



September 13, 2011

Dear Land Boards, Grazing Committees and Farm Board Members,

As you know, the NN Department of Agriculture is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Agriculture Conference "Bini'ant'aatsoh: Ripening of Late Crops", September 20, 21, 22. The Department of Agriculture has designated September 21st as the education and training day of elected officials, attendance on this date is mandatory. Please reserve one stipend in September to utilize for this date. The daily \$15 registration fee is waived for all Grazing, Land Board and Farm Board Members. Your attendance is greatly appreciated.

A registration form and conference schedule is attached for your use. Please share this information with your constituents. Thank you for your services to the community and your participation in this event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KJ Johnson".

Kimberly Johnson, OS
Grazing Management Office

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"Bini'ant'aatsoh: Ripening of Late Crops"



Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture
Second Annual Agriculture Conference
September 20, 21, 22, 2011

Name: _____ Mobile: _____
 (First, MI, Last)
 Mailing Address: _____ Chapter: _____
 Title, Organization: _____ Email: _____

Full Conference fee is \$30.00 and includes:

- * conference and program materials
- * admission to all sessions
- * access to Exhibit Space
- * Tuesday/Wednesday Lunch
- * Refreshment breaks throughout the Conference
- * Free Parking
- * Access to Farmers Market

Other Registration Options:

\$15.00 per person per day, \$7.00 for the last day * fee includes: one lunch per day, AM/PM refreshments on 9/20 & 9/21; AM refreshment on 9/22 NO lunch provided on 9/22

Number of Days attending:

Tuesday, September 20 th	1	or	0	X	\$15.00	=	_____
Wednesday, September 21 st	1	or	0	X	\$15.00	=	_____
Thursday, September 22 nd	1	or	0	X	\$ 7.00	=	_____
					TOTAL		_____

Make Money Orders Payable to: Junior Livestock Show (No Cash or checks or other payment methods accepted).

Please fill out one registration per person.

Mark your mailed in envelope "Ag Conference Registration"

No cancellations or request for refunds will be accepted after 9/1/2011, 5:00 pm. Any cancellations must be in writing.

How to Register for the NDA Agriculture Conference

1. Mail payment to: Junior Livestock Show, P.O. Box 1339, St. Michaels, AZ 86511. Please note, we cannot guarantee the US Postal Service will deliver your registration before the time of the conference. If we do not receive your payment in the mail, you will not be considered as a paid and registered participant.
2. Hand carry your money order payment to the NN Department of Agriculture Offices, NN Fairgrounds, Window Rock, AZ. Please see Ms. Caroline Smith or Ms. Tennell Nez or Ms. Kathy Smith. Please save your receipt and bring your receipt to the conference to demonstrate payment.
3. Make payment to: NN Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 4889, Window Rock, AZ, 86515. Please note, we cannot guarantee the US Postal Service will deliver your registration before the time of the conference. If we do not receive your payment in the mail, you will not be considered as a paid and registered participant.
4. On site at the Conference on September 20, 21, 22, 2011.

THANK YOU! NDA looks forward to seeing you at the Conference! See www.agriculture.navajo.org for more info!

We are pleased to introduce Pax Harvey – Dine’ Entertainer – as MC and lunch entertainment!

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

7:30 am	Conference Registration – North End of Nakai Hall -			
8:30 am	Morning Prayer, Member, Resources Committee, Representing X Agency, Navajo Nation Council Welcoming Remarks - Location: General Assembly Area, South End of Nakai Hall:			
8:35 am	President Ben Shelly, Office of the President/Vice-President, Navajo Nation			
8:45 am	Speaker Johnny Nazie, Speaker, Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Nation			
8:55 am	Ms. Keisha Brown Tatem, Arizona NRCS State Conservationist, USDA, Phoenix, Arizona			
9:00 am	Mr. Fred White, Acting Executive Division Director, Division of Natural Resources			
9:05 am	Mr. Leo Watchman, Departmental Director, NN Department of Agriculture			
9:10 - 9:55 am	Classroom 1 Grass Fed Beef Marketing – Russ Tronstad, University of Arizona	Classroom 2 How to Start a Small Ag-Business on the Navajo Nation – Cyndi Jarvison, Procurement Specialist, UIDA	Classroom 3 Native International Foods Market – “Mutton Stew in a Can” – Nathan Notah, Coordinator, International Foods, Inter-Tribal Ag Council	Classroom 4 Dryland Farming – Bruce Munda, Claudia Willeto, NRCS
9:55 – 10:10 am	<i>Morning Refreshments – Vendor Booth Area will have refreshment set-up</i>			
10:10 AM – 11:55 AM	LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS:			
	4H Show Ring		4H Barn	
	BSE – Breeding Soundness Examination Cattle & Sheep – NNVLV Veterinarians & Staff		Companion Animal Education & Training, Kendra Wapaha, Community Outreach Coordinator, Navajo Puppy Adoption Program	
12 Noon	<i>LUNCH - NN Fairgrounds BBQ Pit</i>			
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Classroom 1 Soil Quality – Jerry Gilmore, NRCS	Classroom 2 Hoop House Projects on the Navajo Nation – Felix Nez, Extension Agent, Dine’ College	Classroom 3 Irrigation Rehabilitation Project: Wheatfields – Danny John, Sr., President, Wheatfields Chapter	Classroom 4 Rodent Control -Charles Blacksheep, Predator Control Agent, NN Fish and Wildlife
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS:			
	4H Show Ring		4H Barn	
	Equine Dentistry Demonstration – Harold Blacksheep, NNVLV Extension Agent, Chinle Veterinary Clinic		Sheep Shearing Demonstration – Pat Melindrez, Agricultural Specialist, NMSU	
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	<i>Afternoon Refreshments – Vendor booth area will have refreshment set-up</i>			

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Tuesday, September 20, 2011 (continued)				
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Classroom 1 Selecting Your Sires to Match Your Environment and Cow Herd – Basin	Classroom 2 Climate Change on a Global and National Level - Mike Crimmons, University of Arizona	Classroom 3 Coordinated Resource Management Planning – Don Decker, Felix Nez, Jr. , NRCS	Classroom 4 Ecological Site Description Program – Ken Gishi, Laverne Gene, NRCS
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM	Classroom 1 NN Range Inventory Report: Carrying Capacity – Harold Russell	Classroom 2 Livestock Record Keeping – Jeannie Benally, University of Arizona Extension	Classroom 3 Forest Management Plan as it Relates to Farming and Grazing - Alex Becenti, NN Forestry	Classroom 4 Drought on the NN - Al Wallace, Dr. Robin Williams, Dine’ College
4:55 PM – 5:40 PM	Classroom 1 Dryland Pasture Mix: Native Grasses – BIA – Jerome Willie, BIA, Ft. Defiance	Classroom 2 Navajo Nation Soil and Water Conservation Districts, USDA – What are they & how can I join?	Classroom 3 Starting a Farmers’ Market - Jeannie Benally, University of Arizona Extension	Classroom 4 The Russians Are Coming – Russian Olive & Salt Cedar Tamarisk Eradication - Jerome Willis, BIA Branch of NR, Herb Holgate, BIA Eastern Navajo Branch of NR
Wednesday, September 21, 2011				
8:00 AM –	Conference Registration – North End of Nakai Hall			
8:30 AM	Morning Prayer, Member, Resources Committee, Navajo Nation			
8:35 AM	Welcoming Remarks- Location: General Assembly Area, South End of Nakai Hall:			
8:45 AM	Office of the President/Vice-President, Navajo Nation			
8:55 AM	Resources Committee, Navajo Nation Council			
9:00 AM	Darren Richardson, Northwest Area Conservationist, New Mexico NRCS, USDA			
	Leo Watchman, Departmental Director, NN Department of Agriculture			
	Location: General Assembly Area, South End of Nakai Hall			
9:10 AM – 9:55 AM	Classroom 1 Part I: Homesite, Burial, Ceremonial Land Issues: How do I handle? – GMO, NNVL, RE, DOJ, EPA, HPD	Classroom 2 Fundamental Law – Harrison Tsoie, NN Attorney General	Classroom 3 How to Conduct a Meeting – Caleb Roanhorse, Government Development	Classroom 4 Probate Process – Irvine Chee, NN DOJ
9:55 AM – 10:10 AM	<i>Morning Refreshments – Vendor booth area will have refreshment set-up</i>			

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Wednesday, September 21, 2011 (continued)

10:10 AM – 11:55 AM	LIVE Demonstrations:			
	4H Show Ring		4H Barn	
	SQA – Sheep Quality Assurance Demonstration – NNVLP Veterinarians & Staff		Companion Animal Education & Training, Kendra Wapaha, Community Outreach Coordinator, Navajo Puppy Adoption Program	
12 Noon	LUNCH - NN Fairgrounds BBQ Pit			
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Classroom 1 Part II: Open Panel Discussion: Better Customer Service – (DGC, FB, ENLB)	Classroom 2 Horse Round-up Procedures – Sgt. Aurelia Nez, NN Resource Enforcement; Dr. Upshaw, Veterinarian, NNVLP; Ray Castillo, Extension Agent, NNDA	Classroom 3 Probate Process – Irvine Chee, NN DOJ	Classroom 4 Land Use Plan: Agriculture – Mike Halona, NN Land Department
2:00 PM- 2:45 PM	LIVE Demonstrations:			
	4H Show Ring		4H Barn	
	Equine Dentistry Demonstration – Harold Blacksheep, NNVLP Extension Agent, Chinle Veterinary Clinic		SQA – Sheep Quality Assurance Demonstration – NNVLP Veterinarians & Staff	
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Afternoon Refreshments – Vendor booth area will have refreshment set-up			
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Classroom 1 District Grazing Committee – Plan of Operation – DGC Members, NNDA	Classroom 2 Certified Angus Beef – Gary D. Fike, Beef Cattle Specialist	Classroom 3 Surface Damage Rights – Casey Francisco, Range Conservationist, BIA	Classroom 4 BIA Permit: Impact on Economic Develop and Grazing – BIA, NN Economic Development, NNDA
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM	Classroom 1 NN Farm Board – Plan of Operation – FB Members, NNDA	Classroom 2 Fundamental Law – Harrison Tsosie, NN Attorney General	Classroom 3 Farm Use Purpose and Compliance – Calvert Curley, Manager, BIA Branch of Natural Resource	Classroom 4 IRMP: Compiling and Analyzing Data – IRMP Team
4:55 PM – 5:40 PM	Classroom 1 Eastern Navajo Land Board – Plan of Operation – ENLB Members, NNDA	Classroom 2 NN Resource Enforcement Roles and Responsibility – Sgt. Aurelia Nez, NN Resource Enforcement	Classroom 3 Land Withdrawal Process – Mike Halona, NN Land Department	Classroom 4 Grazing Laws – Irvine Chee, NN DOJ, Ray Castillo, Extension Agent, NNDA

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Thursday, September 22, 2011

8:00 AM	Conference Registration – North End of Nakai Hall			
8:30 AM	Morning Prayer, Resources Committee, Navajo Nation Council Welcoming Remarks – Location: General Assembly Area, South End of Nakai Hall:			
8:35 AM	Miss Navajo			
8:45 AM	Utah NRCS State Conservationist (may not be anyone – Acting ends 9.16.2011)			
8:55 AM	Mr. Leo Watchman, Departmental Director, Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture			
9:00 AM	Agriculture Prize Raffle Location: General Assembly Area, South End of Nakai Hall			
9:10 AM – 9:55 AM	Classroom 1 Navajo Cultural Value of Corn and other Plants – Robert Johnson, Curator, NN Museum	Classroom 2 Churro Sheep Marketing – Jaye Begay, Churro Sheep Entrepreneur	Classroom 3 The Value for Ranchers to Belong to a Trade Association - American Sheep Industry	Classroom 4 Navajo Cultural Value of Farming, David Nez Tsosie, Navajo Mountain
9:55 AM – 10:10 AM	Morning Refreshments – Vendor booth area will have refreshment set-up			
10:10 AM – 11:55 AM	LIVE Demonstration:			
	4H Show Ring BSE – Breeding Soundness Examination Cattle & Sheep – NNVLP Veterinarians & Staff	4H Barn Sheep Butchering Demonstration Betty and Andrew Roanhorse	4H Building – 9:10 – 12 Noon Navajo Nation Ranchers Meeting Mr. Ivan Becenti, Acting Manager, NN Ranch Program	
12 Noon	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN * LUNCH ON YOUR OWN * LUNCH ON YOUR OWN			
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Classroom 1 What Feed and Grasses are Best for my Sheep? – American Sheep Industry	Classroom 2 Basic Windmill Maintenance - Najam Tariq	Classroom 3 How to get the most Money for your Cattle – SW Livestock Auction	Classroom 4 Equine Dentistry – Harold Blacksheep, Senior Extension Agent, NNVLP
2:00 PM- 2:45 PM	Classroom 1 The Value for Ranchers to Belong to a Trade Association – NM Cattle Growers Association	Classroom 2 Water, Well and Other Permits Needed For Agriculture Use – Najam Tariq	Classroom 3 How to get the most Money for your Sheep and Horses – SW Livestock Auction	Classroom 4 Castration – Contemporary and Traditional Variations
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Classroom 1 Indian Tax Laws: Agriculture - Vicky Hebb, IAC/NWYIA	Classroom 2 Hot Water Canning Method: Vegetables & Fruit –	Classroom 3 Nutritional Value of Cultural Foods – Caroline Bemore, Special Diabetes	Classroom 4

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4:45 PM –	Classroom 1	Classroom 2	Classroom 3	Classroom 4
5:45 PM	History of the Permitting System. Where are we today? Where are we going? (Issues permittees have - landuse permit, grazing transfers, etc.) – BIA	Marketing Your Agricultural Products – Ramah Navajo Foods, Ganado	Navajo Cultural Value of Farming, David Lee NezTosie, Navajo Mountain	

TRAVEL SAFELY!