

MASTER STEWARD PROGRAM

Learning to care for the land we farm and enjoy!

This program will introduce the tools and skills you need to become more productive and to protect our quality of life.

Local experts will provide tips that will benefit your land, improve your soil function, and increase your yields.

Explore the best use of your property.

- Incorporate your property goals into a long range plan
- Prioritize what to do first to improve your property
- Learn about the soils you have on your land
- Irrigate for better crop production and water conservation
- Prevent noxious weed infestations and much more

A property specific soil analysis and on-site visit are included with the course!

Montezuma County Master Steward Program **April 23 to June 18, 2014**

Join us each Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 pm,
at the First National Bank of Cortez Community room

The Master Steward Program helps you work with your land to improve yields, reduce input costs, optimize water use, increase biodiversity, and leave a positive legacy for future generations.

Course Outline

2014 Course 1: Stewardship Planning		
4/23		Setting the Stage: Inventory Your Resources
4/30		Focusing Goals: What Can You Do?
Course 2: Property Attributes		
5/7	Soil	Getting Down and Dirty with Soil Managing Soil to Keep it Productive Irrigation
5/14	Water	Water Quality Protecting Household Drinking Water Septic Systems
5/21	Stream/Pond	My Place on a Stream So You Think You Want a Pond?
Course 3: Property Management		
5/28	Vegetation	How Grass Grows What to do About Weeds How Woody Vegetation Grows
6/4	Management	Pasture Establishment and Renovation Managing Grazing on Range and Pasture Managing Woodlands and Forests
6/11	Animals and Wildlife	So You Want to be an Animal Owner Caring for Your Animals Managing Wildlife
Course 4: Sustainable Stewardship		
6/18		The Whole Farm Approach: Focus on implementing a plan

By the end of the course, you will have a customized management plan for your property that meets your needs!

Registration for this 9 week interactive course is only \$120 per property.

Questions?

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