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Press Release: Celebrate Earth Day at AgFest

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Three sites will be host to the AgFest program the week of April 19th through the 22nd. April 22nd has also been designated as Earth Day in Colorado. This year will be the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day. Come celebrate with Earth Day and learn about an industry that supplies so much to your daily existence and celebrates Earth Day – EVERYDAY!

Fifth and Sixth grade teachers in Eastern Colorado are encouraged to register their classes to attend the first AgFest in Colorado. This new program is offered – FREE – and is sponsored by CSU Extension and Colorado commodity groups.

Developed by using the Colorado Science standards, the program offers students insight into the contributions agriculture has made, and continues to make, in their lives everyday. Interactive stations will be offered in Horsepower (Physics), Agronomy (Soil and Crops), Natural Fibers, Bio-fuels, Entomology, Bees, Beef, Dairy, Life cycles with fruit, and Embryology.

Students will get to see, feel, and experience the science of how and why agriculture products are developed. Teachers will receive curriculum packets covering the subjects associated with each station plus additional information for their reference.

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Bent County
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AgFest programs will be offered in Brush, April 19th, at the Morgan County Fairgrounds; Seibert, April 21st, at the Community Building; and Lamar, April 22nd, (Earth Day) at the Sand and Sage Fairgrounds. Programs are scheduled to begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. and be completed by 2:30 p.m.

There is a CSU Extension office in every county in Eastern Colorado. Teachers interested in learning about and participating in the AgFest program to celebrate Earth Day 2010 are encourage to contact their local office. Offices in Southeast Colorado include: Baca County – (719) 523-6971, Bent County - (719) 456-0764, Cheyenne County - (719) 767-5716, Crowley County - (719) 267-5243, Kiowa County – (719) 438-5321, Otero County - (719) 254-7608, and Prowers County - (719) 336-7734.
