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The Extension Connection: University resources at your fingertips

SOUTHEAST AREA: Do you sometimes feel like you're on information overload? With hundreds of television channels to choose from, more and more websites popping up every day, and increased social media options such as Twitter and Facebook, it's challenging to know which information to trust.

When you access the CSU Extension system you are not only tapping into Colorado State University campus resources but also every other land grant institution in the country. This unique system with several distribution mechanisms allows you to get your questions answered by experts on topics ranging from roses to small acreage management.

If you have access to a computer and the Internet, for example, you can get answers to your gardening questions using Planttalk (www.planttalk.org). Audio and written information is available on tree care, vegetables, lawns, fruits, weeds, houseplants, diseases and insects, soils, and much more. 'Ask an Expert', from eXtension (extension.org), provides answers to specific questions from over 74 land-grant universities. Examples of questions that have been submitted include, "How is my drinking water tested and who conducts these tests?"

Other resources include:-The southeast area web site (www.extension.colostate.edu/SEA/) has links to information, fact sheets, information on your county agent, addresses and phone numbers for your local county extension office, and more.

-CSU web site (www.colostate.edu) provides information on research and educational opportunities, admission and alumni and outreach initiatives statewide.

-the state Extension web site (www.ext.colostate.edu) with links to agriculture production, 4-H, yard and garden, financial literacy, food safety and nutrition information and, as well as free and for-sale books and online publications.

Access to the Internet is not essential to finding answers, however. With offices in each county in the southeast area, educational programs and information are available with solutions that safeguard health, increase livelihood, and enhance well being.

Delivering unbiased, research-based information to the communities of Colorado is Extension's primary mission. Since its establishment in 1870, Colorado State University, the state land grant university has had a three-part mission: education, research and extension. In 1914, Congress authorized land grant universities in every state to feed research-based information—through Extension agents—to local residents. Partnerships between counties and Extension set the stage for local problems to be more effectively addressed. The mission of Extension is to provide information and education, and encourage the application of research-based knowledge in response to local, state, and national issues affecting individuals, youth, families, agricultural enterprises, and communities of Colorado. Information on Extension programs in Colorado can be found online at www.ext.colostate.edu/coop/aboutce.html. **Try the Extension Connection!**

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County Extension Offices

Baca County

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Springfield, CO 81073
719-523-6971

Bent County

1499 Amb. Thompson Blvd.
Las Animas, CO 81054
719-456-0764

Cheyenne County

425 S. 7th W.
P. O. Box 395
Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810
719-767-5716

Crowley County

603 North Main St.
Courthouse Annex
Ordway, CO 81063
719-267-4444, ext. 7

Kiowa County

1305 Goff
P. O. Box 97
Eads, CO 81036
719-438-5321

Otero County

411 N. 10th
P. O. Box 190
Rocky Ford, CO 81067
719-254-7608

Prowers County

1001 S. Main
Lamar, CO 81052
719-336-7734