

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

TO: Dolores County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: December Activity Report

Cross County Effort:

Fruit tree work at Yellow Jacket is finished for the season. Tree Evaluations and the 2008 crop report have been completed and are now on the website - they have also been sent to our regional offices. My weekly radio show on KSJD in Cortez continues with my Friday time slot. I continue to field many questions from Utah and regional counties on fruit production.

The Fruit Tree Research and Demonstration Project has ordered 30 trees for a super high density planting - 18 inches apart. We will be using one of the abandoned grape trellises for the demonstration. We have had many inquiries about this type of planting so we are going to give it a try.

The Economic Development Corporation's (DCDC) Dick and Adelene Weber Business Park tenant, San Juan BioEnergy(SJB), had its plant initiation on December 13th with over 200 people in attendance. Extension will continue to work with this project to increase our grower base for the plant. Work on this past growing seasons' statistics has begun and will be completed in February.

DCDC and the Town of Dove Creek have partnered to install two 8ftX8ft carved rock signs at each end of Dove Creek. These will be installed this spring.

We continue initial work on 2 new projects; the funding and construction of a new Senior Citizens/Community Center in Dove Creek and a Youth Build project involving grant funded youth apprenticeship and 8 home renovations in Dolores County. These are both multi million dollar projects.

Our new high-tech TV community calender system is getting rave reviews from the community. This new system allows us to access weather from our own weather station & national weather sites. We can insert pictures of events, scenery and pictures of our sponsors' businesses including the utilization of a whole host of sophisticated graphics and fonts.

Inquiries on Biodiesel by-product purchasing continues to be high but we are now shifting all the inquiries to San Juan BioEnergy staff.

Our 4-H program continues to prepare for the 2009 year. The DCTV 4-H Evening News Program is rolling along with excellent participation and the possibility of new transmission capabilities.

Office visitors and phone contacts were normal for the month. Moisture for the month was very good with 1.66 inches with normal being 1.29". For the year, we have had 9.54 inches which is 63% of normal.

CONTACTS

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PHONE	190
OFFICE VISITORS	109
AREA SITE VISITS	20
MEETINGS	8
MEETING PARTICIPANTS	384
WORKSHOPS	1
NEWSLETTERS/NEWSPAPER ARTICLES	12
SLIDE PRESENTATIONS & MISC.	0