

## Discover What Ag Museum Has To Offer

BROOKINGS — The South Dakota State Agricultural Heritage Museum gives a glimpse of the state's history through artifacts, photographs and exhibits. The pieces of history on display at the museum chronicle a rich agricultural history, past agriculture technology and rural life.

"Behind the scenes" tours offer a window into what patrons do not get to see at the museum on a daily basis. The event will be held from 10 a.m. until noon, Thursday, June 16, and Saturday, June 18.

The bi-annual event will show what goes into maintaining the galleries and processing the collections. Visitors will also see artifacts that are not currently on display and items in the storage room that are too large to fit in the museum.

"It's fun for visitors to see what goes on here, and it helps them better understand why this museum is important," said Carrie Van Buren, Ag Heritage Museum curator. "People who have attended are always amazed to learn about the extensive work and knowledge it takes to run this museum."

Children 10 years of age and older as well as mobile adults can take part in the tours. Registrants must be able to climb stairs, walk approximately two blocks and stand on uneven ground.

Patrons must pre-register by calling 605-688-6226. Pre-registration ends at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 15.

In addition to this event the museum offers group tours, lecture series and book signings.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sunday 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.sdstate.edu/agmuseum/>.

## High Tunnel Workshop Field Day June 20

BROOKINGS — High tunnels, or hoophouses, are unheated greenhouses that can help market gardeners extend their growing season so that they can improve the profitability of their farms.

June 20 gardeners interested in learning more can attend the High Tunnel Workshop Field Day at the Chester Community Center from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost of the workshop and field day is \$20 per person or \$30 for two, if registered before June 10, after June 10 the late registration fee is \$30. Lunch and materials are included.

Featured speakers include; Bill Lamont, professor of Vegetable Crops, Department of Horticulture, Penn State University and Mike Bollinger, founder of Four Season Tools, and owner of River Root Farm, a certified organic farm in Northeast Iowa.

For more program information, contact Chris Zdorovtsov, (605) 367-7877 or [czdorovtsov@minnehahacounty.org](mailto:czdorovtsov@minnehahacounty.org). If you need an accommodation for a disability to fully participate in this program/activity, please contact Chris at the Minnehaha County Extension Office 605-367-7877.

## NFU Announces Renewable Energy Tour

WASHINGTON — National Farmers Union (NFU) has partnered with The Climate Network to conduct a series of meetings this summer across the Midwest on the theme of renewable energy solutions. "The Renewable Energy Tour" will make stops in Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin from June 27 to July 1.

"This is an educational opportunity for family farmers and ranchers, a chance to see what others like them are doing to take advantage of this increased demand for renewable energy," said NFU President Roger Johnson. "Not only do renewable energy projects provide farmers and ranchers with an additional source of income, but they also help diminish America's dependence on foreign oil while helping improve the environment."

NFU seeks to promote renewable energy in a sustainable environment. The tour will provide information to farmers and policymakers on the benefits of renewable energy, its role in rural economic growth and the opportunity for an extra revenue stream for farmers as well as attendant environmental benefits. The tour will allow for firsthand dialogue with a German farmer and renewable energy expert. Findings will be summarized in a policy report that will be released in Washington, D.C., at the end of July.

"With the tour we hope to help grow the seed that farmers in the Midwest have planted by turning to renewable energies," said The Climate Network Project Coordinator Till Kötter. "By sharing lessons learned in Germany, we want to support U.S. farmers on their way to becoming the energy producers of the future."

The Climate Network is a two-year program administered by the Washington, D.C., office of the Heinrich Boell Foundation, which seeks to promote transatlantic solutions for the low carbon economy. The Heinrich Boell Foundation is a green think tank and international policy network affiliated with the German Green Party, headquartered in Berlin, with 30 offices across the globe.

## Governor's Ag Development Summit Set

PIERRE — Registrations are now being accepted for the Governor's Ag Development Summit on June 29 in Sioux Falls. This year's theme is "Agriculture - The Economic Driver."

To register, visit, <http://sdda.gov/registration> or call the South Dakota Department of Agriculture at (800) 228-5254 or (605) 773-5436. The summit is open to anyone who is interested in the ways agriculture impacts South Dakota's economy. There is no cost to attend.

Summit participants will exchange ideas and engage in exciting discussions highlighting agriculture's powerful economic development engine that links the people, businesses, and communities of South Dakota. Major topics will include: Agriculture Banking, Rural Health, and Industrial Agriculture.

A Governor's Ag Banquet will follow the summit, starting at 5 p.m. CDT. Lt. Gov. Matt Michels is the keynote speaker and will present an award for the SD Governor's Ag Ambassador.

The Governor's Ag Development Summit is made possible with support from Avera Health, Sanford Health, Farm Credit Services of America, Dacotah Bank, First Dakota National Bank, CHS, Pioneer, Monsanto, South Dakota Ethanol Producers Association, Pfizer Animal Health, Bayer Crop Science and Raven Industries.

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# The Price Of Corn Is Still Popping

## Wet Spring Cuts Crop Outlook, Prices To Stay High

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ST. LOUIS — U.S. food prices are expected to stay high through 2012 because heavy rains and extreme flooding will likely cut the size of this fall's corn harvest.

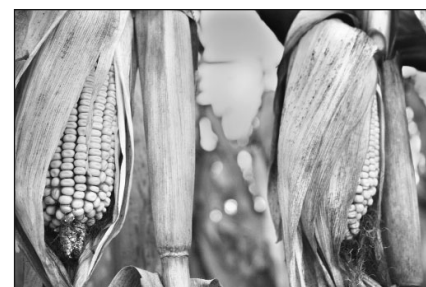
The United States will have a surplus of just 695 million bushels of corn in 2012. That would be the tightest surplus level in 15 years, and far less than the 900 million bushels estimated last month.

A wet spring delayed planting schedules and will likely diminish crops by harvest time in September, the Agriculture Department said Thursday. This followed a more optimistic forecast from the government in May, which predicted a drop in corn exports that could have replenished U.S. food supplies and eased prices.

More expensive grain has led to food price increases this year. That could ultimately make everything from beef to cereal to soft drinks more expensive at the supermarket. For all of 2011, the USDA predicts food prices will rise 3 percent to 4 percent.

The projected shortage caused corn prices to surge on global markets to a record high. Contracts for July delivery jumping 22 cents to roughly \$7.86 a bushel, surpassing April's previous record by three cents.

Heavy rain prevented farmers from planting about 1.5 million acres of corn, said Joe Glauber, the USDA's chief economist. In addition to that, Glauber said flooding along the Mississippi River and elsewhere wiped out about 400,000 acres of planted corn.



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The United States will have a surplus of 730 million bushels at the end of August, when next year's harvest begins. That's enough to satisfy demand for 20 days. But the harsh weather will cut that 2012 surplus down to an 18-day supply.

A 30-day supply is the level considered

healthy by most investors.

If the USDA predictions hold, U.S. corn supplies over the next two years will be at their tightest levels since 1995, Glauber said. Surpluses would amount to only about 5 percent of the total needed each year.

Traders are nervous that even small supply disruptions this summer could cause a serious shortage, said Jason Ward, and analyst with Northstar Commodity in Minneapolis.

"We need to have a very optimal summer from here out," Ward said. "We've already had all these problems up until this point, and now it's time to get serious."

The number of acres planted this year was cut to 90.7 million, from last month's estimate of 92.2 million. And the total area expected to be harvested will drop to 83.2 million acres from last month's estimate of 85.1 million acres.

Corn is used to feed cattle, pigs and chickens and is a major ingredient in cereals and soft drinks. But it can take months for high crop prices to work their way to grocery-store shelves. That's because food processors and grocers are slow to pass on the savings to consumers after to food industry swallowed higher costs for months.

Soybean supplies aren't quite so tight, according to Thursday's report. The agency predicted that the soybean surplus will grow slightly by August, and will jump from 180 million bushels this August to 190 million bushels next August. Soybean futures fell on the news, dropping about 8 cents to \$13.94 a bushel.

## Be Aware Of Displaced Wildlife Due To Flooding

BROOKINGS — Pet and livestock owners living in areas surrounding rising water, such as the Missouri and other rivers in South Dakota, should keep in mind that rising water may displace wildlife species and create situations in which they are more likely to come in contact with domestic animals or people, says SDSU Extension Veterinarian, Russ Daly.

"Animals such as skunks, raccoons, opossum, coyotes, and deer are just a few of the species of animals that have the potential to enter areas they normally would not inhabit due to the impact of rising water on their natural habitat. As such, this increases the chances for pets or livestock to encounter these animals," Daly said.

In most cases, these encounters will not pose serious threats to the health of these domestic animals or their owners, Daly shares a list of precautions that should be considered in order to protect animal and human health:

- Ensure pets such as dogs and cats are current on rabies and other vaccinations. While high water levels do not by themselves increase the chance that wild animals such as skunks will

be carriers of rabies, the displacement caused by high water means that pets may be more likely to encounter these animals, some of which may have the potential to transmit rabies. Rabies vaccination for dogs and cats is widely available through veterinarians and is highly effective. Current recommendations state that if a non-vaccinated dog or cat is bitten or scratched by a wild animal that is not able to be captured for rabies testing, the dog or cat should be euthanized. Current rabies vaccination will avoid this situation.

- Control ticks and fleas on pets. Certain diseases such as tularemia and plague can be passed from wild animals such as rabbits, prairie dogs and ground squirrels to pets through fleas and ticks. These same insects also have the potential to spread these diseases to people. Several effective methods are available for pet owners to prevent flea and tick infestations. Your local veterinarian is the best resource to use in choosing the most appropriate product.

- Don't handle wildlife. Displaced wild animals, especially

young animals, appear vulnerable and in need of assistance. However, attempts to aid such animals are rarely successful, and often result in people becoming bitten or otherwise injured. In general, wild animals should be left alone and not fed. For guidance in specific situations, especially where wild animals pose threats to people, pets, or livestock, consult local animal control or South Dakota Game Fish and Parks personnel.

- Observe livestock closely in the weeks to come. Certain diseases of livestock, such as rabies, which may be transmitted

by wildlife, may first appear with very subtle or unusual signs. Cattle may vocalize abnormally and salivate excessively, while horses may act dull or tired with subtle changes in behavior. Contact your veterinarian immediately if any of these signs are noted in your livestock. Information specifically regarding rabies can be found in the SDSU Extension Extra "Rabies in South Dakota: Animal and Human Aspects" available at [http://www.sdstate.edu/sdces/st-ore/Publications/pub-details2.cfm?customel\\_data\\_pageid\\_858688=1254501](http://www.sdstate.edu/sdces/st-ore/Publications/pub-details2.cfm?customel_data_pageid_858688=1254501).

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