



The

Quarterly Beet

Spring 2023 Edition

<https://www.washakiecd.com>

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Calendar of Events

March

4 - Grow Washakie, A Rural Living Workshop, washakiecd.com

4-FoodScapes Contest begins, Contact Janet 307-347-2456 ext. 121

10 & 11- Harvest Wyoming: Small Farm Symposium, @ Central Wyoming College, Hosted by UW Washakie County Extension

23- DIRT Cheap: a low cost method for growing abundant food, UW Washakie County Extension. WCCD will host 3-5 families for mentoring this growing season in collaboration with this program.

Fridays @ 10 am through March 31st- Barnyards and Backyards LIVE, <http://www.uwyo.edu/barnbackyard/live/>

April

22- Lander Garden Expo, Contact Popo Agie Conservation District

24- Wyoming Arbor Day! Seedling tree sales should be delivered around this time.

26- The Home Composter bins should arrive. Except pick up to be around this time.

May

1 to 7- NACD One Water National Stewardship Week

19- Last day of school for Ten Sleep

25-Last day of school for Worland

Grow Washakie: A Rural Living Workshop

Join us on Saturday, March 4th for Grow Washakie, A Rural Living Workshop hosted by WCCD at the Washakie Museum! Topics include edible landscaping, windbreaks & tree care, food preservation, pollinators, soil health & composting, integrated pest management, extending your season with high tunnels and getting started with poultry.

Lunch is included in the \$15 registration fee and will be provided by the Washakie County Cowbelles. This workshop was made possible with funding through Barnyards & Backyards Rural Living Workshops 2023, and with sponsorship through WCCD, Big Horn Co-op, and Security State Bank. There will be door prizes and plenty of materials for you to take home! Visit us on Facebook and register by March 1st at washakiecd.com. See our Facebook for more details.



FULL: Hearts. Bellies. Pantries.

FULL is a new campaign WCCD has developed with fellow collaborators at Washakie County Extension, Washakie County Public Health, and Washakie County Emergency Management. The aim of the campaign is to promote food production, procurement, preparation and preservation within the county. With changing world conditions, FULL is an effort to insulate the local community from the effects of supply chain breakdown, rising prices and unexpected weather events. Look for events bearing the FULL logo to learn what you can do to be more self-sufficient.



Community Programs



WCCD Cost Share Programs

Did you know that WCCD has programs to offer cost share assistance on projects that will provide a public benefit to the conservation of our natural resources? Every year we set aside mill levy funding to assist landowners and land managers with implementation of projects.

We currently have the following programs available:

- **Rural Cost Share** for projects to improve wildlife habitat, grazing distribution, water quality/quantity, irrigation efficiency, soil health, agricultural operation viability and education. Up to 50% cost share, maxed at \$10,000.
- **Rehabilitation Cost Share** to maintain existing BMP's in place to include wildlife habitat, grazing distribution, water quality/quantity, agricultural operation viability and education. Up to 50% cost share, maxes at \$5,000.
- **Special Discretionary Cost Share** to include many other types of projects that address soil erosion, soil sampling, beautification projects, resource damages, demonstration projects, bioretention, xeriscaping, solar stock pumps, education and much more. Up to 50% cost share, maxes at \$2,500.
- **Upper Big Horn Sub-basin Watershed Implementation Program** offers up to 60% cost share on projects that will improve the water quality of listed water bodies within that specific watershed.

Call Amanda for details on these programs, 307-347-2456. Ext. 101

Seedling Tree Sale

The doors to the seedling tree sale close on March 6th. WCCD offers sales of conservation grade trees bundled in packs of 10 or 25. The cost of each tree ends up ranging between \$1.60-5.60. This is an extremely economical way to complete livestock & field protection windbreaks, snow fences, riparian repair, and home energy conservation projects.

The bulk order is great for large scale rural projects but the average urban homeowner may not have room to plant that many trees. Individuals could split orders with friends & neighbors to take advantage of the bulk pricing we offer.

This years trees should arrive around April 24th which is Arbor Day in Wyoming.

WCCD plans to offer this sale again in the fall of 2023, for spring 2024 distribution. Folks should place their orders as early as possible because many varieties sell out. The nursery fills the orders based on a first come, first serve basis. So start thinking about your tree needs now and be ready to order this fall!

Keep abreast about WCCD Events. Sign up for notifications!



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Text to this number: 81010

In the message box send the @ code for the reminders you want to receive.

All WCCD Events:
@98f2c49
Seedling Sales:
@392ae9
Weed Barrier Sales:
@dk9e43
Compost Bins:
@6k9cfb
Volunteer Opportunities:
@kkh888
Community Garden:
@wcvgo

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You don't say...



City of Worland Approves Chickens

Urban constituents in Worland now have the opportunity to raise chickens within city limits thanks to the passing of ordinance 865 listed in the 2022 Worland City Code.

The code details the restrictions and expectations on proper care and housing for the little golden egg layers. Do not pass go without giving it a read.

Next, get dressed for success by visiting <http://www.uwyo.edu/barnbackyard/>

Select the "Domestic Animal" tab followed by the "Poultry" tab to access a plethora of Wyoming approved resources concerning raising our feathered friends.



The Outdoor Classroom

Washakie County Conservation District maintains an outdoor space where educators can bring their students to learn about wildlife, pollinators, & water quality.

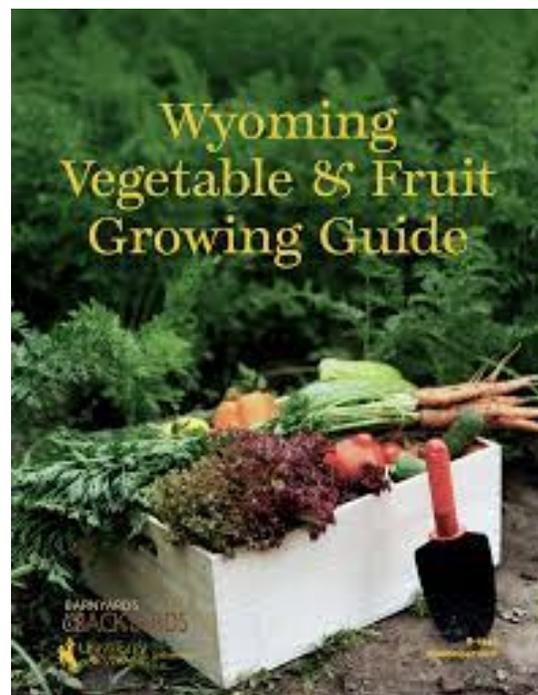
Educational programs can be tailored to the needs of the teachers and students.

There are opportunities for learning and service at the WCCD Outdoor Classroom. Call Janet at 307-347-2456 ext. 121 to schedule a program in April or May 2023.

Wyoming Vegetable & Fruit Growing Guide

If you didn't happen to nab one of the print copies of this new guide, don't despair! The entire 280 page guide is available for download at www.uwyo.edu/barnbackyard/b-1340.pdf

The first person to call the office and mention this article will get a print copy at no charge!



In the Garden

Did you know that the 4H Cloverbuds (age 5-7) will be visiting the Worland Community Garden regularly in 2023? Participants will have the opportunity to seed crops, plant seedlings, raise and harvest produce. Some of the produce may be entered in the county fair. The rest will be distributed to the community including through first lady, Jennie Gordon's "Grow a Little Extra" Program. This experience is sponsored in part by the WCCD with collaboration from Washakie County 4H and the Worland Community Garden.

To sign up for Cloverbuds visit: <https://www.wyoming4h.org/washakie4h/>

Locally Grown Grains Available

The Washakie County Extension office located at 1200 Culbertson Street has both Spelt and Emmer (ancient wheats) available for purchase. The cost is \$60 for a 50 lb. bag. Please bring a check for payment.

Harvest Wyoming: A Small Farm Symposium

University of Wyoming Extension and Central Wyoming College are pleased to host a two day conference on small farm production and management. Learn from specialists on a wide range of topics including soil health, marketing, lean management principles, Wyoming Food Freedom Act, profitable poultry, financial health and more. Day 1 consists of workshops, farm tours and a farm to table dinner. Day 2 presents a keynote speaker and several concurrent sessions to choose from. Visit the trade show and win door prizes! March 10-11. Cost is \$40. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harvest-wyoming-small-farm-symposium-tickets-518031996647>

WCCD Board of Supervisors

Every two years during the general election, WCCD Board of Supervisors are voted on by the general public. While they serve a 4 year term, we have 3 supervisors eligible in one election, and 2 supervisors in the next.

This past November, we welcomed two new supervisors to our team, Jaci Harkink & Keith Bower. Daniel Greet, who filled a vacancy left from Dave Slover's resignation, was elected to fill the remaining 2 years of that term.

During our officer elections, Daniel was named Chairman, Susan Pennington was reappointed as Vice Chairwomen, and Jaci was named Secretary/Treasurer. Charley Orchard and Keith Bower are acting members of the Board.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Dan Rice and Vance Lungren who resigned in November after serving for many years on our Board

WCCD & NRCS Team

Board of Supervisors

Daniel Greet, Chairman
Susan Pennington, Vice Chairwoman
Jaci Harkink, Secretary/Treasurer
Charley Orchard, Board Member
Keith Bower, Board Member



WCCD Employees

Amanda O'Keefe, District Manager EXT. 101
Janet Hofmann Education Coordinator EXT. 121
Ben Vega, Seasonal Outdoor Maintenance

NRCS Technical Support Staff

Emma Allen, District Conservationist EXT. 108
Allen Croft, Civil Engineer EXT. 122
Blaise Allen, Range Management Specialist EXT. 109
Kaile Brant, Soil Conservationist EXT. 119
Erickk Hayes, Soil Conservationist EXT. 107

Call us at 307-347-2456
and enter the extension above.



FSA Update

Two New Programs from
USDA Farm Services Agency

Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase 2 is a tax year-based certification program that provides assistance for producers who suffered a loss in revenue due to necessary expenses associated with losses of eligible crops (excluding crops intended for grazing), due in whole or in part, to a qualifying disaster event that occurred in the 2020 or 2021 calendar year. Enrollment opens for ERP Phase Two on Jan. 23, 2023 and runs through **June 2, 2023**.

Visit <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/emergency-relief/index> for additional information or call the office at 307-347-2456 ext. 2.

Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program (PARP) provides financial assistance for producers who suffered at least a 15% decrease in allowable gross revenue for the 2020 calendar year, as compared to 2018 or 2019. To address gaps in assistance, PARP targets overall revenue losses and supports producers of certain commodities that were not previously eligible for pandemic assistance. Visit <https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus/pandemic-assistance/parp> for additional information or call the office at 307-347-2456 ext. 2.