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## **CSU Extension hosts workshop for small acreage owners**

*Event features presentations on beekeeping, blueberries and pollinators*

**Aurora, Colo.** — Colorado State University Extension in Arapahoe County will host a half-day workshop designed to help landowners and tenants increase agricultural production and income potential on properties under 100 acres.

The 2012 Small Acreage Workshop will take place 8 a.m. to noon, April 21 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora. The event also is sponsored by the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Deer Trail, East Adams and West Arapahoe Conservation Districts.

The workshop will feature a presentation on Colorado's Small Acreage Management Program, which offers information to residents on pasture management, weeds, selecting crops and livestock and environmental factors that affect land and natural resources.

A session with U.S.D.A. biologist Noe Marymor will address the benefit of native pollinating insects to agricultural production and how to manage pollinators in Colorado for increased pollination services and crop yields.

Professional beekeeper Beth Conrey will help attendees determine if they can keep bees, where to get equipment and bees, what costs are involved, where to locate hives and where to get additional support for a new beekeeping venture.

Boulder County Extension Horticulture Agent Joel Reich will discuss blueberry production in Colorado, including strategies to overcome typical climate and geologic challenges, tips for applying water and fertilizer, and methods to protect blueberry bushes in the winter.

The workshop fee is \$15 per person. The deadline to register is April 18, 2012. Request a registration form by calling Sheryl Wailes at 303-822-5257 x101 or download the form at [www.arapahoeextension.org](http://www.arapahoeextension.org).

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