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Cover Photo: A spring afternoon at one of the last farms in Salt Lake City, Cross E Ranch.

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Dear Western AgCredit Stockholders & Friends,

As many of our stockholders are aware, Richard (Dick) Weathered our President/CEO plans to retire on December 31, 2016. We appreciate the commitment and dedication that Dick provided the Association during his 22+ years as President/CEO. Although we hate to lose Dick to retirement, we are excited for the opportunity to hire new leadership. Selecting a CEO is one of the most important responsibilities a Board is responsible for.

Our goal is for the CEO succession transition to be as transparent as possible, not only for the staff and stockholders, but also for the broader agricultural community as well. To help ensure the selection of a new CEO is successful, the Board has contracted with Farm Credit Council Services (FCCS) to help organize and execute the CEO succession process. FCCS has recently helped several other Farm Credit Associations select new CEOs for their organizations.

The Board of Directors is committed to finding a new CEO who can take the Association to new operational heights while at the same time supporting the current business culture that defines WAC. We feel fortunate to have three internal candidates for the CEO position, each of which has made significant contributions towards defining our corporate culture. In addition to considering the internal candidates, we will open the interview process up to all interested individuals, including those from outside of the Farm Credit System. It is our Board's intent to hire the most qualified individual possible who will balance the needs of the Association, its membership and the rural communities in which we do business.

Chairman's Message



Some estimated key dates related to the CEO search and replacement are as follows:

April 1, 2016: Create CEO Job Description

May 1, 2016: Post the CEO Job Description for internal and external candidates

May 18, 2016: Screen the Candidates – Completed by the Board Selection Committee

Mid-June 2016: Round #1 of candidate interviews – Board Selection Committee

Mid-July 2016: Round # 2 of candidate interviews – Full Board of Directors

August 1, 2016: Extend offer to successful candidate

September 1, 2016: New CEO starts WAC employment

The two CEOs will work together for a period of 30-90 days to help ensure a successful transition. Dick will be available to the new CEO and/or Board through the end of 2016.

The Board and I would like to thank the entire WAC staff and membership for their commitment and support to WAC and the rural communities that we serve. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please email me (shirelle@knightnerb.com) at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Shirelle Erb
Board Chairman

Remembering Vice-Chairman Daniel Anderson



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Daniel Anderson, Vice-Chairman of Western AgCredit's Board of Directors. Daniel had an impactful presence on our Board since he was elected in 2008. He was always thoughtful, insightful and focused on what was in the best interest of our customers and the company.

His infectious smile, kind demeanor and genuine concern for others endeared him to everyone. Daniel

was an excellent cattleman and a tremendous advocate for agriculture through his example and service to the industry. His leadership and friendship will be greatly missed throughout the Western AgCredit family and his contributions will long be remembered. Through Daniel, we have also had the privilege of associating with his lovely wife Sherilyn, and we send our love, thoughts and prayers to her and their family during this difficult time.

Lane Gardiner Named Roosevelt Branch Manager

Western AgCredit is excited to announce that Lane Gardiner, currently a loan officer in the Richfield Branch, has accepted the position of Roosevelt branch manager. This transition will take place over the coming months before the retirement of current branch manager, Don Fitzgerald.

"I'm excited for this new opportunity to work with the people of the Uintah Basin. The area reminds me of many of the small towns in Wyoming I love and where my young family spent nearly ten years," said Lane. "We feel blessed to become a part of the agricultural community in such a beautiful part of the world."

Lane joined the Richfield Branch as a loan officer in September of 2014. A graduate of Utah State University, Lane went on to complete a master's degree in agricultural and applied economics at the University of Wyoming. Following graduation, he went to work in management for a cattle feeder in Idaho. After this, he worked on a ranch where his duties

included procurement of feeder and grass cattle and marketing fat cattle. He also provided hedging, financial projections and annual budgets and directed the breeding program for replacement heifers. Lane's work experience and in-depth knowledge of the cattle business will be an asset to the cattlemen in the Uintah Basin.

Lane grew up in Heber City, Utah. Lane and his wife, Jessica, and their two boys are excited to relocate to the Roosevelt area. In his spare time, Lane enjoys hunting, mechanics, horse riding, skiing and spending time with his family.



Whistle Blower Notice

Western AgCredit provides its stockholders, employees or the general public with the opportunity to utilize a "Whistle Blower Program" (WBP). The WBP can be accessed using the Association's website (www.westernagcredit.com) or by telephone on either an anonymous or a known basis. A partial list of examples of transgressions that may result in a WBP contact being initiated are: complaints regarding

accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, violation of any law, inappropriate operating practices of any type, etc. WAC pledges that any individual utilizing the WBP will not encounter any form of retaliation from the Association. Direct phone contact can be made by calling the Audit Committee Chairman LaDell Eyre at 435-865-5866, or Board Chairman Shirelle Erb at 801-596-9999 Ext. 2.

New Richfield Building Open for Business



Western AgCredit is happy to announce that the new Richfield building is now open for business!

The new building, located at 63 E. 600 N. in Richfield, right next to IFA, has more office space, meeting rooms and an updated work environment. It will also be much easier to access than the old basement location. The phone and fax numbers remain the same.

We will be having an open house in June, but feel free to stop by and see the office if you are in the Richfield area!

Photo Contest for the 2017 Calendar!

We hope you're enjoying your 2016 calendar! With that calendar in print, we are now taking submissions for the 2017 calendar.

Thirteen agriculture related photos will be selected for the calendar, and winners will each get a \$50 gift card for his/her submission. There are no limits on submissions, so enter as many photos as you would like. **The submission deadline is August 31, 2016!**

High-quality digital photos are preferred, but other formats will be accepted. Submissions will not be returned. By submitting your photos, you give Western AgCredit the right to use photos for additional marketing purposes.

Please include a brief description of the photo including location and names of individuals, if present. Entries can be emailed to Sarah Buttars at sjb@westernagcredit.com, or mailed to her at PO Box 95850, South Jordan, UT 84095.



Cover of Western AgCredit's 2016 calendar.

\$200 Gift Card Winner Announced

Western AgCredit is pleased to congratulate Don Harris on winning the first quarter's \$200 gift card. He was randomly selected from the surveys returned.

To be eligible to win this quarterly drawing, customers must complete the survey received in the mail after renewing a current loan or getting a new loan. If you choose to include your name on the survey, you'll be eligible for our quarterly drawing for a \$200 gift card.

We value your business and appreciate your feedback. We want to ensure that we are meeting your needs and exceeding your expectations.

Receiving your feedback shortly after you've completed your transaction allows us to make adjustments to business practices in a timely manner. The survey is brief and should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. We'd like to thank you in advance for completing the survey.

Western AgCredit is Pleased to Welcome...



Jason Gillman
Loan Officer Trainee-Spanish Fork

In May, Jason will begin as a loan officer training in the Spanish Fork Branch. Jason is excited for the opportunity this new position will give him to meet and build relationships with Western AgCredit customers.

Jason will graduate this spring from Utah State University with a degree in agriculture business. Jason interned with Western AgCredit in the summer of 2015, and he's been working in the Logan Branch since

that time while he finished his degree. He has also worked in the oil industry and as a warehouse manager for an irrigation store.

Jason grew up in the Uintah Basin, right outside of Myton, UT. Growing up, he spent time working on his family's farm. He and his wife, Krista, will live in Spanish Fork while Jason completes his training. At the end of his training, they will relocate to the Uintah Basin where Jason will work in the Roosevelt Branch. Jason enjoys spending time with family, watching college sports, camping, riding horses and anything else outdoors.

Julie Deckard
Receptionist/Operations Assistant-South Jordan

In April, Julie Deckard joined the Western AgCredit team as the receptionist/operations assistant in South Jordan. Julie is looking forward to this new position, "Being hired on at Western AgCredit has opened up a whole new chapter in my life with all the new tasks and challenges my job requires," said Julie.

Prior to working at Western AgCredit, Julie worked in medical records for several years. She has also worked in reception, billing and general clerical duties.

Julie is the mom of four boys, which was quite a change coming from a family of four girls. Originally from Murray, she is currently engaged and lives in West Jordan. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting, gardening, boating, walking her two mini schnauzers, listening to music and spending time with family. Julie also loves animals, especially elephants.



President Richard Weathered Receives FFA Blue and Gold Award



On March 11, 2016, Western AgCredit's President Richard Weathered was awarded the FFA Blue and Gold Award at a General Session of the Annual FFA Convention held in Richfield, UT.

A strong supporter of the youth, Dick was recognized for his contributions to the FFA program. During his time as CEO, Dick has been a strong advocate for youth and has always encouraged employees to increase their outreach and support to youth programs, especially the FFA. This has included

additional financial support to programs, more funding for scholarships and more volunteer hours spent supporting these organizations.

In the tribute read at the presentation during the convention it stated, "You don't often see Richard Weathered out in front, but when you see Western AgCredit you know that he is behind the scenes making sure that his organization supports FFA and 4-H members across the state of Utah."

What's It Worth?

On March 29, 2016, Western AgCredit's credit and appraisal staff participated in a Chattel Inspection Training. Presented by members of the credit and appraisal teams, the course was a good refresher on the inspection process for seasoned staff and good training for our new employees.

Half of the day of the chattel training was spent in classroom learning and the other half of the day was spent at Cross E Ranch in North Salt Lake putting the learning into action by evaluating equipment and assessing value. Determining quantity and assessing value of chattel such as livestock is an important part of the lending process. To ensure the security of the collateral we lend against, regular verification of the quantity and condition of those items is essential to

maintaining the integrity of the loan and the long-term viability of the Association. We are committed to making the evaluation process as convenient for our customers as possible while maintaining the integrity of the evaluation process. Our appraisal department goes through great lengths to determine fair market prices for valuations and shares these numbers with the credit staff to use during the inspection process.

Western AgCredit employees enjoy the opportunity they have to spend time with customers during the inspection process, and it gives them a good chance to learn more about their operations. If you have any questions about the inspection process, please feel free to contact your loan officer.



Service 100!



2016 marks the Centennial of the Farm Credit System, and to help commemorate this milestone, Western AgCredit employees and Directors are giving back!

The Service 100 Program encourages all employees and Directors to give at least 100 minutes of service per month during the Centennial year.

Participants can choose the type of service they participate in, whether

a project they find on their own or by participating in service projects organized by their branch. Projects range from building picnic benches to helping judge events for the FFA and other agriculture organizations.

Western AgCredit has a history of giving back, and during this important milestone we want to say thank you for the success of our organization by giving back to the communities that have supported us. Thank you for your continued support of our Association!

During Royal Morris' lifetime, their place in Park Valley has grown from the original 320 acres purchased after he and Mildred wed to over 18,000 deeded acres run by his son, Bryan, and grandson, David, today.

THE PLACE ROYAL BUILT

The beautiful, rugged desert scape of the land west of the Great Salt Lake, in northern Utah, may look like a rough place to carve out an existence, but this land has supported the Morris family for generations.

Royal Morris, the patriarch of the family and now 98 years old, grew up in Rosette, Utah, a small town near Park Valley. His grandfather, James N. Morris, was a prominent member of the community, serving as both the postmaster and owner of the general store. In 1913, he was shot in a dispute with a man he had hired to care for his livestock. Living only a few months after this tragic incident, Royal's father, E. Ray Morris, was left with the livestock, including beef and sheep. Foot and mouth disease ran through the flock of sheep, taking the majority of the herd.

Devoted members of the Mormon faith, E. Ray Morris left on a mission when Royal was a toddler, leaving the young family to take care of the ranch. When E. Ray's children were old enough, he did what he could to send them on missions. "He didn't have the money to send his oldest daughter on a mission, so he milked range cows," said Royal of his father, E. Ray. "The milk was sent to Brigham City over the railroad. He didn't have dairy cows at the time, all he had were range cows, and he didn't have very many of them, either."

When Royal got older, he too went on a mission for the Mormon church. While on a mission, World War II started. After finishing his mission, Royal returned to Utah and decided to join the Navy. "I stayed in the Navy two years, that's when the war ended," said Royal.

Royal served on a repair ship. When a ship needed repairs, the ship Royal served on would travel to the location of the war ship to make necessary repairs. "Anytime we went out, they put a smoke screen around us so we were protected," said Royal.

While in the Navy, Royal struck up a correspondence with a girl back home. "A friend I was acquainted with on my mission asked us to write while I was in the Navy, and we wrote for 18 months," said Royal of his wife Mildred, 93, a Huntsman from Shelley, Idaho.

"When we got married, we came back from Idaho, and this place came up for sale," said Royal. With the help of his father, Royal and Mildred purchased the place in Park Valley in 1947 in partnership with E. Ray and Royal's brother. The newly married couple moved to Park Valley and started running the ranch. According to Royal and Mildred's son, Bryan, "They came down here, just the two of them, said it was pretty lonely." Their closest neighbor was seven miles away.

When they purchased the place in Park Valley there wasn't much to it. "A half of section that was fenced, that was it," said Bryan. "Then they started buying, building it up and fencing it off."

There was also a home on the property. They've since added on to the original home that Royal and Mildred still live in today. After they added some cows and were up and running, Royal felt the need to expand. "He started trading and buying," said Bryan of how Royal grew their property. "One of his neighbors said, 'What do you keep buying that ground for, why don't you develop what you've got?'"

Royal's foresight in acquiring land has helped the ranch be sustainable today. In addition to acquiring land, the family's perseverance, hard work, sacrifice and determination have helped the ranch stay afloat during the difficult times. Oftentimes Royal worked an off-farm job in order to maintain and grow the ranch. One summer, they harvested hay for another producer during a drought in exchange for hay to keep their own cows fed. They also raised sheep and dairy cows on their place in Park Valley.

Mildred recalls the low cattle prices and interest rates around 18% of the 1980s. At one point, she felt like they may lose their ranch, but fortunately prices shifted. "It just so happened that the price of cows went up and we made it through," said Mildred.

Today, all of that hard work has paid off. The Morris family currently runs 500 pairs on their mostly contiguous 18,000 deeded acres plus permit land. About 300 acres of this is in hay production. "In the early 70s, we built a couple of wells and added to the irrigation. Most years you'd just get one cutting, but we dug the wells and put in wheel lines and expanded quite a bit then," said Bryan. "We haven't had to buy hay, even in drought years."

The wells have dramatically improved hay production from what used to be one cutting. "We get two cuttings, but the third one we pasture off with our cows. We could get a third cutting, but when we come off in September, it puts quite a lot of weight and shine on our calves, so we'll put the calves in for about three weeks before we ship," said Bryan.

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Mildred and Royal Morris today and in their younger years.

The Morris family is a long time Western AgCredit customer. In fact, E. Ray was a customer of the Tremonton National Farm Loan Association. Records from 1942 show him serving on a loan committee. Royal relied on loans from the Production Credit Association (PCA). Both the Tremonton National Farm Loan Association and the PCA are entities that have been merged into the present day Western AgCredit. According to Royal, "We couldn't have done it without the PCA!"

When asked about the biggest changes Royal has seen in agriculture, he responded "I can't name them all!"

"What amazes me most is how we sell our calves now," said Mildred. "We just sit in the living room and watch the video auction on the television. We used to wait until the buyers came to us and told us how much they'd pay."

Opening up the market to more buyers helped them substantially increase their bottom line. According to Bryan, they've improved their return by 20-30%, depending on the year. Another advantage of working with Superior Livestock Marketing is that Superior assumes the financial risk when selling their animals. One year when they were still marketing the calves, they received a bad check that was never made good. This put a tremendous financial strain on the family.

In order to maintain the long term viability of their operation, they do a lot of chaining sage brush, water improvements and replanting the range. "We plow up brush every fall and plant crested wheat," said Bryan.

"Seven or eight years ago, we had a fire come across here, and we were able to seed over 2000 acres that year. We drilled 1,200 acres and flew on some other, it really improved our winter range," said Bryan.

"The chaining we started eight years ago and have been doing 400-500 acres a year," said Bryan. "It kills off the Cedar tree and grass will grow." This has provided additional feed that has allowed them to stay on the ground for a longer duration, decreasing the amount of hay they have to feed.

"We winter all but about 140 cows on our private ground. About 140 of them go out to BLM, the rest of them we winter on our private ground," said David, Bryan's son.

The town of Park Valley is made up of a church and a school that accommodates 36 children in grades K-10. David's wife is principal and teaches five grades. After the 10th grade, most travel and board in Tremonton, a 70+ mile drive, in order to finish the last two years of school. Tremonton is also where most residents in their area buy supplies. When Royal was young, he lived in Brigham City and attended Box Elder High School.

Royal and Mildred have seen a lot in their lifetime, most of it together. "She's been with me nearly 70 years," said Royal. Royal and Mildred have six children, 36 grandchildren, 87 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Together they have left a wonderful legacy of faith, hard work and dedication to family and the land that provides their living.



Bryan and David Morris at their place in Park Valley, UT.



Rounding up cows on the Morris place.

Leopold Conservation Award 2016 Call for Applications

Applications

If you, or someone you know, is a Utah landowner who is committed to land management practices that increase conservation, we invite your application for the Leopold Conservation Award.

Please provide the following information:

Nominee: Name, address, phone, email, website, type of agricultural operation

Nominator (if different): Name, address, phone, email

Each response must be clearly numbered and limited to 1,000 words. Nominations must be typed on 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper. Please paper clip/binder clip (do not staple) your document, for copying purposes. If you wish, include supporting materials (news clippings, photos, maps, etc.) Do not send DVDs or videos. Please indicate if you would like the materials returned.

Where applicable, indicate the local, state and federal agencies and partner organizations involved with the nominee's conservation practices.

- Conservation Ethic** – Describe how the nominee has voluntarily exceeded the minimum obligations of regulation and general agricultural practices to enhance and conserve natural resources.
- Ecological Community** – Describe how the nominee's agricultural operation works with natural systems (soil, water, plants & wildlife, etc.). Describe how this benefits others.
- Innovation & Adaptability** – Describe how the nominee has overcome business or conservation obstacles by utilizing or experimenting with new techniques to adapt to changing demands and threats (consumers, markets, weather, regulations, etc.).
- Resilience** – Describe the business and conservation methods used by the nominee to maintain healthy land and ensure the operation remains productive into the future.
- Leadership and Communication** – Describe significant efforts the nominee has made to share his/her conservation ethics and techniques with others inside and outside of agriculture. Describe community service, positions held, leadership roles and media outreach.
- Additional information** – Describe any other relevant accomplishments and/or challenges.
- Attach three letters of recommendation** – At least one should be from a natural resources conservation organization or agency.

Please sign and submit the following statements with the application.

- I agree to be a nominee for the Leopold Conservation Award.
- I manage and/or own the property described in this application.
- The agricultural operation described in this application is in compliance with all applicable regulations, and provides a positive example of environmental stewardship.
- I understand I may be asked to be available for communications/media opportunities to promote the message of voluntary private lands conservation.
- I understand a video may be produced featuring my agricultural operation, which will require my participation.

All materials must be mailed to:
Leopold Conservation Award
c/o Utah Farm Bureau Federation
9865 S. State Street
Sandy, UT 84070

 **Application Deadline: August 1, 2016**

For further information, please see the Leopold Conservation Award website:
www.leopoldconservationaward.org

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 USDA NRCS
 Utah Farm Bureau Federation
 Utah Wool Growers Association
 Utah Association of Conservation Districts



Customer Scholarship Winners

Western AgCredit would like to congratulate this year's \$1500 Customer Scholarship recipients. Applicants were evaluated on their academic performance, service, leadership, involvement in agriculture and their response to an essay.



Benjamin Ferry

Hometown: **Corinne, UT**
 Parents: **Benjamin & Margaret Ferry**
 Farm/Ranch: **J.Y. Ferry and Son, Inc.**

Benjamin is a junior at Brigham Young University studying business management and minoring in environmental science and music. Ben serves on the BYU Marriott School Student Council, plays in the BYU Symphony Orchestra and is a volunteer wrestling coach at Timberwolf Wrestling. After graduation, Benjamin plans to pursue an MBA and ultimately return to the family business.



Dusty Iorg

Hometown: **Mountain View, WY**
 Parents: **L'nette Iorg & Glen Iorg**
 Farm/Ranch: **L'nette Iorg**

Dusty is currently a senior at Mountain View High School. He is captain of the varsity football and wrestling teams and he has served as reporter, treasurer and vice-president in his FFA chapter. Dusty grew up on the ranch homestead by his grandfather, and helps move cattle, harvest alfalfa and others chores associated with the ranch. After graduation, he plans on attending the University of Wyoming to study veterinarian science.



Madisen Wallace

Hometown: **Richfield, UT**
 Parents: **Timothy Wallace & Jeannie Seehaver Newman**
 Farm/Ranch: **Tim Wallace**

Madisen is currently a senior at Richfield High School. She has held several leadership positions for her high school's drama team, she is active in the FFA and she was nominated as Richfield High School's Visual Sterling Scholar. She helps with irrigating, moving and stacking hay, moving cattle and other tasks on her family's operation. In the fall, Madisen plans on attending Southern Utah University to study agribusiness.



Whyatt Garn

Hometown: **Fielding, UT**
 Parents: **Kevin & Jeri Garn**
 Farm/Ranch: **Garn Cattle Co. Inc. & Garn Farms**

Whyatt is currently a freshman at Utah State University studying plant science. After high school, he served as vice-president of the Utah FFA. Whyatt is actively involved in his family's cattle and farming ventures and ultimately would like to put his education to use back on the family operation and work with agricultural groups that educate and advocate for agriculture.

Daniel Anderson Memorial Scholarship Recipient



Ethan Brown

Hometown: **Coalville, UT**
 Parents: **Michael and Lisa Brown**
 Farm/Ranch: **Brown Dairy, Inc.**

Ethan is currently a senior at North Summit High School. During high school, he has served as the treasurer, vice-president and is the current president of his FFA Chapter. He participated in Boys State and is active in the Boy Scouts. Ethan is also very involved on the family dairy farm. After graduation, Ethan plans on completing a mission for the LDS church and studying business upon his return. After college, Ethan would like to return to the agriculture industry either working on the family farm or a career in agriculture.

Western AgCredit has established an annual college scholarship in honor of Daniel Anderson of Oak City, UT. Mr. Anderson was a Director on the Western AgCredit Board of Directors at the time of his passing in March 2016. The Daniel Anderson Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to one applicant who is pursuing a college degree with the intent to graduate and then seek a career in production agriculture. Successful applicants must demonstrate a sustained commitment to balancing academic, personal and faith based activities. The scholarship awardee will be selected by the Western AgCredit Scholarship Committee from the slate of applicants for the general Western AgCredit pool of scholarships.

Western AgCredit's FFA Scholarship Recipients



Jake Major

At this year's FFA Convention held in Richfield, UT, Western AgCredit awarded two scholarships, one in cooperation with IFA. Each scholarship was \$1500 and students were selected based on their application, record book, letters of recommendation and a personal interview. Scholarships were awarded at the afternoon session of the convention on March 11, 2016.

Jake Major, from the Mountain Crest Chapter, was selected as the recipient of the Western AgCredit Scholarship. Jake is from Avon, UT and the son of Dale and Dawna Major.

Jake has served as vice-president of his chapter and he is currently serving as treasurer. His Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) is beef and forage production, and he has grown his cow herd every year. In addition to his FFA involvement, Jake is a 2016 Utah State Sterling Scholar Finalist in Skilled and Technical Sciences, a member of the National Honor Society, active in his church youth group, a volunteer firefighter and involved in the Jr. Livestock Program. Jake plans to pursue a degree in agriculture economics at Utah State University.

Based on the number of applicants, Western AgCredit and IFA team up to provide an additional \$1500 scholarship. This year's combined Western AgCredit/IFA scholarship recipient was Sakia Brost of the Salem Hills FFA Chapter. Sakia is the daughter of Jared and Darann Smith of Payson, UT.



Sakia Brost

Sakia is the current president of the Salem Hills Chapter and at the State FFA Convention was elected as the new State FFA President. She has also been involved in student council, her church youth group, high school softball and basketball and the 4-H. After graduation, Sakia plans on attending Snow College and wants to study agriculture education.

About Western AgCredit Scholarships

As part of Western AgCredit's commitment to the future of agriculture, Western AgCredit sponsors various scholarships to help educate future leaders who will be committed to the agriculture industry. Deadlines for most scholarships sponsored by Western AgCredit are between January and March. Watch for scholarship details in the Winter edition of FenceLines. You can also email Sarah Buttars at sjb@westernagcredit.com for more information.



GIVES BACK

Western AgCredit is committed to supporting agriculture and being good corporate citizens. Below is an overview of community support and financial support given to the agriculture community in recent months.



Cleaning Ditches for Service 100

On March 17, 2016, staff from our South Jordan office participated in a service project at Wheeler Farm. The assigned task was cleaning leaves out of their ditch system so when irrigation water is turned on the ditches don't overflow.



A morning and an afternoon group each tackled this task. According to one Wheeler Farm employee, they typically have additional employees hired by this time of year to take care of this task. To date, no new employees have been hired for the seasonal work, so they really needed our help! They were very appreciative of our efforts, and they were surprised and grateful that we finished the project. Between the morning and afternoon groups, we filled 26 trash cans with leaves.

Farm Field Days

On March 30, 2016, Western AgCredit employees helped at the Farm Bureau Farm Field Days held at Harward Farms in Springville. This annual event brings 3,400 second graders to the farm over the course of four days to learn about agriculture.

When students arrive, they watch a sheep being sheered. After the sheering demonstration, they rotate for six minutes each to 12 different stations where they learn about different areas of production agriculture including bees, dairy, pigs, sheep, beef, plants, etc. It is a great educational opportunity for students, and Western AgCredit was pleased to be able to participate in this event.



Kay Hansen helping students build living necklaces.



Rhett Crandall helping prepare lunch.

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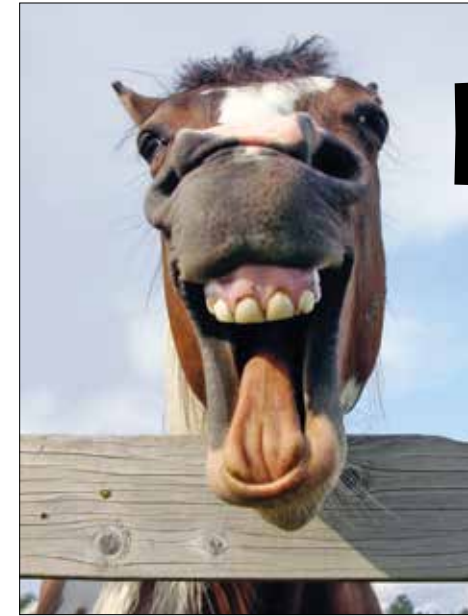
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Laughing Pen

“Why does moisture destroy leather? When it's raining, cows don't go up to the farmhouse yelling, “Let us in! We're all wearing leather! We're going to ruin the whole outfit here!”

-Jerry Seinfeld

Garbage

Been reading up in the thesaurus lately because a mind is a terrible thing to garbage.

We Are Out Of That!

When I overheard one of my cashiers tell a customer, “We haven't had it for a while, and I doubt we'll be getting it soon,” I quickly assured the customer that we would have whatever it was she wanted by next week. After she left, I read the cashier the riot act.

“Never tell the customer that we're out of anything. Tell them we'll have it next week,” I instructed her. “Now, what did she want?”

“Rain.”

Climate Change

According to a news story, if global warming continues, in 20 years the only chance we'll have to see a polar bear is in a zoo. So in other words, nothing is going to change.

Silly Humor

A pun loving old man forgot to order his tombstone before he passed away. This was a grave mistake.

I remember the last thing my grandpa said to me before he kicked the bucket. He said, “Hey, how far do you think I can kick this bucket?”

Is there a hole in your shoe? No? Then how did you get your foot in it?

What was a more important invention than the first telephone? The second one.

Did you hear about the two antennas that got married? It was a nice ceremony...but the reception was amazing!

A man walks into a zoo. The only animal in the entire zoo is a dog. It's a shitzhu.

“You know, it's at times like this I wish I had listened to what my mother has always told me.

“What did she say?”

“I don't know, I wasn't listening.”

What kind of bagel can fly? A plain bagel.

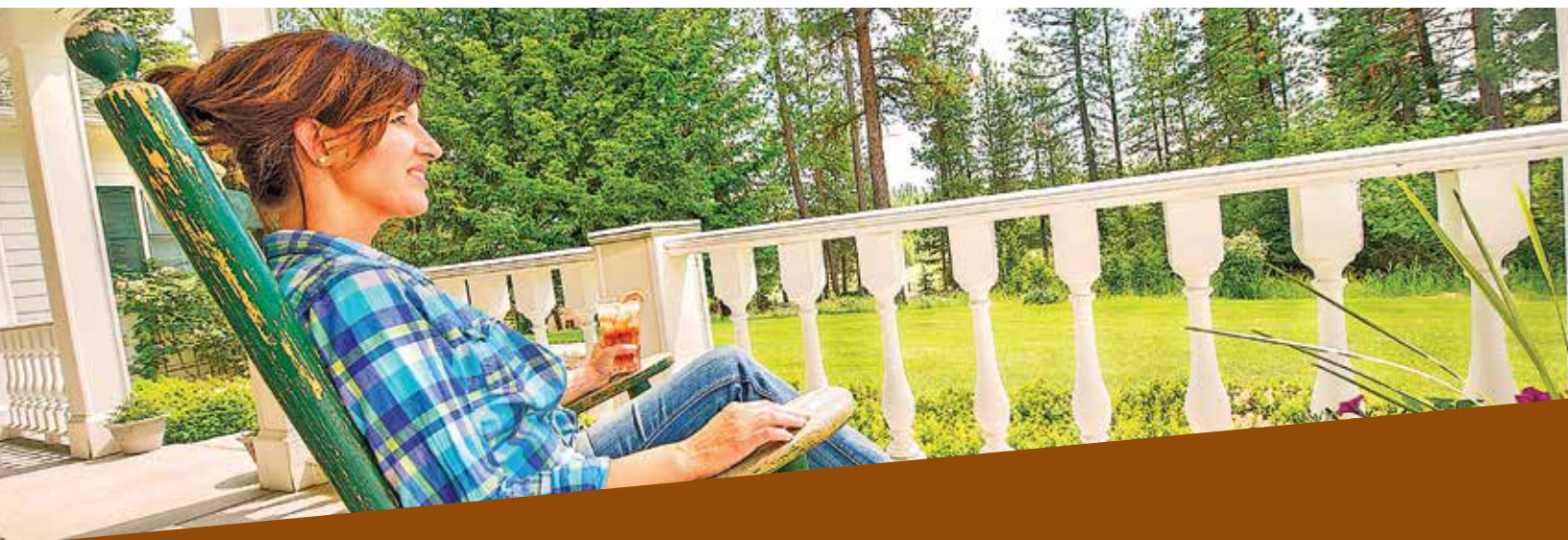


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