

PHESANTS FOREVER

Strong receives Acre Maker award

NRCS biologist Cody Strong stationed in Lamar, Colorado, recently received the Acre Maker Award for the West Region.

Strong is a biologist stationed in the Lamar NRCS office who works for Pheasants Forever, Parks and Recreation and NRCS. He has been in his position for 1 year and four months. His duties involve assisting landowners with wildlife plans with EQIP, CSP and CRP.

"We are very proud of his enthusiasm and his passion for wildlife. He has a common sense approach to planning allowing the producer to pick the practices that he can live with which are the most economical and beneficial to both the resource and the producer," said NRCS officials.

The award is given out annually by Pheasants Forever headquarters to each of the four regions in the country.

A Pheasants Forever press release stated, "The award recognizes an 'employee who exhibits outstanding leadership, dedication and passion leading to significant habitat accomplishments.'"

Cody's enthusiasm and passion for conservation delivery in SE Colorado



Cody Strong, third from left, during a recent tour. COURTESY PHOTO

meets that criteria. Cody recently discussed with members of CPW and NRCS looking at played that enthusiasm and leadership successfull Corners for Conservation during the SE Colorado field tour with projects."

Russ Tomky,
President and CEO &
Kent Price,
Customer and
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Governor to hold forum on Colorado Agriculture

The Colorado Agricultural Leadership Program (CALP) is proud to host the 26th annual Governor's Forum on Colorado Agriculture, this year titled "Label It: Agriculture," and focusing on a future built by collaboration.

The event will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017, at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver (3801 Quebec St.).

This program will bring together producers, consumers, experts and other ag stakeholders to peel back the polarizing rhetoric often found in today's society. Stories can create boundaries in agriculture between organic and conventional; urban and rural; large-scale and small-scale.

The Forum will focus on the powerful history of collaboration and cooperation that has made agriculture in the state of Colorado the second largest driver of our economy. As they become available, details will be posted at www.governor-sagforum.com.