



ANNUAL MEETING

The Western Extension Committee is an organization of Extension Economists from the 13 western states, Guam and other Pacific Islands supported by Cooperative Extension Service Directors in the western region.

WEC Annual Meeting Agenda

Sunday, June 30 | 9:00A - 2:30P

Room: Bay 1

Coeur d' Alene Resort | Coeur d' Alene, Idaho

9:00-9:15 - Welcome and introductions

9:15-9:45 - Administrative update | Western Center for Risk Management Education

9:45-10:30 - Updates from the Field: WEC delegates share issues/challenges from home states and across the western region

10:30-10:45 - Break

10:45-11:15 - WEC Pre-Conference Training for the 2020 ERME Conference, Denver | WCRME

11:15-12:00 - Issues of Common Interest

- + Climate change/drought working group | Kynda Curtis
- + Financial distress | WEC delegates
- + Industrial hemp | WEC delegates
- + Extension service to larger operators: captive insurance, big data, ag labor | WEC delegates

12:00 - LUNCH

1:00-2:30 - Western Extension Committee: 2019 and Beyond

- + WEC member survey results | John Hewlett
- + Purpose / Goals of WEC: professional development, serve clientele (see next), regional collaboration, others?
- + WEC Clientele: Extension professionals, practitioners, regional (national) policy makers, others?
- + Benefits to clientele:
 1. Annual meeting: symposia, presentations, posters, invited speakers, tour
 2. In-service education
 3. Extending WEC resources to the region: encouraging participation, eTrainings, social media, CHOICES articles, online courses, etc.
- + WEC Communications coordinator and sub-committee | Kynda Curtis, Jo Ann Warner
- + WEC strategic plan, bylaws, standing committees, other issues

3:00-6:00 - selected poster set-up | on display through 9:30A Tuesday

6:00 - Joint WAEA/WEC reception, including display of WEC posters

WEC track - WAEA/WEC joint meeting

MONDAY – JULY 1

8:00-9:30 - SYMPOSIUM - Western Dairy Industry Challenges

Moderator | Hernan Tejeda

Rick Naerebout, CEO – Idaho Dairywomen's Association

Shannon Niebergs; Washington State University

Hernan Tejeda; University of Idaho

9:30-10:00 - BREAK

10:00-11:30 - SELECTED PRESENTATIONS – Risk Management in the West

Moderator | Kate Painter

Use of Convergent Media in Agricultural Policy Extension Programming: A 2018 Farm Bill Application

- Amy Hagerman and Ruth Inman; Oklahoma State University

Evaluating Risk Strategies - a module on developing and evaluating risk management strategies in agriculture

- John Hewlett, University of Wyoming; Jay Parsons; University of Nebraska – Lincoln; Jeffrey Tranel, Colorado State University

Coordinating Western Extension Drought Management Programs

- Ruby Ward and Ryan Larsen; Utah State University

Hands-on Computer Based Financial Training for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

- Ashlee Westerhold; University of Idaho

12:00 - LUNCH

1:30-3:00 - INVITED SYMPOSIUM – Blockchain: Implications for Agriculture

Moderator | Kynda Curtis

Will Secor: CoBank – Denver, CO

Rob Jennings: BeefChain.io - Cheyenne, WY

3:00 -3:30 - BREAK

4:00-5:30 - SELECTED PRESENTATIONS – Managing the Livestock Enterprise (4 presentations)

Moderator | Ryan Larson

Beef Prices at Texas Farmers Markets and Retail Outlets

- Rebecca Kirkpatrick, David Anderson and Joe Outlaw; Texas A&M University

Nonlinear Effects of Weather on Cattle Health and Performance

- Elliott Dennis, Jesse Tack, Ted Schroeder and Brad White; Kansas State University

Examining Price Differences Between Fed Steers and Heifers

- Brogan Horton, David Anderson and Joe Outlaw; Texas A&M University

Economics of Creep Feeding Beef Calves in the Nebraska Sandhills

- Devin Broadhead and Matthew Stockton, University of Nebraska

TUESDAY – JULY 2

8:00-9:30 - SYMPOSIUM - Addressing Transition Planning Challenges for Farms and Ranches

Moderator | Ashlee Westerhold

Shannon L. Ferrell, Oklahoma State University

J.C. Hobbs, Associate Oklahoma State University

Guido van der Hoeven, North Carolina State University

9:30-10:00 - BREAK

10:00-12:00 - WAEA Presidential Address/Awards

12:00 - WAEA Awards Luncheon

1:00-8:00PM - WEC TOUR

WEDNESDAY – JULY 3

7:00 - WEC BREAKFAST

WEC *posting-meeting breakfast* is planned for any members still around Wednesday morning and interested in discussing the Coeur d'Alene meeting and planning activities for the next year. The breakfast meeting will be held in the resort restaurant.