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President's Message

Greetings,

Boy what a difference a year can make. Last year all everyone could talk about was how high will the prices of commodities go and how much can I plant. This year it is will this be all the lower prices will go and what am I going to plant that will make me any money. I guess that is one of the reasons most of us are in agriculture to begin with no two years are usually the same.



I should probably introduce myself. My name is Scott Ravenkamp and I am from Hugo, CO. I have been elected as the President of CCTA for the coming year. I have been on the board for 2 years and my family has been attending the conference for many years. I am looking forward to leading CCTA into the coming year. CCTA is going to go through a major change this coming year. We have decided to change venues and move halfway across the state to Burlington, CO for the 2010 conference.

I want everyone to know that this was not an easy decision, nor a decision that was made overnight. I do, however, feel that it will be the right decision in the long run for our organization. The board knows that it is going to take even more work to improve the conference while dealing with a move but I think it is something that we can accomplish.

Well I hope everyone gets more spring moisture to help get all of the crops off to a good start. I keep telling myself if I could just get close to average moisture (which I am not sure what it is any more) this coming year most of the rest of my problems would take care of themselves. But as everyone knows the most important factor to farming in the High Plains is the one thing that none of us can control.

Best of Luck to Everyone

Scott Ravenkamp

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We Moved!

The High Plains No-Till Conference has moved from Greeley to Burlington, Colorado at the Burlington Community Center, 340 S 14th Street.

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"Thank You" to the Retiring Board Members

Thank You Curt Wirth, New Raymer, CO, for serving 4 years as a CCTA Board Member and 2 years at the CCTA President. All of your hard work was greatly appreciated!



Thank You Chris Bogert, Dix, NE, for all your contributions and for the numerous hours on the road to faithfully attend the CCTA meetings. It didn't go unnoticed!

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2009 Conference Highlights

Keynote Speaker



Ken Root, former host of Agri-Talk, explored what today's society expects of agriculture and meet those challenges. The breakout he presented about Agriculture in China was very interesting and highly attended.

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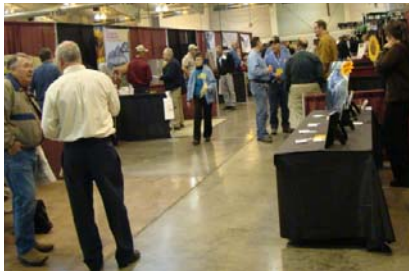


FFA State Officers and officers of Windsor and Cache La Poudre Chapters gained valuable agriculture educational information while volunteering. CCTA thanks them and we hope they will be back in 2010. They added much more than "blue jackets" to the overall conference.

Trade Show

The Trade Show included forty-six commercial businesses and six educational displays. It was the largest trade show in conference history.

Exhibitors will be glad to know there is room for all the booth spaces at the 2010 Conference relocated in Burlington at the Community Center, although equipment display will have to be outside. There will also be opportunity for five Trade Show Exhibitors to present two breakout sessions, (one per day). Watch for Trade Show information for 2010 to arrive in July via e-mail. Trade Show sponsored breakouts will be on a first come, first serve basis and only accepted with a completed 2010 Trade Show Application/Registration form.



Breakouts



There were over 40 breakout sessions. Merle Vigil, Research Leader/Soil Scientist, USDA-ARS, of the Central Great Plains Research Station, presented this popular session on "Economically Optimum N Rates of Wheat, Corn, Millet and Sunflowers. Certified Crop Advisers earned 1 CEU in Nutrient Management, while attending. There were 28 other opportunities to earn Certified Crop Advisor CEU's and 4 Commercial Applicator, CEC breakouts were offered.

Scholarship Fund Raisers and Antique Tractor/Truck Show

We want to "thank" everyone who attended the "Dinner Theatre" or became a successful bidder on the "Silent Auction." We also appreciate all the contributors of bid items for the Silent Auction. Every contribution boosted the Scholarship Fund enabling CCTA to offer three \$500 scholarships in 2009.

"Thank you" to the Antique Tractor & Truck Show exhibitors: Kevin Clinebell & Duke Hemberger of Loveland, Ed Eliassen, Kurt Weaver & Warren Hammerbeck of Greeley, Eddie Holloway of Wray, Bob Rutz of Windsor. The show was great and added a lot to the conference.

2009 Conference Sponsors—Hope to see you back in 2010!

We welcome the new sponsors.

If we missed any sponsors or have incorrect contact information (increases respective to amount of sponsorship), it was not intentional. Please call 970-576-8970 and we will make sure it is corrected or included in the Fall 2009 Journal.

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2010 Conference

February 2-3,
Burlington Community Center

Registration

Attendee - \$100 pre-registration (received by Tuesday, Jan 26—one week before conference) After Jan 26 and at-the-door—\$130

Spouse—\$70.00 pre-registration and at-the-door

Student—\$25 per day (may register for one day)

Includes: Both days (no single day rate)

Noon meals

Mini-Continental Wednesday morning

Unlimited Coffee, Tea, Water all day

Sodas and Snacks in afternoon

50 Breakouts & 1 Keynote Speaker

Trade Show

Trade Show Booths - Single booth 10' wide x 8' deep \$275, Double booth 20' wide x 8' deep \$400, electricity \$5 extra. (received before December 25, Christmas) - Equipment spaces at no extra charge outside. After December 25, \$310

Includes: 2 complimentary registrations (everything listed above and 2 reduced rate registrations at \$70. All others pay the above attendee fee. This is a value equivalent to \$260.

Trade Show Sponsored Breakouts - \$750 - Limit of 5

Includes: Booth single booth space, 2 complimentary registrations and 2 reduced rate registrations at \$70, One 1 hour presentation each day and a "Courtesy Note Page" in the conference program with business card size ad (\$80 value) on the page.



ALL Trade Show Exhibitors PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

Exhibit booth space and sponsored breakouts will be on a first come, first serve basis upon receiving the application (check & applicable insurance certificate may follow) - no phone call applications. Invitations and applications will be e-mailed to past trade show exhibitors the week of June 1. New exhibitors should send an e-mail request to be put on the mailing list to notillkathy@comcast.net. The exhibitor will be responsible for making location choices on the application, that will include a set-up map. If you were an exhibitor in 2009 and you don't receive an "INVITATION TO THE TRADE SHOW" by June 4th, please e-mail a request.

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Murray the Wise

Murray Wise, President and founder of Westchester Group, one of the top agricultural asset management firms in the country, will be the keynote speaker on February 2nd. Murray never sees monotony when traveling across the prairie. He will notice an occasional corn crib or farmhouse and comment, "*That is an interesting parcel over there.*" Then he will look closer at the soil type, the crop yields, the drainage conditions and the ownership history with surveyor-like precision. To Wise, every parcel has a personality and wise decisions have lead this 15-year-old company to where it now manages over 80,000 acres of farmland and \$400+ million in agricultural assets. Murray Wise will share some of his "investment tips and strategies" at the High Plains No-Till Conference.



To give you a sample, below is some "Sage Advise from Murray Wise," taken from the Top Producer magazine.

- Be ready for continued and more commodity visibility.
- Monitor cash flows closely.
- Structure your business to remain profitable even when lower prices prevail.
- Be prepared for good land buying opportunities if and only if they exist.
- Do not fall in love with the farm next door. There may be a better buy down the road. Neighboring farms frequently come at a major price premium.
- Promote yourself to investors and out-of-the-area landowners. Do not wait for them to come to your or it will never happen.
- Retain strong lender relationships. They will work with you, but hate surprises.

Conference Lodging

The headquarter motel for the conference will be the Comfort Inn, 282 S. Lincoln, Burlington, CO 719-346-7676—Conference rates for February 1 & 2, 2010 will be \$85, any size room, for one or two people, with an additional charge of \$10 for any extra people in the room. Reservations must be made by January 25 to obtain this rate. Refer to "CCTA" when making reservations.



A list of the other motels will be in the Fall and/or Winter issues of the CCTA Journal.

No-till Rotational Crop Systems Enhance Profits

**By: Bruce Bosley, CSU Extension Agent, Logan & Morgan Counties
Cropping Systems & Natural Resources,**

Much has been written about the value of retaining old crop residues on the soil's surface especially for capturing and storing precipitation. In July 2008, I had the great experience of working with cooperating farmers in harvesting wheat Collaborative On-Farm Trials (W-COFT). The value of residue moisture capture was very evident in these trials. Wheat yields in that particularly dry spring and early summer were significantly higher for no-till farmers especially when their cropping rotation served to save moisture.

I'd worked with eleven farm operations in the wheat COFT variety trials (2007-2008). Each farmer used their preferred management strategies. In wheat COFT trials, Colorado State University Extension and the cooperating Farmers, test four to six newer wheat varieties planted across full field lengths. The full strip trial systems are used to get a better feel how the varieties fit our high Plains climate and growing conditions. Five wheat varieties were donated to the cooperating farmers for the 2008 crop year.

2008 Trial yields on individual varieties ranged from as low as 6.3 to as high as 70 bushels per acre from two very differently farmed fields. I'll admit that there may have been a little more rainfall in May and June in the higher yielding field but the differences were less than one inch total. The poorer yielding farm had large skips where the wheat failed to germinate and establish and according to the farmer it blew out with the winter and spring winds. Even where there was wheat on this field drought stress was certainly evident. By comparison the high yielding farmed field had good wheat height and had plants with plenty of tillers.

A better comparison can be made between two cooperating COFT farmer fields which received nearly the same amount of rainfall and within 8 miles of each other. These two had average trial yields (the mean of all tested varieties) of 35.1 and 65.8 bushels per acre. According to these farmers, January to Harvest precipitation was less than five inches total.

What caused such differences in the trial yields? Certainly farming practices had a lot to do with the different yields, field management, fertility, plant population, weed & pest control probably all played a part. The wheat varieties were the same. However, I believe that the main difference that caused such wide variations in wheat yields were how the farmer managed his fields, in particular his previous crop residues.

The farmer from the higher yielding field attributed the exceptionally high yield to storage of precipitation received in the winter of 2006 – 2007 when his 2006 corn stalks retained nearly all snowfall and caught blowing snow from the neighboring fields which had little to no residues. Standing corn stubble and good weed management prior to wheat planting helped to maintain this moisture in the soil profile. Having good soil moisture during the very dry 2007 planting season helped get the crop well established.

Fields farmed using conventional tillage had little reserves of soil moisture in the fall and winter and had consequently smaller harvested wheat yields. The successful farmer had retained more than four inches of additional water in the no-tilled fields. Having a good crop rotation system and using no-till are complementary and combine to make even more efficient moisture savings for dryland crops.

With these comparisons can you doubt why I promote no-till cropping systems?

Please contact me, Bruce Bosley about these or other cropping systems or natural resource topics at 522-3200, extension 285 in Sterling or 542-3540 in Fort Morgan.

CCTA Journal Advertising (2009-10 Conference Year)

The CCTA Journal is published three times during the conference year.

Fall Issue – Sept-Oct 10, 2009 – will introduce the 2010 conference and include special interest articles.

Winter issue – Dec 09-Jan 2010 will feature the conference in detail, schedule, breakouts, lodging, registration, and any special events.

Spring issue – May 2010 will feature a recap of the conference and announcement of the next years keynote speaker.

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CEU's and CEC's

The 2010 High Plains No-Till Conference will have a multitude of breakouts where Certified Crop Advisors will be able to earn CEU credits and a several commercial applicator CEC breakouts will be available as well. For many Trade Show exhibitors, the High Plains No Till Conference has become a tradition because it is one of the most inexpensive ways many employees can keep their credits up to date. Keep track of the Conference breakouts as they begin to become confirmed in late summer at the High Plains No-Till Website.

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Congratulations - Scholarship Winners!

The Colorado Conservation Tillage Association awarded three \$500 Agriculture Scholarships during the High Plains No-Till Conference, February 3-4, 2009. Congratulations to Rex May of Brush, Colorado, Alan Wiese of Filley, Nebraska and Ransom Sitz or Burwell, Nebraska.



Rex May is attending Colorado State University and is majoring in Soil and Crops Sciences. Mr. May was raised on a farm and states, "Technology in agriculture is rapidly advancing, and new crops and farming practices will be developed to utilize the limited amounts of water available. Reduced tillage is one of the prominent methods to farm and conserve water."

Alan Wiese is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is majoring in Mechanized Systems Management. Mr. Wiese shares his on farm experiences with conservation farming. He states, "I have learned and applied conservation practices that have promoted good stewardship of the land. Optimizing the nutrients with the top soil, my dad and I take the time to educate ourselves on effective conservation practices."



Ransom Sitz is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is majoring in Entomology. Mr. Sitz was raised on a ranch in the Sandhills of Nebraska. He states, "One of the things I find interesting is how integrated pest management of certain insect pests is affected by tillage practices."

CCTA is proud to announce they have increased the Ag Scholarship, presented to a student(s) majoring in agriculture (except animal and equine science) to \$750 for 2010. Student(s) may be attending any higher educational institution in CO, KS, WY or NE. The Diesel Mechanics Scholarship, sponsored by Wickham Tractor Compan, to a student attending Northeast Junior College in Sterling will be \$500. Application information for 2010 will be on the website after July 1. Firm deadline for applications is December 1, 2010.