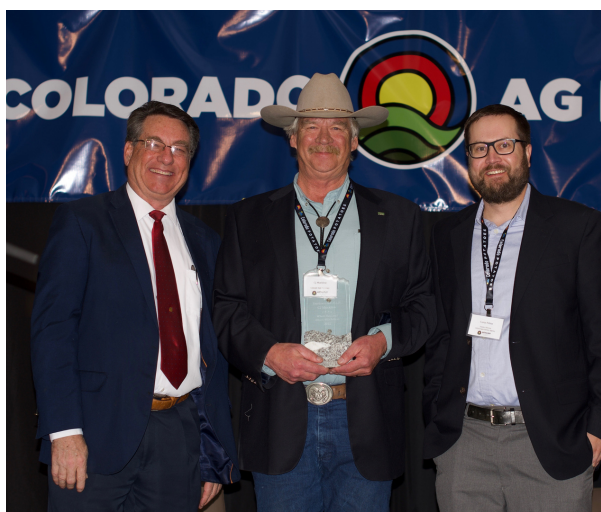




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COLORADO'S AGRICULTURAL  
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

## *Excellence in CALP*



*CJ Mucklow, Class 7  
Steamboat Springs, CO*

## 2022 AWARD RECIPIENT

CJ Mucklow, a CALP class 7 alum, recently retired from a thirty-five-year career with Colorado State University Extension. Across those three and a half decades, he has been a driving force in promoting agriculture throughout Colorado. His passion for cattle production, conservation of agricultural lands, and a western lifestyle have developed him into one of Colorado agriculture's greatest advocates. CJ has authored and co-authored many publications in the cattle industry addressing land issues and policies, conservation easements, marketing, nutrition, and natural resources management for ranchers. He has given many presentations to communities about the values and importance of agriculture.

CJ published *A Guide to Rural Living and Small Scale Agriculture* in 1992. The publication helped new residents better understand and appreciate their new rural community. The book is now in its third printing, and it has become a model for similar publications that have been developed for numerous counties across the West.

CJ Mucklow's visionary leadership has been marked by excellence in teaming with others to find innovative ways to create an economic impact for agricultural producers through value-added enterprises. Early in his Extension career, CJ obtained funding and grants for studying the viability of value-added agricultural products, including Routt County Woolens, a blanket project using Colorado's clean, high-quality wool, and Yampa Valley Beef, an effort to market Colorado's high-country beef.

CJ's work to encourage the niche marketing of local beef naturally followed, with CJ making presentations around Colorado, in Arizona, Washington, and Nebraska. Roundtables in Washington, DC encouraged legislators to make policy that encouraged these types of efforts. The Yampa Valley Beef value-added enterprise was recognized as an early innovator, and CJ was asked to speak to groups all over the nation about the direct marketing of beef. Local enterprises doing locally pioneered work were making more money in agriculture-related ventures. With the programs sustained by Extension's research and support, CJ has encouraged programs to encompass increasing the niche marketing of local hay, honey, lamb, and fiber. All of this was happening in the 1990's, decades in advance of the current locavore movement and as an early step encouraging this progression of interest in locally grown products.

Over the decades CJ has fostered his greatest legacy to Colorado agriculture, instilling a love of agriculture, livestock, and nature into thousands of 4-H youth. From teaching youth about their livestock projects to helping them build leadership skills, CJ has been an influence on hundreds of youth who have already, or soon will become Colorado's leaders in agriculture. Recognizing the importance that agricultural kids be able to get a strong education, CJ founded the Routt County 4-H Foundation. It started with CJ's resolve and a \$500 donation in 1994. The foundation has since distributed more than a half million dollars in scholarships to 4-H youth. It is our great honor to award a true ag advocate, CJ Mucklow (CALP Class 7 Alum), for the Excellence in CALP Award.



### CLAY SHOOT

- Team of 4: \$500/ team
- \$140 for single shooters
- Pay and sign up at [www.coloagleaders.org](http://www.coloagleaders.org)
- Check-in at 1:00p
- Shoot starts at 2:00p
- Prizes awarded to Top 3 Teams and Top Shooter
- Dinner & Awards at 5pm
- Shooters will shoot 100 clays
- Ammunition must be provided by shooter, no larger than 7.5 shot.
- Dinner included
- Eye & Ear protection required.

### CALP SOCIAL

- 5:00 pm start
- \$50 per person
- Dinner & Fireweed Bluegrass Band
- Longmeadow Event Center
- Tickets available at [coloagleaders.org](http://coloagleaders.org)
- Limited to 175 people

### ABOUT THIS EVENT

This will be the 2nd year for the CALP Clay Shoot Classic. Morgan Weinrich of Class 15 has agreed to produce this event as her personal project in the hopes of creating an annual event for alumni, supporters and sponsors to connect, network and fundraise.

Funds raised during this event will go to producing future events as well as scholarships for CALP applicants to apply for that are limited in their fundraising due to conflicts of interest within their profession or due to unforeseen hardships.

### LONGMEADOW GAME RESORT, CLAYS CLUB & EVENT CENTER

8604 MCR 6, Wiggins, CO 80654

Saturday, 23 April 2022  
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*Lauren Kolb, Class 15*

*I applied to CALP because I wanted to experience agriculture across the state, to understand the challenges, learn about the innovation and to see how farmers and ranchers continue to operate while confronting unpredictable weather, limited processor availability, rising input costs, increasing frequency and severity of drought, shifting demands from consumers and land use change. Along the way, we've gotten to hear from some thoughtful speakers that have challenged our class to become better listeners so we can become better leaders. I'm inspired by my classmates and their dedication to Colorado agriculture. Their willingness to show up, share their experiences and value other perspectives bodes well for the future of agriculture in the state. Thank you to Dani, Amy, Jerry and CALP Class 15 for the opportunity to learn, grow and lead together.*

**YOU ARE  
INVITED!!**

# CALP Social

*Starts at 5pm*

*\$50/person*

*Dinner & a bluegrass band*

*Longmadow Event Center*

*Tickets available at [coloagleaders.org](http://coloagleaders.org)*

*Limited to 175 people so get your tickets today!!!*



*2022*



## THE AGVOCATE



*by Dusty Johnson  
Class 14*

The mission of AGvocate is to be an advocate for agriculture.

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**State News** -- Saturday, March 12th marked the 60th day of the 2022 Colorado General Assembly. Good news is that most of the bills of concern for agriculture have been postponed indefinitely (such as SB22-131 Protect Health Of Pollinators And People aka the pesticide bill),

with just a few remaining in either the House or Senate. One bill of concern that is still working its way through committees is SB22-138 Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions In Colorado. SB22-138 would phase out the use of small off-road engines (defined as gasoline-powered engines of 50 horsepower or less used to fuel small off-road equipment like lawn mowers and leaf blowers) by prohibiting their sale in nonattainment areas of the state.

**Federal News** -- 2023 Farm Bill discussions are underway. Topics for this upcoming Farm Bill will most likely focus on: expanding broadband into rural areas, wildfire mitigation and prevention, conservation and climate resiliency, animal diseases, cyber security, crop insurance, and trade. Be on the lookout for press releases and Farm Bill listening session invitations from your Congressmembers and U.S. Senators so that way you can engage and offer input.

*The Colorado Agricultural Leadership Program is a 501c.3 non-profit organization with the mission to develop leaders that will become a strong, unified voice for agricultural issues.*

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Zach Ducheneaux  
Administrator USDA, Farm Service Agency  
Speaker at the 2022  
Ag Forum



## CLASS 15 SCHEDULE

April 24 - 26, 2022 - Seminar 7 (Fort Morgan)  
June 12 - 14, 2022 - Seminar 8 (Cortez/ Durango)  
Sept. 1, 2022 - Class 16 Applications Due  
Sept. 18 - 20, 2022 - Seminar 9 (Alamosa/Monte Vista)  
TBA - Seminar 10 (International Trip)  
Feb. 21 - Feb. 23, 2023 - (Ag Forum and Graduation)

## ALUMNI SCHEDULE

April 23, 2022 - CALP Clay Shoot Classic (Wiggins, CO)

## Class 16

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