



## WESTERN SARE SUBREGIONAL CONFERENCE

June 10-11, 2008 ~ Best Western Rio Grande Inn, Albuquerque, New Mexico

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**Tuesday, June 10, 2008      DAY ONE**

7:00-8:00 am              Continental Breakfast and Registration in Front Lobby of Conference Hotel  
8:00 am                      **WELCOME and Introductions**

- ❖ **Phil Rasmussen, Western SARE Advisory Council Chair**
- ❖ **Stephanie Walker, New Mexico Western SARE State Coordinator**

**Morning Session              Facilitator      Jerry Dewitt**

8:30 am              **Jill Auburn**, National SARE Director  
                         **Jerry Dewitt**, National/Regional SARE Facilitator  
                         A review of the last 10-20 years of the evolution of sustainable agriculture and SARE's role and work in research and education...outcomes. Purpose of conference – looking forward, new challenges. We want YOUR input!

9:00 am              Topic: Challenges – The State of the Region  
                         Purpose: An overview of subregional challenges faced and addressed in sustainable agriculture research and education. Impact on practices (Six Questions)

10:15 am              A **“Walking-Talking” Break/Poster Time**

11:15 am              **Phil Rasmussen**, Conclusion of Regional Session: A 20-20 view of Western SARE

12:00 noon              **Buffet Luncheon at the Conference Hotel**

**Afternoon Session    Facilitator    Jerry Dewitt**

- 1:00 pm      Welcome Back...Instructions on Table Tops...
- 1:10 pm      Initiate First Iteration of Table Tops  
Conversations: SARE's Key Challenges in this Subregion
- 2:45 pm      **Afternoon Networking Break/Poster Time**
- 3:15 pm      Reconvene Table Tops and Instructions from Jerry Dewitt
- 4:30 pm      End of this Session ~ Thanks for a good day!
- 6:00 pm      GALA DINNER!! At Conference Hotel



**Wednesday, June 11, 2008    DAY TWO**

**Morning Session    Facilitator    Jerry DeWitt**

- 7:00 am      Continental Breakfast and Late Registration in Main Hotel
- 8:00 am      Morning Welcome and Open Forum
- 8:30 am      Final Working Session with Table Top Groups
- 10:00 am      **Morning Networking Break**
- 10:15 am      Presentations by Table Top Leaders
- 11:15 am      Administrative Council Response to Key Questions
- 11:40 am      Open Floor Discussions
- 12:15 pm      **Jerry Dewitt**  
**“Wrap-Up/Adjournment of the Western SARE Subregional Conference**  
**Thank you: PIs and Site Coordinators front and center...**  
**Do not forget to turn in evaluations and reimbursement information.**

Thank you to SARE, Western SARE, NMSU, NMSU College of Agriculture & Home Economics, NMSU Cooperative Extension Service and the Western SARE Subregional Planning Committee for making this Conference happen!