angus Bull breeding program. How to rent a bull, what documents are required, who is qualified, and what does the contract specify? Also meet the owners and managers of the Basin Angus Ranch that produced the Black Angus Bulls recently rented to 50 Navajo individuals. Learn about the Basin Angus Ranch’s genetic program. How does this improve your herd?

PP Presentation

Mr. Ivan Becenti, Acting Manager, Ranch Program, Department of Agriculture, Navajo Nation

“Range Monitoring” – get producers to monitor their own range. Techniques such as transects, plant weighing and carrying capacity determinations will be covered. You will also learn how to assess the current state of your range so you may take the proper steps to improve and increase the forage capacity of your range. You will also be informed of the current range monitoring techniques.

PP Presentation

Mr. Ivan Becenti, Acting Manager, Ranch Program, Department of Agriculture, Navajo Nation

“EQIP Projects on NN Ranches” – Projects on the NN ranches such as Elkins and Shaw ranch will be highlighted. Find out the basics of the EQIP projects with examples from these two projects. Learn the challenges and find if you’re in the proper financial position to apply for and to complete a EQIP project.

PP Presentation

Mr. Herman Upshaw, Principal Extension Agent, Department of Agriculture, Navajo Nation

“Horse Round-up Process “DRAFT”” – An overview of the why the horse round-up started and why it is important your health and safety and the conservation of Navajo Nation resources. How does my community request help from NN Department of Agriculture, Resource Enforcement and Veterinary and Livestock Program to round up horses in my community? What happens to the funds from the horse sales resulting from the horse round-up? What does it cost to have a horse round-up? These questions and many more will be included in the presentation. Your comments and suggestions are welcome on the proposal to establish a standard structure for horse round-up procedures.

PP Presentation

Mr. Herman Upshaw, Principal Extension Agent, Department of Agriculture, Navajo Nation

““NN Angus Bulls: On-Site for Your Viewing Pleasure”

Come meet the newest purebred black Angus bulls on the Navajo Nation as bred by the Basin Angus Ranch. We will have 10 bulls on site for qualified on-site leasing. The following topics will be covered: breeding soundness program, review EPD information, basic care, bull selection tailored to the needs of your herd, and other important information you will need to know as a cattle producer looking to select a bull for your herd.

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NNDA - Navajo Nation Veterinary and Livestock Program

Dr. Scott Bender, Veterinarian, and Dr. Upshaw, Veterinarian, Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA, Navajo Nation

“Bovine Demonstration”

Safety, general animal health, injection sites, animal identification, treatment with vaccinations and deworming products

Live Demonstration

Dr. Kelly Upshaw, Veterinarian, Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA, Navajo Nation

“Equine Roundup 2009-2010”

Navajo Nation equine roundup numbers, conditions, veterinary role, state role.

PP Presentation

Dr. Scott Bender, Veterinarian, and Dr. Upshaw, Veterinarian, Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA, Navajo Nation

“Ovine Demonstration”

Safety, general animal health, injection sites, animal identification, treatment with vaccinations and deworming products

Live Demonstration

Dr. Scott Bender, Veterinarian, Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA, Navajo Nation

“Domestic and Foreign Animal Disease”

Address domestic and foreign animal disease, impacts, livestock owner responsibilities, bio-security, reporting, NNVLVLP role.

PP Presentation

Dr. Scott Bender, Veterinarian, and Dr. Upshaw, Veterinarian, Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA, Navajo Nation

“Equine Demonstration”

Safety, general animal health, injection sites, animal identification, treatment with vaccinations and deworming products.

Live Demonstration

Dr. Scott Bender, Veterinarian, and Dr. Upshaw, Veterinarian, Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA, Navajo Nation

“Winterize Your Livestock”

Preparations, vaccinations, deworming, management, nutrition, body condition scores, pregnancy

Classroom Demonstration

Ms. Glenda Davis, Program Manager, Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA, Navajo Nation

“Animal Disease Traceability”

Review of animal identification, livestock producer responsibilities, regulatory requirements and travel, tracing animal diseases

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Animal Disease Traceability

PP Presentation

Ms. Glenda Davis, Program Manager, Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA, Navajo Nation

“NN Veterinary Act of 2007”

Legislation review for national and state certified personnel on the Navajo Nation.

PP Presentation

Ms. Kendra Wapaha, Navajo Nation Puppy Adoption Program, Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA, Navajo Nation

“Discussion On Pet Care”

Basic care for companion animals, vaccine's and best time to give, overview of the Navajo Nation Puppy Adoption Program, importance of Spay/Neutering, etc.

PP Presentation

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. Casey Francisco, Rangeland Management Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tuba City Western Agency

“Range and Conservation Planning”

Designed to assist clients with developing a comprehensive conservation plan considering all resources such as soil, water, air, plants, and animals. In addition to the human concerns – economic and social.

PP Presentation

Calvert Curley, BIA Natural Resources, Fort Defiance Agency

"Natural Resource Projects on the Navajo Nation"

Calvert will discuss current projects to eradicate Russian Olive trees, and restoring riparian areas throughout the Navajo Nation: how chapters, and individuals can participate in this program.

PP Presentation

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Mr. Ernest Bitsi, Navajo Blessingway Singer, Tohatchi/Mexican Springs

“Traditional Horse and Livestock Ceremonies”

Will cover Navajo versions of the origin of livestock, ceremonies for livestock, horse butchering, etc. and will share a few traditional songs.

Verbal Presentation

Steven Begay, Native Medicine Coordinator, Office of Native Medicine, Gallup Indian Medical Center

“The Navajo Wellness Model”

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A practical presentation based on the concept of the Navajo Wellness Model, and how traditional activities such as livestock raising, agriculture can contribute to the wellness of individuals. Additionally, Navajo traditional medicine and ceremony continue to play an important part in the health and well-being of Navajo people, the land, and Navajo livestock-presentation will focus on a holistic approach to mental and physical wellness by engaging in traditional agricultural activities.

PP Presentation

Yolanda Ellis-Beleen, Nutritionist, Special Diabetes Project, Fort Defiance Service Unit

“Eating Healthy Using Nature’s Bounty and the Fruits of our Labor”

Preparation of food (crops and livestock) produced by Navajos is an important part of the agricultural activities on the Navajo Nation. Many people have gardens/crop fields and livestock to supplement their income and to add variety to their diet. Proper preparation of foods is important for the health and well-being of families across the reservation. Many people also continue to collect wild foods which they incorporate into their diet. This presentation will demonstrate traditional food preparation methods, and how we can improve our diet through the use of locally produced livestock and vegetables/herbs.

PP Presentation

TahNibaa Naataanii, Dine’ Bi lina, Inc., "Wool Production"

TahNibaa is present on the aspects of wool production, how to increase the value of your sheep through producing quality wool, how to market the wool, and also talk in general about sheep industry.

PP Presentation

Betty and Andrew Roanhorse, Crystal, New Mexico

“Sheep Butchering & Meat Preparation”

Sheep butchering is a regular family activity to provide meat for celebrations, ceremonies, and daily consumption. The presenters will demonstrate how to butcher a sheep and prepare it for cooking.

Live Demonstration

Pat Melendrez

Extension Natural Resource Agent

New Mexico State University

Sheep Management

Presentations may consist of proper sheep management education, herd health, wool and lamb marketing projects. Sheep Shearing.

Mr. Herman Upshaw, Straight From the Mouth, Certified Equine Dentistry

“Equine Dentistry”

Dentistry is based on balancing the horse’s mouth to assure performance and proper nutrition. Is your horse properly grinding his food? Learn the basics of equine dentistry and how it affects your horse’s health and comfort. What do you need to know as the owner about the health of your horse’s teeth? This information will help you improve the performance of your horse.

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Mr. Tom Hardesty, Sales & Marketing, Basin Angus Ranch

Has worked for over 17 years with Basin Angus Ranch and has lived in the Arizona/New Mexico area so he knows the local environment. Mr. Hardesty will cover the Ranch’s genetic program, carcass testing, nutrition, vaccination program, ranch overview, how to select the best bull for your herd, how the bull sales work, etc.

Gilbert Yazzie, Dine’ Ag and Yvonne Todacheene, Shiprock Farmer’s Market Manager

“History and Creating a Farmer’s Market”

PP Presentation

Representatives from Farm to Table/Southwest Marketing Network, Dine Agriculture, DINE Inc, Tribal Farmers Markets

“Round Table Conversation”

Find out how to develop relationships to sell your crops, livestock, food & fiber goods --farm stands, farmers markets, special events, restaurants, schools, clinics, grocery stores and more.

Rena Martin and Loretta Chavez (Navajo owners), Dinetahdoo Cultural Resources Management (DCRM, LLC)

"Weaving Groups at Upper Fruitland and Huerfano"

They will discuss their weaving classes hosted by the non-profit arm of their company with funding secured through the NM cultural heritage programs. Included will be how small private companies can make a difference in the communities they are situated in, and how to find the financial resources to host community based educational and cultural programs.

PP Presentation

Dan Taylor, Water for Wildlife Project Coordinator, Bat Conservation International, Austin, TX

“Improving Water Developments for Cattle & Wildlife”

The objective of the workshop is to teach techniques for improving water quality and water holding capacity at livestock water developments while also improving water availability, safety and access for wildlife. Natural water sources have declined due to drought, development, and other factors. Water sources developed for livestock are now an important resource to many species of wildlife. Unfortunately, animals attracted to troughs and storage tanks can become trapped and drown if a suitable wildlife escape structure is not installed, harming wildlife and fouling water for livestock. Fencing and bracing can also make access difficult or impossible for some wildlife species, and many dirt tanks go dry just when livestock and wildlife need them most. Fortunately, wildlife escape structures can be easily and inexpensively constructed and installed, improving water quality for livestock while ensuring a safe source of water for wildlife. Fencing and bracing can also be configured to enhance wildlife access while meeting livestock management objectives, and simple techniques exist to improve water holding capacity and wildlife habitat at dirt tanks.

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USDA

Mr. Jerry Gilmore

District Conservationist

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Kayenta, (928) 697-8482

“EQIP: Nine Steps of Planning”

The audience will be made aware of addressing natural resource concerns through a conservation approach. The Presentation will focus on the nice steps of planning that a EQIP applicant will follow to get financial and technical assistance through the EQIP program. A conservation plan will be the impetus for the EQIP applicant to know the condition, improvements and management of his natural resources on his/her ranch or farm.

PP Presentation

Mr. Dave DeWalt

Deputy State Director

USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service, Arizona Field Office “Results from the 2007 Census of Agriculture and Plans for the Future” Dave will show the highlights from the 2007 census showing what crops were grown and what livestock were raised on the Navajo Nation. He will have the statistics for the Nation and for each Agency. He will provide handouts for the audience to take with them. Dave will also talk about the plans for the 2012 census and what help Navajo tribal leaders and farmers and ranchers might provide. He will also present a plan of major events leading up to the census.

PP Presentation

Ms. Harriet Mann - Farm Loan Officer or Mike Miller – Farm Loan Manager

USDA-Farm Service Agency (Arizona)

FSA Farm Loan Programs

FSA offers direct loans and loan guarantees to eligible agricultural producers. Loan purposes include annual operating expenses, equipment purchases, livestock purchases, conservation work (such as EQIP practices to finance the producer’s share) and transition to organic farming. Presenter will explain eligibility requirements and application process.

PP Presentation

Mr. Gregg Norton – County Executive Director, USDA-Farm Service Agency (Arizona)

FSA Livestock Programs

Several programs are offered to livestock producers to protect them from losses caused by adverse weather conditions and low market prices. The producer will explain the Non-Insured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) which covers native rangeland effected by severe drought. The Livestock Forage Program pays to support livestock grazing on land effected by drought per the U.S. Drought Monitor. The Loan Deficiency Payment program pays producers of wool and mohair when the price they receive falls below a target price for that commodity. Eligibility criteria and application deadlines will be discussed.

PP Presentation

Ms. Corinne Ross, Assistant State Conservationist Field Operations, AZ and Mr. Barry Hamilton, Assistant State Conservationist Field Operations, UT and Mr. David Manzanares, Acting Area Conservationist, NM

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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

"Conservation Program Delivery and Implementation to the Navajo Nation"

NRCS program overview - how we collaborate across state (AZ, NM, UT) lines to better meet NN needs and to coordinate with NN DNR. How our organizations fit into the overall USDA organization. Specifics on contract management will also be reviewed.

PP Presentation

Layne Barney

Farm Loan Officer

US Dept of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA)

“FSA – “Lender of First Opportunity””

“The US Dept. of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) is committed to providing family farmers with assistance to meet their farm needs. This assistance includes farm loans for operating expenses, equipment and livestock purchases, family living expenses, etc. FSA also provides producers with financial assistance for crop production and/or quality losses due to natural disasters, wool and mohair assistance programs, conservation programs, emergency water hauling for livestock, dairy loss assistance, etc. FSA in Utah paid Agriculture producers over \$78.8 million in federal program payments and loans in FY 2009.

PP Presentation

Felix Nez, Jr., District Conservationist, Dilkon Field Office, USDA – NRCS

“Dryland Farming Practices and Techniques”

The concept of Natural Resource conservation is to sustain dry land farm plots on the Navajo Nation. The importance of conservation planning to conserve; the productivity of soils, conservation techniques to store water in the soil, minimize exposed soil to preserve air quality, adaptive plants used by past farmers and interaction of wildlife/stock animals on dry land farms. Introduction of Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) and the 2008 Farm Bill (EQIP) and how Navajo Nation Farmers can use those programs will be covered.

PP Presentation

Richard Mansfield, Risk Management Specialist, Davis Regional Office, USDA

“Pasture, Rangeland and Forage - PRF”

Come learn how to protect the value of your rangeland food value for your livestock using USDA/Risk Management Agency’s Pasture, Rangeland and Forage insurance program. PRF is an area risk policy covering grazing and forage land for livestock, using a Vegetation Index. This innovative pilot program is based on vegetation greenness and is designed to give forage and livestock producers the ability to buy insurance protection for losses of forage produced for grazing or harvested for hay.

PP Presentation

Richard Mansfield, Risk Management Specialist, Davis Regional Office, USDA

“RMA Partnerships”

The USDA/Risk Management Agency partnerships are providing risk management education and outreach to the Navajo Nation. Come learn who is providing the information and where. Learn how your organization can also be funded by USDA to provide risk management information to your farmers and ranchers.