

The Catch

COCORAHS—COME TO THE STATE FAIR!

FORT COLLINS, CO — Wednesday, August 23, 2007

Hello again from CoCoRaHS headquarters

This message won't be valuable for many of you, but it does represent an example of the cooperation, education, and fun that we like to have in the process of tracking, enjoying and being prepared for what ever the weather brings us.

The Colorado State Fair starts on Friday in Pueblo, Colorado and will continue through Labor Day. With the help and the suggestion of CoCoRaHS volunteers from Pueblo and the enthusiastic encouragement of the National Weather Service local office, we will have a small display set up along side the much larger NOAA display.

The exhibit will be in the northwest corner of the Ag Palace and will feature live Internet connections, current weather conditions and forecasts, hail pads from some recent storms (of course) a tornado machine and a lightning generator and plenty of professional meteorologists ready to talk about the weather.

If you are anywhere in the vicinity, stop by between the hours of 11 AM and 10 PM. We will make a list of all the CoCoRaHS volunteers who visited and will let you know who travels the farthest. We tried this for the Colorado Farm Show two years ago, and one CoCoRaHS person came all the way from Virginia. Let us know your station number (a language that only we CoCoRaisins can speak)

We will also be doing our best to sign up new recruits. After all, we are still a bit short of our ultimate goal of one volunteer per square mile across the country!!

Meanwhile, life and weather go on -- both the ups and the downs. Our volunteers in Tennessee and Nevada have been bored stiff with ongoing drought while other areas can't make the rain stop. An observer from Washington County Wisconsin sent in an "Intense Rain" report this evening -- 1.12" of rain in just 17 minutes Now that's rain!

138 thank you's

In the past week, we have received 138 individual reports of intense rain -- above and beyond your normal daily rainfall reports. In the same time period, we've received 43 reports of hail, with the largest stones reported near Blackhawk, South Dakota -- 2" in diameter. Thanks for making these special efforts to help keep others informed.

Sincerely,

Nolan Doesken