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Dear Colorado Foundation for Agriculture,

Never have I been so amazed by an organization than this one. The planning, logistics, organization, contacts and resources that went into planning this amazing summer institute for teachers was simply incredible. Never has an organization carried on such an important message and valued education as much as this one. You all love agriculture and it showed passionately throughout the entire week. It was an unforgettable, educational, meaningful experience. Thank you for everything.

Best wishes,  
Yay-Jau Ku  
3rd/4th Grade  
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## WANTED ITEMS for FUND RAISING AUCTION

From January 27th to 29th the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture will be holding a silent auction in the lobby area of the Event Center at the Colorado Farm Show. We need items to auction each day of the Show. Do you have items you would be willing to donate to benefit Colorado's Ag in the Classroom Program? If so, contact:  
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970 881-2902

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### YES! I want to support the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture and the Ag in the Classroom programs!

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  - Sponsor a table for 10 at our Farmer & Rancher Appreciation Ball.....Number of Tables \_\_\_\_\_ x \$750 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Dinner reservation for Farmer & Rancher Appreciation Ball.....Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**MIGHT YOU BE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON CFA'S BOARD? MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, SEPTEMBER & NOVEMBER. MEETINGS ARE FROM 11:00 TO 2:00. LUNCH IS PROVIDED. THE LOCATION**

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**if you would be interested in attending.**

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## Farmer & Rancher Appreciation Dinner

The Colorado Farm Show and the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture are teaming up to honor our agriculture producers. We will be holding the Farmer and Rancher Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m., January 28, 2009 at the Colorado Farm Show. This fund raising dinner will benefit Colorado's Ag in the Classroom program which provides materials and resources about agriculture to Colorado schools.

The Colorado Farm Show will be awarding the Chuck Urano Memorial Award, sponsored by the Colorado Farm Show, to six deserving students who strive to leave a lasting impression on their community and agriculture as a whole. These \$2,000.00 scholarships are designed to help offset the increasing cost of higher education.

Entertainment will be provided by a CSU impromptu group that promises to be lighthearted and fun. Jerry Schleicher, a Kansas City-based cowboy poet who writes and performs country humor will be MC and share some of his poems and stories with us.

Because of space limitations, only 28 tables are available for sponsorship and will be allocated on a first come basis. You have the option of inviting your farming/ranching customers/neighbors to join you or we will invite farmers/ranchers on your behalf to dinner. The cost for a table for 10 people is \$750 or \$75 per person. We are planning a fun and entertaining evening and hope you can join us. Reserve your dinners today by calling 970 881-2902 or mail in the following form.

### FARMER & RANCHER APPRECIATION BALL RESERVATION FORM

Yes, please reserve us \_\_\_\_\_ table(s) x \$750/table = \_\_\_\_\_  
(10 people per table)

Please reserve us \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$75.00 per person

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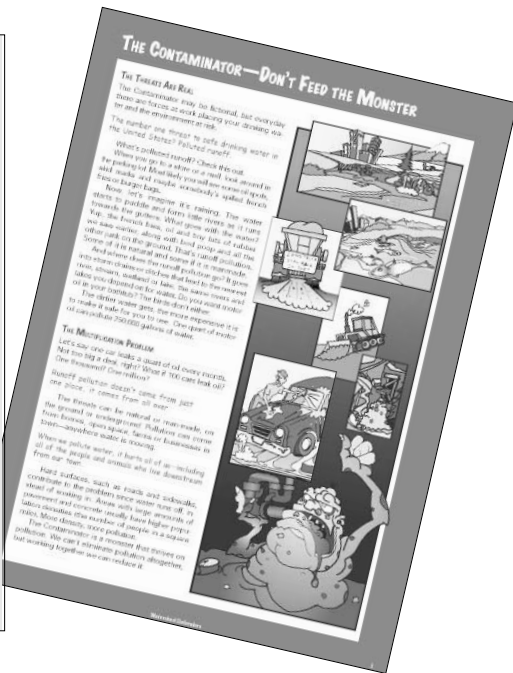
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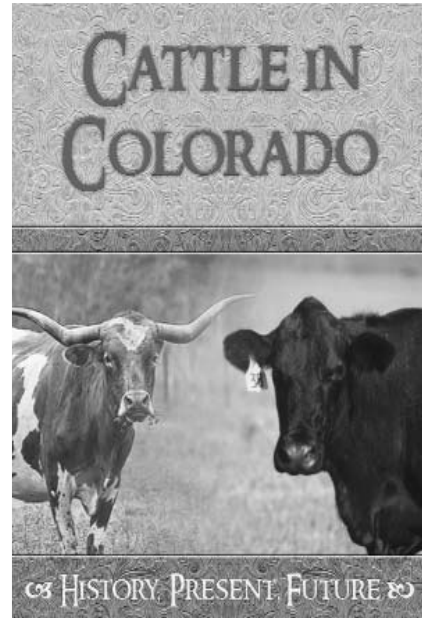
The Colorado Foundation for Agriculture is pleased to introduce the new *CFA Comics* for middle school students. These 16-page student publications provide a fun way to study agriculture and natural resource topics.

Middle school students can look forward to discovering the Watershed Defenders and Major Ag — a light-hearted approach to some serious topics. The CFA is completing the development of a series that mixes text and super-hero characters in a comic book format. The Watershed Defenders address runoff pollution and present real-life strategies to empower everyone to be a hero. This issue was funded

through a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment - Water Quality Control Division.

Major Ag provides a series of agriculture vignettes, explaining where our food and fiber comes from while highlighting the everyday heroes who feed the world.

The Watershed Defenders Comic is completed and being distributed to schools. Major Ag is in the review stages and we need to raise additional funds for printing and postage. Like the *Colorado Reader* series, these are provided free to any educator that requests them.



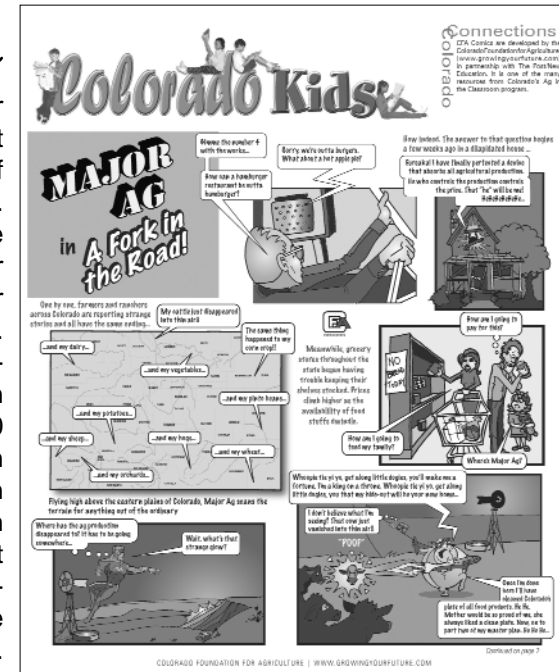
## Cattle in Colorado

*History* is getting a face lift.

Many of you have been using this free publication for years as part of your school presentations. Coming in January/February, it will be a new four-color, updated version of the booklet. Sections include: History of Cattle in Colorado, Oxen Lead the Way, Spanish Influence, The Civil War, Trail Drives, The Chuckwagon, Open-Range Ranching and more. To receive a copy of the new booklet as soon as it is done, email Julie Moore [julie@cobeef.com](mailto:julie@cobeef.com) at the Colorado Beef Council.

## CO-AG Program

The Colorado Foundation for Agriculture and The Denver Post have had a long history of collaboration on various projects. The affiliation continues with the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture providing content for *Colorado Kids* four times a year. The Post/News Education distributes the *Colorado Kids* in their newspapers to 210,000 readers. This collaboration allows the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture to reach audiences that we wouldn't normally be able to share information with about agriculture and natural resource topics.



## Food, Fiber & More Summer Ag Institute

A fellow teacher very enthusiastically told me about this class. She highly encouraged me to take it. "You will be treated like royalty", she said, "the people are warm and friendly, the food is delicious, and the tour bus is air-conditioned!" Spending one week learning about agriculture in Colorado sounded like fun to me. I signed up.

Picture yourself spending a week learning about things you think you know a little about and after the first day realizing there's a whole lot more to farming and ranching than you had thought. There is so much more to this industry than I had ever imagined. Every speaker was very knowledgeable of his/her topic. Not only did they all impart interesting facts and figures, they also gave handouts and other specialized resources we teachers could easily implement into our individualized lessons. To us teachers, this is priceless.

Two days are spent touring (very comfortably on an air conditioned bus) various farms, ranches and other agriculture-related establish-

ments. The variety of visits is perfect. This is a very well organized class. We were kept busy all day, every day. Every place we visited was vital for our learning. There was plenty to observe with knowledgeable people to patiently answer questions.

A highlight of the week is the day spent working on a farm or ranch. This is an opportunity to get a tiny taste of what it's like to be in the farmers/ranchers boots. This could be a labor-intensive day, depending on your assignment. It is a hands-on day and definitely provides you with an excellent perspective of some of the daily duties necessary for successful productivity.

The last day of this jammed-packed week was spent in the classroom. Here students shared about their work experiences and discussed various ways to implement what we learned into our classes. Plan to come away from this class with a new vision of this ageless industry. You will have your senses awakened to the importance of everything you

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAY CURRENT ON NEW EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ABOUT AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCE TOPICS, SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR E-NEWSLETTER. IT IS SENT OUT IN SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER AND MARCH. SIGN UP AT: WWW.GROWINGYOUR-FUTURE.COM**



## CFA E-LESSONS provide an easy way for educators

to download ready to use lessons for their classroom. Currently, 44 lessons are on CFA's website. Lessons will continually be added to list. If you have some material we should consider adding, please contact Bette.

learned during the week. Most likely you will become the teacher who will enthusiastically tell your students and peers about this incredible class. This is an opportunity every educator should experience. What you learn here and what you will take away with you and pass onto your students is so very important. Without a doubt, this is a worthwhile class. I strongly encourage you to take it too.

Joyce Farinelli  
2008 Summer Institute Participant

**IF YOU FEEL IT IS VALUABLE TO GIVE EDUCATORS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF AGRICULTURE, CONSIDER SPONSORING A SCHOLARSHIP TO THE FOOD, FIBER & MORE SUMMER INSTITUTE. NEXT YEAR THE INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD IN FORT MORGAN FROM JUNE 15TH TO 19TH.**

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