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## Western Colorado Soil Health Food and Farm Forum

Valley Food Partnership and Shavano Conservation District are excited to announce the combination of the Western Colorado Food and Farm Forum (WCFFF) and the Western Colorado Soil Health Conference. Their joint two-day conference, The Western Colorado Soil Health, Food, and Farm Forum, will be held on January 27th and 28th 2023.



Tap into regionally specific sessions focused on maximizing regenerative crop and livestock production, innovative marketing and financial management strategies, soil health, labor and water issues.

### Breakout Sessions Include:

Beginner Land Access / Ranch-to-Table Marketing / High Elevation Specialty Crops / Weeds or Forage / Cover Crops & Sheep Grazing / Hands-on Soil Health / Know Your Numbers / Diversity of Life in Soils

REGISTRATION OPENS NOV. 11!

Healthy fields, farms, food [soilfoodfarm.org](http://soilfoodfarm.org)

Connect with farmers, ranchers, and experts in soil health, crops, livestock, and water management.

### Keynote Speakers



Jim Howell  
CEO, Grasslands LLC



Dr. David Johnson  
Molecular Biologist



Lucinda Stuenkel  
Regenerative Farmer & Ag Instructor



Zach Wright  
Lab Director, Living Soil Compost Lab LLC

Regarding the collaboration between the events, Carol Parker, a founder of the WCFFF had this to say, "The Food and Farm Forum began as an initiative of the Valley Food Partnership in 2011 and quickly became a collaborative effort of the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union and CSU Extension. Shavano Valley Conservation District joined later as did National Young Farmers Coalition, Coldharbour Institute, the Valley Organic Growers Association, and Engage. As a collaborative, our goal was to increase the sustainable production, consumption, and marketing of local food by offering an affordable, educational conference geared toward addressing the numerous issues faced by farmers and ranchers in western Colorado... We are excited to combine efforts with the Soil Health Conference (and to welcome Montrose County as a collaborator) to further meet the needs of producers striving to meet the challenges of agriculture in our region."

A board member of the Shavano Conservation District, Steve Hale, commented as well on their partnership with the joined conference, "While having served as the administrative and fiduciary agent for the Western Colorado Soil Health annual conference, the Shavano Conservation District is excited to now join forces with Valley Food Partnership's Food and Farm Forum in developing a single event. Beyond the saving of staff and volunteers' time and effort, we feel there is a real synergy developing between the two groups as we share the common goals of building the health of farm and range lands and building the viability of local and regional farm operations."

Both conferences have been promoting sustainable agriculture and soil health practices in Colorado for over a decade. Dave Dearstyne, one of the Western Colorado Soil Health Confer-

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## Cover Crop Corner: Tracing Water Through the Soil



Rick Strait

Local farmers and soil health enthusiasts gathered Thursday, despite snow and cold, to see Rick Strait's demonstration on water infiltration. Rick is the New Mexico State Soil Scientist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service, US Department of Agriculture. The Shavano Conservation District's annual Soil Health Field Tour visited 2 farm fields and a location on BLM rangeland where Strait used blue food coloring and 30 gallons of water to demonstrate water movement through the soil. "The problem with water is that it is clear," Strait stated, "making it sometimes difficult to see where it is moving." Strait explained that the fun part for him is taking a soil research experiment (referred to as using a dye tracer) and using common tools to make it into a demonstration anyone can do to see the physical properties of their field through water movement in the root zone and below.

Two days prior to the Field Tour, Strait visited each site to pour blue food coloring and a slow drip of 30 gallons of water in a three foot diameter ring. After the blue water had 24 hours to saturate the surface and soak into the ground, Strait returned to the sites with a backhoe to bi-sect the test areas. The walls of the resulting soil pits told a story of water movement through the soil.

Soil pits dug on fields with conventional tillage practices and minimum-tillage showed where the dye had moved down to the plow-pan layer in the soil and then moved laterally across the soil, rather than going farther down. Soil pits dug in the no-till field showed the dye (water infiltration in the soil) went down 5 feet and did not encounter a plow-pan. A closer look at the granulated soil structure at the no-till location also revealed blue food coloring in root holes and worm casings where the water moved the dye through the soil.

According to Strait, soil testing gives a picture of the chemical properties (nutrients) in the soil, where as the dye tracer test gives a picture of the physical properties of the soil. "If you have a spot in your field that is not producing as much, but the soil tests show the nutrients in the soil are the same as the rest of the field, chances are the physical properties in the soil are different in that spot", said Strait.

The deeper the water can move into the soil, the more water storage a farmer has in their soil. As we are all becoming increasingly aware, water storage is a big deal.

Fields visited on the tour were all enrolled in the Colorado Department of Agriculture's STAR+ Program (Saving Tomorrow's Agricultural Resources). Colorado STAR and STAR Plus Programs make up the Colorado Soil Health Program. The Star Program helps individual farmers and ranchers evaluate their operations' use of soil health practices and identify areas for improvement while providing technical and financial assistance to help them succeed. This tour group visited local fields enrolled in the STAR+ program and learned about soil health practices they implemented this season.

This regional soil health event is organized with support from the Western Colorado Soil Health Team and the Colorado State Conservation Board's Matching Grants Program. CSCB provides matching state funds to conservation districts for implementing private lands on-the-ground conservation projects and educational conservation activities. Demonstrations such as the dye tracer that was used on this tour are providing opportunities for local farmers and ranchers to see soil research in practical application, giving them more tools for operational resiliency.



## Western Colorado Alliance Agriculture Workshop, Nov 29



Western Colorado Alliance’s Local Food and Agriculture Workshop is fast approaching. They are excited to announce John Miller of the Colorado Department of Agriculture will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Miller is a real champion on behalf of healthy soils in Colorado. As the State Soil Health Program Coordinator for the Colorado Department of Agriculture, he’ll be heading up the Saving Tomorrow’s Agricultural Resources (STAR) program, a completely voluntary program which will invest \$25 million to expand research on the benefits of regenerative agriculture across eight western states, scale the model nationwide, and continue building markets for producers deploying climate-smart agricultural practices.

At the workshop, the Alliance is seeking to hear your voice. We’re looking for a diverse set of voices, from both producers and growers, to determine our work for 2023.

The Alliance has secured significant wins for Colorado agriculture — and we want you to be a part of the next one. Join them from 3-6 pm on November 29 at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta, Colorado. The workshop is capped at 40 attendees, so make sure to sign up today! (Click here to sign up) For more information, reach out to [nick@westerncoloradoalliance.org](mailto:nick@westerncoloradoalliance.org).

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## Western Colorado Soil Health Food & Farm Forum

ence’s long-time organizers, has said that the partnership between the conferences is a natural fit as, “Soil health is the foundation of agriculture. We have always done our best to provide education and opportunity to people who are growing vegetation on the land.” He went on to explain that, “When we started, soil health was the future. Now, soil health is today.” This principle has inspired the joint forum as well. The theme of this year’s event is “From the Soil Up”.

The 2023 lineup will include presentations on innovative soil health practices, rotational grazing, forward-thinking marketing and financial management, and exciting learning opportunities in the world of food systems and agriculture. Registration for the hybrid event opened on November 11th, 2022. You can learn more about the amazing speakers, including keynote speaker Dr. David Johnson, on their website [www.soilfoodfarm.org](http://www.soilfoodfarm.org).



## 4th Grade Ranch Conservation Day in Ridgway



Ouray and Ridgway 4th graders visited Cimarron Ridge Ranch in Ridgway on October 7 to learn about agricultural conservation. They took a “hay ride”, learned rangeland inventory with Jerry Allen,

learned stockmanship & fencing with Ken Lipton, and received roping lessons.





# USDA Announces First Three Lenders for Heirs' Property Relending Program

## Additional Lenders Invited to Apply to Program

WASHINGTON, August 18, 2022 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that Akiptan, Inc., the Cherokee Nation Economic Development Trust Authority (CNEDTA) and the Shared Capital Cooperative have been approved or conditionally approved as intermediary lenders through the Heirs' Property Relending Program (HPRP). Once HPRP loans with these lenders close, these lenders will help agricultural producers and landowners resolve heirs' land ownership and succession issues. Additionally, USDA encourages more intermediary lenders, including cooperatives, credit unions and nonprofit organizations to apply. Currently, more than \$100 million of HPRP funding is available for these competitive loans.

Heirs' property is family land that has been passed down to descendants without a will or deed to prove ownership. Without proof of ownership, it may become difficult for heirs to obtain federal benefits for farms and could force partition sales by third parties. Heirs' property issues have long been a barrier for many producers and landowners to access USDA programs and services, and this relending program provides access to capital to help heirs find a resolution.

"Through this opportunity, heirs can formalize land ownership and succession issues, which have long prevented so many from accessing USDA programs and services," said Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). "USDA is committed to revising policies to be more equitable and this program is an instrumental part of the effort to provide opportunities to bring and keep agricultural land in agriculture and allow producers nationwide to create generational wealth."

### Relending to Heirs

HPRP intermediary lenders will reloan funds to eligible heirs to resolve title issues by financing the purchase or consolidation of property interests and financing costs associated with a succession plan. This may also include costs and fees associated with buying out fractional interests of

other heirs in jointly owned property to clear the title, as well as closing costs, appraisals, title searches, surveys, preparing documents, mediation, and legal services.

### Who is Eligible?

Intermediary lenders may make loans to heirs who:

- Are individuals or legal entities with authority to incur the debt and to resolve ownership and succession of a farm owned by multiple owners;
- Are a family member or heir-at-law related by blood or marriage to the previous owner of the property;
- Agree to complete a succession plan.

These are loans (not grants) and will need to be paid back at interest rates set by the lenders.

Heirs may not use loans for any land improvement, development purpose, acquisition or repair of buildings, acquisition of personal property, payment of operating costs, payment of finders' fees, or similar costs.

### Who Heirs Can Contact for Additional Information

#### Akiptan, Inc

- Service Area: Nationwide, targeting Indian Country.
- Contact: Skya Ducheneaux, (605) 964-8081

#### Cherokee Nation Economic Development Trust Authority (CNEDTA)

- Service Area: Producers in rural areas (as designated by USDA) of the 14 counties, in whole or in part, encompassing the Cherokee Nation Reservation. Borrower(s) must reside in the Service Area and land must be agricultural land located in the Service Area.
- Contacts: Stephen Highers, (918) 207-3955; and Brian Wagman, (918) 453-5531, sbac@cherokee.org

#### Shared Capital Cooperative, which has a partnership with Federation of Southern Cooperatives

- Service Area: Producers in the states of: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina



# USDA Announces First Three Lenders for Heirs' Property Relending Program

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- **Contact:**
  - Shared Capital Cooperative, 612-767-2113, [heirsloans@sharedcapital.coop](mailto:heirsloans@sharedcapital.coop), or at [sharedcapital.coop/heirs-property-relending-program](http://sharedcapital.coop/heirs-property-relending-program)
  - Federation of Southern Cooperatives, [loanfund@federation.coop](mailto:loanfund@federation.coop); or [info@federation.coop](mailto:info@federation.coop)

Additionally, USDA will share information on [farmers.gov/heirs/relending](http://farmers.gov/heirs/relending).

FSA may be able to provide additional assistance through the farm ownership and operating loan programs to assist heirs in financing other credit needs in conjunction with a HPRP loan provided by an intermediary.

## Information for Lenders

USDA is also opening a second opportunity for eligible entities interested in becoming intermediary lenders under HPRP. Loans of up to \$5 million at 1% interest are available. Once the new application period is opened, eligible lenders may apply using the HPRP application form (FSA-2637) (PDF, 450 KB) and provide the required application documentation, including a relending plan, copy of CDFI certification, financial statement for the past three years, current financial statement, documents of incorporation, and any supporting documents related to experience.

Submit these documents electronically at [sm.fpac.fsa.wdc.hprp@usda.gov](mailto:sm.fpac.fsa.wdc.hprp@usda.gov) or by mail to Heirs' Property Relending Program, Office of the Deputy Administrator for Farm Loan Programs FSA, U.S. Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 0522 Washington, DC 20250-0522. There is currently more than \$100 million available for these loans. Approved intermediary lenders will determine the rates, terms and payment structure for loans to heirs subject to USDA's approval, with interest rates covering the cost of operating and sustaining the loan.

Intermediary lenders must:

- be certified as a community development financial institution, and
- have experience and capability in making and servicing agricultural and commercial loans that are similar in nature.

If applications exceed the amount of available funds, FSA will prioritize applicants that both:

have at least 10 years or more of experience with socially disadvantaged farmers; and

are located in states that have adopted a statute consisting of enactment or adoption of the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (UPHPA) will receive first preference. A list of these states is available at [farmers.gov/heirs/relending](http://farmers.gov/heirs/relending).

## More Information

While owners of heirs' properties may lack proof of ownership or control of land, FSA provides alternative options that allow an heir to obtain a farm number. In states that have adopted the UHPA, producers may provide specific documents to receive a farm number.

To learn more about heirs' property, HPRP, or UHPA, visit [farmers.gov/heirs](http://farmers.gov/heirs) or [farmers.gov/heirs/relending](http://farmers.gov/heirs/relending).

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [usda.gov](http://usda.gov).



### Colorado SNOTEL Snow/Precipitation Update Report

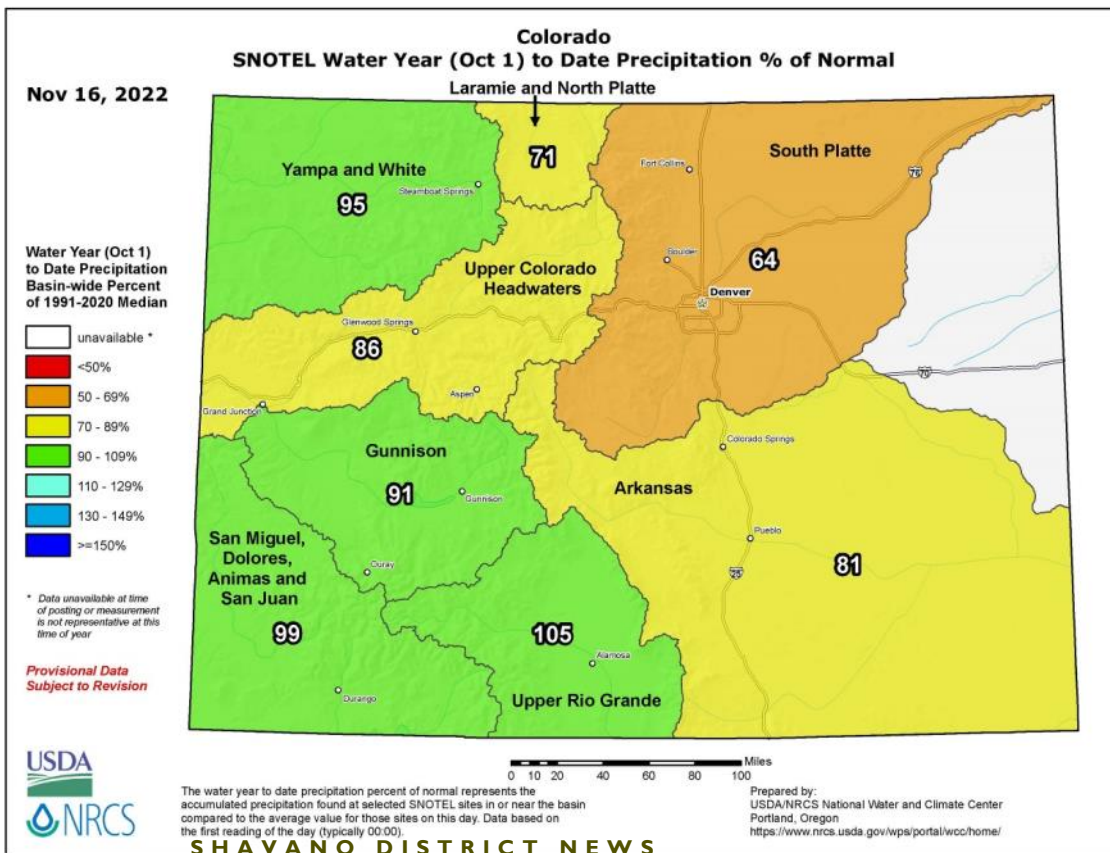
As of WEDNESDAY: November 16, 2022

| BASIN<br>Data Site Name     | ELEV.<br>(Ft) | SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT |        |          | TOTAL PRECIPITATION |         |       |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|---------------------|---------|-------|
|                             |               | Current               | Median | Median % | Current             | Average | Avg % |
| <b>GUNNISON RIVER BASIN</b> |               |                       |        |          |                     |         |       |
| Butte                       | 10200         | 1.7                   | 1.4    | 121      | 2.8                 | 3.3     | 85    |
| Cochetopa Pass              | 10061         | .6                    | .4     | 150*     | 1.4                 | 1.6     | 88    |
| Columbine Pass              | 9171          | 3.4                   | 1.2    | 283*     | 5.1                 | 4.7     | 109   |
| Idarado                     | 9812          | 1.6                   | 1.5    | 107      | 4.1                 | 4.6     | 89    |
| Mc Clure Pass               | 8774          | 3.3                   | 1.7    | 194      | 5.1                 | 4.9     | 104   |
| Mesa Lakes                  | 10168         | 2.8                   | 2.4    | 117      | 5.3                 | 4.8     | 110   |
| Overland Res.               | 9893          | 2.9                   | 1.2    | 242      | 2.6                 | 4.0     | 65    |
| Park Cone                   | 9621          | 1.6                   | 1.4    | 114      | 2.8                 | 2.6     | 108   |
| Park Reservoir              | 9987          | -M                    | 3.8    | *        | -M                  | 6.4     | *     |
| Porphyry Creek              | 10788         | 2.4                   | 2.3    | 104      | 3.0                 | 2.9     | 103   |
| Red Mountain Pass           | 11080         | 3.1                   | 3.3    | 94       | 4.8                 | 5.9     | 81    |
| Sargents Mesa               | 11499         | 1.6                   | 1.1    | 145      | 2.0                 | 2.1     | 95    |
| Schofield Pass              | 10653         | 4.3                   | 4.3    | 100      | 4.7                 | 6.6     | 71    |
| Slumgullion                 | 11560         | 2.2                   | 3.0    | 73       | 2.7                 | 3.5     | 77    |
| Upper Taylor                | 10717         | 1.6                   | .8     | 200*     | 3.7                 | 3.3     | 112   |
| Wager Gulch                 | 11132         | 1.9                   | -M     | *        | 3.1                 | -M      | *     |
|                             |               |                       |        | -----    |                     |         | ----- |
| Basin Index (%)             |               |                       |        |          | 127                 |         | 91    |

-M = Missing data

\* = Data may not provide a valid measure of conditions.

Units = inches for the Current and Normal Snow Water Equivalent and Total Precip. values



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## Dates to Remember

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>November 14-18, 2022</b> | <b>CACD Committee Meetings, held by Zoom, 6:30pm</b>   |
| <b>November 20, 2022</b>    | <b>2023 NAP Application Closing Date for Apricots, Cherries, Grapes, Hops, Nectarines, Pears, Plums and Prunes</b> |
| <b>November 24, 2022</b>    | <b>Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed</b>  |
| <b>November 29-30, 2022</b> | <b>CACD Annual Meeting, Colorado Springs, CO</b>   |
| <b>December 1, 2022</b>     | <b>2023 NAP Application Closing Date for Alfalfa, Clover, Grass, Honey, Mixed Forage, Mustard, and Vetch</b>       |
| <b>December 2, 2022</b>     | <b>EQIP and CSP Application Deadline</b>   |
| <b>December 5, 2022</b>     | <b>Last Day to Return FSA Ballots to the USDA Service Center</b>   |
| <b>December 13, 2022</b>    | <b>Shavano CD Board Meeting 6:30pm</b>   |
| <b>December 26, 2022</b>    | <b>Christmas Day (Observed) — Office Closed</b>  |
| <b>January 1, 2023</b>      | <b>FSA Newly Elected FSA County Committee Members Take Office</b>  |
| <b>January 2, 2023</b>      | <b>New Year's Day (Observed) — Office Closed</b>   |
| <b>January 15, 2023</b>     | <b>Deadline for Fruit Acreage Reporting</b>  |
| <b>January 27-28, 2023</b>  | <b>Western Colorado Soil Health, Food and Farm Forum, Montrose</b>   |
| <b>January 31, 2023</b>     | <b>Emergency Livestock Assist. Prog. Deadline for reporting 2022 Losses</b>  |
| <b>January 31, 2023</b>     | <b>Livestock Forage Program Deadline for reporting 2022 Losses</b>   |
| <b>March 15, 2023</b>       | <b>2023 ARC/PLC Program Enrollment Deadline</b>  |

## Notice of SCD 2023 Budget

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Shavano Conservation District Board of Supervisors for the ensuing year of 2023. A copy of such proposed budget has been filed in the District office at 102 Par Place, Montrose, CO 81401 where same is open for public inspection, Monday through Thursday during normal business hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Such proposed budget will be considered at the next regular meeting of the Shavano Conservation District Board of Directors to be held on December 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Any interested elector residing within the Shavano Conservation District may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.

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