

# SUSTAINABLE AG CROPS & LIVESTOCK CONFERENCE DECEMBER 12TH

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**9:30 Keynote**

Gilbert Lindstrom, Grazer “Integrated Livestock/Crop/  
Improved Pasture Production”

**11:00 (Please choose 1 Workshop to Attend)**

**Workshop A:** Francisco Calderon, USDA-ARS,  
“Grasspea—A Drought-Tolerant Legume”

**Workshop B:** Liz Sarno, UNL Organic Coordinator and  
Ron Miller, NRCS; “Research and Resources Available for  
Organic and Transitioning Farmers”

Noon Lunch

**1:00 (Please choose 1 Workshop to Attend)**

**Workshop A:** Farmer Panel, “Utilizing Livestock in  
Integrated Operations”

**Workshop B:** Keith Berns, Farmer, “Cover Crop Water  
Usage and Affect on Yield in No-Till Dryland Cropping  
Systems”

**2:00 (Please choose 1 Workshop to Attend)**

**Workshop A:** Dale Lindgren, UNL Horticulture Specialist  
and Cathy Grauerholz, Master Gardener, rancher and pro-  
duce marketer; “Nebraska High Tunnels: Sustainable, Low  
Cost Technology for Our Growing Future”

**Workshop B:** Karla Jenkins, UNL Range and Livestock  
Specialist, “Monitoring the Range for Sustainability”

**3:00 Evaluation and Adjourn**

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# ORGANIC WHEAT CONFERENCE AND SUSTAINABLE AG CROPS & LIVESTOCK CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 11 & 12, 2009  
GREY GOOSE LODGE  
OGALLALA, NEBRASKA



A Joint Conference of UNL Extension & the  
Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society

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## ATTENDEES WILL LEARN:

- *How organic wheat production can be a marketing opportunity for you*
- *Varieties that are sought and that are avoided by grain buyers, millers, bakers and cereal companies.*
- *Nutritional values, including antioxidant levels and dietary fiber in Organic State Wheat Variety Trial samples*
- *How to produce and market wheat from the farmer's perspective*
- *New ways to develop a sustainable system of managing crops and livestock*
- *How to monitor the range for sustainability*
- *What research and resources are available for organic and transitioning farmers*
- *Keith Berns SARE Farmer/Rancher Grant "Cover Crop Water Usage and Effect on Yield in No-Till Dryland Cropping Systems"*
- *Latest USDA-ARS Research on dry land Grasspea and Admiral Pea as forage alternatives in the Great Plains*
- *High Tunnels: sustainable, low-cost technology for adding value to your operation and family's income.*

## ORGANIC WHEAT CONFERENCE DECEMBER 11TH

**9:30 Overview**—Stephen Baenziger, UNL Small Grains Breeder, “Organic Wheat Food Circle From Variety Research to End Product”.

**9:45 Flour Quality Test Presentations for UNL Organic Variety Trial Samples - “Variety Evaluation and Quality Targets”.**

- Dr. Vicki Schlegel, UNL “Antioxidant Results”
- Michael Pate, VP Corporate Quality Assurance, Bay State Milling & Thom Leonard, Artisan Baker and Flour Consultant, Heartland Mill; “Bread Quality Results”
- Kellogg’s, “Breakfast Cereal Quality Results”
- Richard Little, UNL Organic Wheat Breeding Specialist, “UNL Data Comparisons”

**10:45 Quality Test Panelists dialogue with audience,** above panelists plus Andy Clark, Lead Baker, Whole Foods Market

**11:15 Q & A with Grain Buyer’s Panel: “Impact of Variety Availability on Delivery of Quality Grain or Flour to the End User: Current Realities and Desired Scenario”**

- Doug Lockwood, Bay State/Rocky Mountain Mill
- Mark Nightengale, Heartland Mill
- Gary Smith, Independent Elevator Operator
- Travis Sitter, VP Purchasing, Hesco Inc.

### Noon Lunch

- Richard Little, UNL Organic Wheat Breeding Specialist, “Organic Variety Test and Cropping Systems Results
- Liz Sarno, UNL Extension Educator and Organic Project Coordinator, “Organic Systems Research Update and Grant-Facilitated Farmer Research Group Initiation”
- Dipak Santra, UNL Alternate Crops Breeder, “High Plains Ag Lab Organic Research Update”

**1:00 Panel: “Variety Release of Organic Seed”**

- Representative UNL Soybean Value-Added Release Model
- Earl Wright, Organic Grain Marketing Company, representing producers
- Joe Roberts, Seedsman

**2:00 Panel: “Production Practices for Organic Winter Wheat”**

- Ken Disney, Lodgepole
- Mark Jones, Oshkosh
- Bernie Culek, Kimball
- Joel Cross, Banner County
- Dennis Demmel, Ogallala

**3:00 Small group discussions with experts and recorders**

**4:30-8:30 UNL Farmer/Stakeholder Organic State Advisory Board meets with researchers**

REGISTRATION

## Organic Wheat Conference & Sustainable Ag Crops & Livestock Conference

December 11 & 12  
Ogallala, NE

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### I will be attending:

December 11 Only - \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

December 12 Only - \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Both Days - \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*For lunch planning purposes, please send in registration one week prior (Dec. 4) to the conference.*

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