

SATURDAY 10:30 am to 12:00 noon • SESSION IV
WORKSHOP SERIES • SEE PAGES 16-17 FOR AT-A-GLANCE SCHEDULE

LIVESTOCK • Best Ranching Practices: Rotational Grazing

Grazing cattle on desert ranges doesn't have to leave a wasteland. *Sid Goodloe*, pioneer of rotational grazing, will discuss rotational grazing and watershed rehabilitation. If you are running cattle on rangeland, this workshop is a must.

CROPS • Soils 101

Francis Thicke, conference keynote, will delve into the good stuff. What makes a good soil? What can you do to move your soil from desert sand to black gold? This workshop will give you the information you need to understand what is happening in your soil and what can be done to improve it.

MARKETING/CERTIFICATION • Conservation Easements: Are They Right for Your Farm?

Scott Wilbur, Executive Director of New Mexico Land Conservancy will cover everything you need to know about conservation easements to preserve your agricultural land, including the role of land trusts in private land conservation; a discussion of what conservation easements are and how they work; the tax benefits of conservation easements—new federal income tax benefits, state tax credit, estate tax benefits; purchase of development rights through conservation easements; and funding sources for purchasing development rights through conservation easements—federal programs, state funding programs/initiatives, local programs/initiatives.

FARM SUPPORT • Season Extension Techniques

Don Bustos of Santa Cruz Farm and Greenhouse in Española will walk you through the ins and outs of 4-season production with minimal energy use. The demand for local produce and for 4-season production has never been stronger. Get the information you need to make it work on your farm.

DEMONSTRATIONS • Tractor and Equipment Safety

Farming and ranching are the sixth most dangerous jobs in the United States. Many times, taking a simple precaution can help you avoid injury. Learn to identify the hazards on your farm and find out what you can do to protect yourself. *Speaker to be announced.*



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