



## Agro Workshop Agenda

### Workshop set for February 4, 2015

We would like to invite you to the 2015 Agro workshop to be held on Wednesday, February 4. The meeting will be held at the Rodeway Inn of the Rio Grande in Alamosa. The workshop is a half-day program scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. with a reception following to celebrate the coming retirement of our secretary, Nancy Bogner.

**8:30** Biological Control of Columbia Root Knot Nematode—Jeannine Willett

**9:00** Early Blight Control Strategies—Steven McKechnie

**9:30** Determining What Variety is Best for Your Situation—Bill Crowder

**10:00** Pre-Plant Tillage Evaluation for Potatoes—Patrick O'Neill

**10:10** *Break*

**10:30** Best Management Practices in Potato Storages—Tess Christensen

**11:00** Innovations in Irrigation Technology—Colten Batey

**11:25** In-Canopy Sprinkler Trials on Grain—Jason Lorenz

**11:45** Update on Ground Water Rules—Kirk Thompson

**12:15** *Lunch (Provided)*

**1:30** Reception

There is no cost for the workshop and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Nancy at 852-4957 by Friday, January 30 so we can get a head count for lunch. After lunch, please join us in remembering and celebrating the many years of service Nancy has given to Agro as this will be her last year. Come with fun memories and stories in mind! We hope to see everyone there!

## Saying Hello and Goodbye

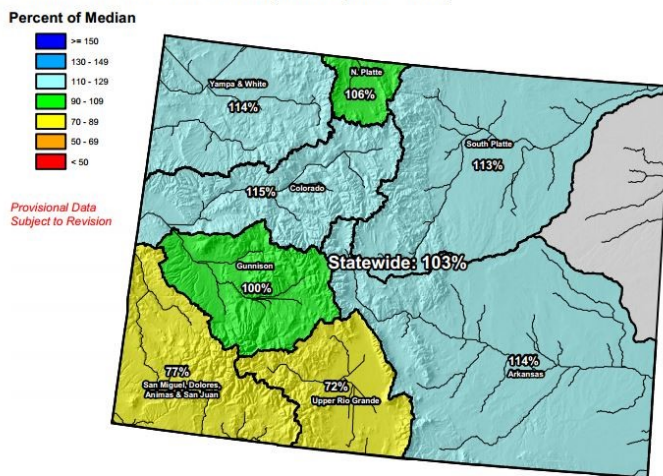
A new member joined the Agro team at the beginning of January. Jessica Barnett graduated in December from Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS with two degrees: Biological & Agricultural Engineering and Agronomy. She interned for two summers (2012 and 2014) with Agro before joining full time and is originally from Belleville, Kansas (straight north of Wichita on the Nebraska border).

While we get to say hello, we also said goodbye to a valued member. Drew Roberts left Agro in November to pursue work elsewhere in the Valley. He is thankful for his opportunity to work at Agro and is looking forward to learning a new trade.

## Soil Health Conference

In addition to our Agro Workshop, we encourage you also to attend the SLV Soil Health Conference on Monday, February 2 at Adams State University. Agro Engineering is a sponsor for this event and we look forward to talking more with you during the Agro Workshop about ideas you hear at the Soil Health talks. More information and registration for that event can be found at [www.slvsoilhealthconference.org](http://www.slvsoilhealthconference.org).

Colorado SNOTEL Snowpack Update Map



## Snowpack Update

Statewide, the snowpack is slightly above average. However, the Upper Rio Grande river basin is only at 72% of median snowpack levels and the San Miguel, Dolores, Animas, & San Juan river basin is at 77%, leaving the south eastern river basins in deficit. The Gunison river basin is at 100% of median levels, and the Arkansas river basin is at 114% of median levels as of 2014 year end.



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