

NNDA “Bini’ant’aatsoh: Ripening of Late Crops” – Agriculture Conference Schedule, September 20, 21, 22, 2011

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Tuesday, September 20, 2011				
7:30 am	Conference Registration – North End of Nakai Hall -			
8:00 am	Morning Refreshments – Vendor Booth Area will have refreshment set-up			
8:30 am	Welcoming Remarks - Location: General Assembly Area, South End of Nakai Hall:			
8:35 am	Morning Prayer			
8:40 am	Mr. Harrison Tsosie, Attorney General, Navajo Nation			
8:45 am	Tsehootsooi Dine’ Bi’olta Cultural Performance(Navajo Immersion School Students)			
8:50 am	Ms. Keisha Brown Tatem, Arizona NRCS State Conservationist, USDA, Phoenix, Arizona			
8:55 am	Miss Navajo Nation, Crystalyne Curley, 2011-2012			
9:00	Mr. Leo Watchman, Departmental Director, NN Department of Agriculture			
9:10 am – 9:55 am	Classroom 1 Grass Fed Beef Marketing – Russ Tronstad, University of Arizona	Classroom 2 Navajo Business Opportunity Act Title 5, Chapter 2: How to Certify your Business – Alvin Wauneka, Senior Economic Development Specialist, Navajo Nation	Classroom 3 Proposed NN Homesite Regulations – Harlan Charley, Senior Program Project Specialist, Navajo Nation Land Department	Classroom 4 Dryland Farming – Bruce Munda, Claudia Willeto, NRCS
9:55	BREAK			
10:10 AM – 11:55 AM	LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS:			
	4H Show Ring		4H Barn – South End	
	BSE – Breeding Soundness Examination Cattle & Sheep – 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 Soil Quality – Dan Perkins, Soil Scientist, NRCS	Classroom 2 Hoop House Projects on the Navajo Nation – Felix Nez, Extension Agent, Dine’ College	Classroom 3 Irrigation Rehabilitation Project: Wheatfields – Danny John, Jr., President, Tsaile-Wheatfields FB	Classroom 4 Drought on the Navajo Nation - Margaret Hiza Redsteer U.S. Geological Survey
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS:			
	4H Show Ring		4H Barn – South End	
	Part 1: Education Demonstration Equine Dentistry Demonstration – Harold Blacksheep, NNVLP Extension Agent, Chinle Veterinary Clinic		Sheep Shearing Demonstration – Pat Melindrez, Agricultural Specialist, NMSU	

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2:45 PM	<i>Afternoon Refreshments – Vendor booth area will have refreshment set-up</i>			
	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 – Anthony Howard, Range Mgt. Specialist, BIA, Eastern Navajo Agency	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 Rodent Control -Charles Blacksheep, Predator Control Agent, NN Fish and Wildlife
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 – Yvonne Todacheenie	Classroom 4 The Russians Are Coming – Russian Olive & Salt Cedar Tamarisk Eradication - Herb Holgate, Calvert Curley, Renee Benally, BIA

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8:30 AM	Welcoming Remarks- Location: General Assembly Area, South End of Nakai Hall: Morning Prayer			
8:35 AM	Mr. Frederick White, Acting Executive Director, Division of Natural Resources			
8:45 AM	Tsehootsooi Dine’ Bi’olta Cultural Performance(Navajo Immersion School Students)			
8:55 AM	Darren Richardson, Northwest Area Conservationist, New Mexico NRCS, USDA			
9:00 AM	Tsehootsooi Dine’ Bi’olta Cultural Performance(Navajo Immersion School Students)			
9:05 AM	Agricultural Prize Raffle			
9:10 AM – 9:55 AM	Classroom 1	Classroom 2	Classroom 3	Classroom 4
	Part I: Homesite, Burial, Ceremonial Land Issues: “How do I handle?” – GMO, NNVLP, RE, DOJ, EPA, HPD, BIA	Fundamental Law – Harrison Tsosie, NN Attorney General	How to Conduct a Meeting – Caleb Roanhorse, Government Development	Probate Process – Irvine Chee, NN DOJ
9:55 AM	<i>Break</i>			
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, Kim Johnson, GMO, Fish & Wildlife, NNLD)	Classroom 2 Horse Round-up Procedures – Sgt. Aurelia Nez, NN RE; Dr. Upshaw, Veterinarian, NNVLP; Ray Castillo, NNDA	Classroom 3 Probate Process – Irvine Chee, NN DOJ, and BIA	Classroom 4 Land Use Plan: Agriculture – Mike Halona, NN Land Department and BIA
2:00 PM- 2:45 PM	LIVE Demonstrations:			
	4H Show Ring		4H Barn	
	Part II: Equine Dentistry Demonstration – Harold Blacksheep, NNVLP Extension Agent, Chinle Veterinary Clinic		SQA – Sheep Quality Assurance Demonstration – NNVLP Veterinarians & Staff	
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3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Classroom 1 District Grazing Committee – Plan of Operation – DGC Members, Ferdinand Notah, PPS, NNDA, Kim Johnson, GMO, NNDA	Classroom 2 Certified Angus Beef – Gary D. Fike, Beef Cattle Specialist	Classroom 3 Forage Damage Compensation – Ray Castillo, NNDA, Casey Francisco, Range Conservationist, BIA and NNLD	Classroom 4 BIA Permit: Impact on Economic Develop and Grazing – Tony Robbins, BIA, NN Economic Development, Ray Castillo, 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 Agriculture Land Use Permit and Compliance – Duke Borne, BIA, Juan Arviso, BIA	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 – Ray Castillo, Extension Agent, NNDA

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8:35 AM	Morning Prayer			
8:45 AM	Mr. Leo Watchman, Departmental Director, Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture			
8:55 AM	Barry Hamilton, Assistant State Conservationist, NRCS, Price, Utah			
9:10 AM –	Classroom 1	Classroom 2	Classroom 3	Classroom 4
9:55 AM	Navajo Cultural Value of Corn and other Plants – Robert Johnson, Cultural Specialist, NN Museum	Churro Sheep Marketing – Jaye Begay, Churro Sheep Entrepreneur	The Value for Ranchers to Belong to a Trade Association - American Sheep Industry	Navajo Cultural Value of Horses – Wayne Franklin
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	4H Barn	4H Building – 9:10 – 12 Noon	
	BSE – Breeding Soundness Examination Cattle & Sheep – NNVLP Veterinarians & Staff	Sheep Butchering Demonstration Betty and Andrew Roanhorse		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	Classroom 2	Classroom 3	Classroom 4
	What Feed and Grasses are Best for my Sheep? – American Sheep Industry	IAC & Getting Involved with the American Indian Foods International Export Program – Nathan Notah, IAC	Nutritional Value of Cultural Foods – Yolanda Ellis-Bileen, Special Diabetes, Navajo Nation	Equine Dentistry – Harold Blacksheep, Senior Extension Agent, NNVLP
2:00 PM- 2:45 PM	Classroom 1	Classroom 2	Classroom 3	Classroom 4
	The Value for Ranchers to Belong to a Trade Association – NM Cattle Growers Association	Water, Well and Other Permits Needed For Agriculture Use – Najam Tariq	Get the most Money for your Cattle, Sheep & Horses! – Derrick Wagnor, Valley Livestock Auction	Equine Castration – Ray Castillo, NNDA, Dr. Bender, NNVLP
3:00 PM – 3:45 PM	Classroom 1	Classroom 2	Classroom 3	Classroom 4
	Basic Windmill Maintenance - Najam Tariq	Indian Tax Laws: Agriculture - Vicky Hebb, IAC/NWYIA	Ramah Navajo Foods, Theo Shorty, Consultant, RNF LLC, Ganado	History of the Permitting System – “Today and the Future” – Calvert Curley, BIA; Ray Castillo, NNDA

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DIGNITARIES:

Crystalyne Gayle Curley

2011-2012 Miss Navajo Nation

Ya’at’eeh. My name is Crystalyne Gayle Curley. I am Tsenjikini (Cliff Dweller Clan), born for To’aheedliinii (Water Flowing Together Clan). My maternal and paternal grandfathers are Kinyaa’aanii (Towering House Clan). I am from Fish Point, Arizona and represent the surrounding communities of Tselani/Cottonwood. I am 25 years of age and the daughter of Ray and Marilyn Curley. My maternal grandparents are the late Helen Tsosie and the late Alexander Bia Tso. My paternal grandparents are Ella Mae Charley and Ray Curley Sr. I am a recent graduate of Arizona State University, where I earned two Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Justice Studies. I am honored to be an ambassador to our great nation and privileged to serve my people. Continue to strive in life and remember every day is a new beginning. Ahee’hee.

Frederick H. White

Acting Executive Director, Division of Natural Resources, Navajo Nation

As Acting Executive Director, Mr. White is responsible for managing the Land Department, Forestry, Agriculture, Archaeology, AML/UMTRA, Historic Preservation, Minerals, Fish & Wildlife, Parks & Recreation, Water Resources, Resource Enforcement and Water Code Departments. The Division Vision is Land, Water, Power, Quality of Life. The basis of this statement is to focus the Division of Natural Resources on the fundamental aspects needed to improve the quality of life for our people and assist community leaders in enhancing development in their communities that will also contribute to improving the quality of life of those living in those communities.

Leo Watchman

Department Director, Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture

As Departmental Director, Mr. Watchman is responsible for managing the Tribal Ranch Program, the Navajo Nation Veterinary and Livestock Program, the Grazing Management Program and the Extension Agents. The Tribal Ranch program manages several ranches in Eastern Navajo and Arizona including the Big Boquillas and Peaks Ranch. The Grazing Management Program is responsible for providing administrative and technical service to the Farm Board, Eastern Land Board and the District Grazing Committee. The purpose of the Navajo Nation Veterinary and Livestock Program is to provide comprehensive veterinary services, including but not limited to surgery, medicine, dentistry, orthopedics, etc.; to provide extension services to all Navajo livestock producers in the area of nutrition, agri-business management, reproductive efficiency and preventive and maintenance herd health; to perform as the lead Navajo Nation agency for all Federal and State animal disease regulations, disease eradication and cooperative programs; to conduct foreign and domestic disease surveillance and investigations in accordance with the Navajo Nation Emergency Response to a Foreign Animal Disease (RCAU-43-04) and the Livestock and Foreign Animal Disease Act of 2006 (CMY-27-06); and to provide public information and work cooperatively with the Division of Health on veterinary-related threats to public health through zoonotic disease surveillance and investigation.

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Harrison Tsosie

Attorney General, Navajo Nation

Harrison is currently employed as the Deputy Attorney General of the Navajo Nation. D. Harrison Tsosie stands for David Harrison Tsosie, however, he is mostly known as Harrison Tsosie. Harrison is from Baby Rocks, a community of the Dennehotso Chapter in Northern Arizona. Harrison's first language is Diné bizaad and adheres to the Diyin Nohookáá Diné'é traditional teachings. His clan is Kinya aanii, born for Kinlichinni, cheii is Toh ba hi; nali is To di chiinii. Harrison's parents are the late David and Barbara Tsosie. Harrison is from a large family with seven sisters, Vera, Evelyn, Lillia, Juanita, Rose, Susie, and Grace. His brother is Joe.

Harrison's family grew even larger as he participated in the LDS Churches Indian Placement Program at the age of ten (10). Harrison traveled to Sandy, a suburb of Salt Lake City, Utah, to live with his foster family, Tom and LaRue Vawdrey. His new family included sisters RuAn, Tami and Lori; and his brother Tom.

Harrison is married to Gerilyn L. Tsosie from Sandy, Utah. Harrison and Geri were married in a Navajo ceremony and have just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in November. Harrison and Geri have three children, Davidson, Justin and Geena. The Tsosie's currently reside in Waterflow, New Mexico.

Harrison graduated from Jordan High School in Sandy, Utah. He then attended the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and studied Psychology and Native American Studies. He graduated with Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Psychology and an Associate of Science Degree in Native American Studies. After working for approximately four years, Harrison once again journeyed back to the University of Utah, College of Law to study law. In May of 1995, Harrison received his Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Utah.

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LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS:

BSE – Breeding Soundness Examination Cattle & Sheep – NNVLP Veterinarians & Staff
Education on quality breeding stock, breed evaluation and standard breeding soundness exam

SQA – Sheep Quality Assurance Demonstration – NNVLP Veterinarians & Staff
Educate on sheep quality, biosecurity, handling, vaccination administration and identification

Equine Dentistry Demonstration – Harold Blacksheep, NNVLP Extension Agent, Chinle Veterinary Clinic
Part I will be a educational demonstration, Part II will be a LIVE Demonstration; It is suggested you attend Part I and Part II in order to receive full benefit. Educate on the need for quality dentistry at all ages, observe mouth and dental process, see before and after treatment results

Companion Animal Education & Training, Kendra Wapaha, Community Outreach Coordinator, Navajo Puppy Adoption Program
Educate on general animal wellness, care, veterinary care, training against habits, speak on young to old animals

Sheep Butchering And Meat Preparation Demonstration – Betty and Andrew Roanhorse, Crystal, New Mexico
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.

Sheep Shearing Demonstration – Pat Melendrez, Agricultural Specialist, New Mexico State University

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CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS (Alphabetical Order):

“Agricultural Land Use Permit and Compliance” - Duke Bourne, BIA And Juan Arviso, BIA

Description: Educate on the procedures needed to obtain a land use permit. Compliance needed to keep a permit. Pictures of permits being used and not being used. Duke Bourne Education Background - Education: MS (Agronomy), BS (Plant & Soil Sciences), Work history: 2010 to present Soil Conservationist-Fort Defiance Agency, Navajo Region; 1992 to 2010 Soil Conservationist-Pine Ridge Agency, Great Plains Region, Prepared and monitored conservation plans for farmland and rangeland. Involved in control of noxious weeds

“Coordinated Resource Management Planning” – Don Decker, Rangeland Management Specialist – Malpai Borderlands Project Coordinator, USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service, Felix Nez, Jr. , NRCS

Description: Conservation planning is needed to address resource concerns found on farms and grazing lands. A coordinated resource management plan looks at the planning area as a whole and makes an effort to include all of the decision makers at one table. These plans help to organize the planning of what and where conservation practices may be needed. The coordinated resource management plan shows all of the resource concerns on a single document and includes all of the people who can help make it happen.

“Drought on the Navajo Nation” - Margaret Hiza Redsteer, U.S. Geological Survey, Flagstaff, AZ

Description: Presentation of the current drought on the Navajo Nation and why it has been especially severe. I will describe drought impacts as well as what has led to greater vulnerability from drought.

“Dryland Farming and Technical Assistance from NRCS” – Bruce Munda, USDA NRCS Agronomist/Plant Materials Specialist of the Tucson Plant Materials Center, and Claudia Willto, Resource Conservationist, USDA – NRCS, Crownpoint, NM

Description: Conservation practices that can be used to reduce soil erosion and increase water infiltration on dryland farming operations. Types of conservation that would capture moisture to improve the success of dryland farming.

“Ecological Site Descriptions: The Navajo ESD Project” - Ken Gishi, Rangeland Management Specialist (Team Leader), Natural Resources Conservation Service

Description: This technical presentation will focus on the introduction of the Ecological Site concept and Ecological Site Guides. Ecological Site Descriptions provide important site characteristics and interpretations that enhance resource management planning by describing key ecological processes among soils, vegetation, climate, hydrology and the landscape and their relationship to use and management. Several land management agencies already use Ecological Site Descriptions to assess and monitor resource conditions, identify management opportunities and select management actions. The Navajo ESD project was established through an Interagency Technical Agreement between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

“Grass Fed Beef Marketing” - Russ Tronstad, Distinguished Outreach Professor, Cooperative Extension, Ag & Resource Econ., University of Arizona

Description: A restaurant study was conducted in the Spring of 2011 in Tucson where individuals could purchase grass fed or grain fed beef as a part of their entrée selection after doing a taste comparison. Coupons were also provided to individuals to see how they responded to price incentives. A review of this study and analysis in progress along with other tools for marketing grass fed beef will be covered in this topic.

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“IAC & Getting Involved with the American Indian Foods International Export Program” – Nathan Notah, Program Director, American Indian Foods – International Export Program, Intertribal Agricultural Council (IAC)

Description: Provide information on the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC), its activities and the Native Food’s Export Program. The program is designed to work with Tribal Businesses and individual American Indian owned food production businesses to provide export education and to facilitate global market penetration, the program has been able to provide company access to markets in the European Union, Asia, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

“Navajo Business Opportunity Act Title 5, Chapter 2: How to Certify your Business” – Alvin H. Wauneka, Sr., Senior Economic Development Specialist, NN Business Regulatory Department, Division of Economic Development

Description – Do you want to start a business on the Navajo Nation to sell your agriculture products? This presentation will cover the certification requirements for "Navajo Preference". In addition, Mr. Wauneka will cover the procurement/contracting process for NN programs and the bid opening procedures for compliance with the Navajo Business Opportunity Act (Navajo Preference) so you will know how to sell your products to the Navajo Nation.

“Ramah Navajo Foods” – Theo Shorty, Ramah Navajo Foods

Description: In 2009, Ramah Navajo Community Enterprises, Inc. (a non-profit) signed a Joint Venture Agreement with Blue Mountain Meats, Inc. (a for profit business) to form Ramah Navajo Foods LLC. Ramah Navajo Foods is a for-profit food distribution business with an emphasis on specializing in Navajo/Native Foods. We plan to work with Navajo chapters on a regional basis to purchase lamb/mutton from local Navajo ranchers. We will market the mutton as range-fed Navajo mutton in the Southwest and eventually the national businesses, restaurants, etc. We also hope to work with local farmers to purchase produce. We are currently working on Priority 2 certification with the Navajo Business Regulatory Department pursuant to the Navajo Business Opportunity Act. We plan to use the certification to obtain contracts with NN organizations on the reservation. Eventually, our hope is to expand the business to throughout the U.S.

“How to Plan and Manage a Board Meeting” - Caleb Roanhorse, Executive Director, Navajo Government Development Office, Navajo Nation

Description: Information on how to properly prepare and conduct an efficient and effective board meeting. If time allows, questions and answers session will be conducted.

“Probate and Quiet Title Process” - Irvine Chee, Legal Advocate, Navajo Nation Department of Justice with the Office of the Attorney General

Description: To discuss probate and quiet title process.

“The Russians are Coming! – Russian olive & Salt cedar Tamarisk Eradication” – Herb Holgate, BIA, And Duke Bourne, Fort Defiance Agency Branch of Natural Resources, BIA

Description: Presentation on Russian olive and Salt cedar plants. Why they are being eradicated and the methods of eradication. Project pictures of before and after treatment.

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PANEL PARTICIPANTS:

District Grazing Committee, Navajo Nation:

Calvin Begay (Western Agency Chairperson and Coppermine grazing official).
Willis Nez (Fort Defiance Agency Chairperson and Naschitti grazing official).
James Hunt Jr. (Northern Agency Chairperson and Sheep Springs grazing official).
Eugene Tso (Chinle Agency Chairperson and Chinle Grazing Official).

Farm Board, Navajo Nation:

Raymond Bia (Plan of Operation Task Force and Many Farms Farm Board).
Gilbert Harrison (Plan of Operation Task Force and San Juan River Farm Board).
Ambrose Shepherd (Plan of Operation Task Force and Ganado Farm Board).
Melinda O'Daniel (Plan of Operation Task Force and Round Rock Farm Committee).

Eastern Navajo Land Board, Navajo Nation:

Chee Bobby Thompson (Dist. 15 Land Board Chair and Nahodishgish LB official).
Wilbur Murphy (Dist. 16 Land Board Chair and Iyahbito/Pinedale LB official).
Larry Bonney (Dist. 19 Land Board Chair and Carson/Gallegos/Adobe/Bisti/Hogback LB official).
Emery Chee (Eastern Navajo Land Board Chairperson and Bahaali/Churchrock/Red Rock/Land Board Official).

Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture:

Kim Johnson, Office Specialist, Grazing Management Office
Ray Castillo, Principal Extension Agent, NNDA
Ferdinand Notah, Program and Project Specialist, NNDA
Glenda Davis, Program Manager, NN Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA
Dr. Scott Bender, Veterinarian, NN Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA
Dr. Kelly Upshaw, Veterinarian, NN Veterinary and Livestock Program, NNDA