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Rural Advantage/
Healthy Farms Conference

February 18 & 19, 2011
New World Inn & Conference Center
Columbus, NE

Profitable and Sustainable
Agricultural Opportunities for Nebraska

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



Sustaining Your Agricultural Future

Are you looking for new innovative ways to utilize your agricultural products? Do you want to benefit from the many advantages of living, working, and raising a family in the country? Do you need help developing entrepreneurial ideas that can impact the world around you? **Then don't waste another minute!** The Rural Advantage/Healthy Farms Conference provides the perfect opportunity for you to acquire useful information on numerous alternatives to expand your vision and ideas into reality. A variety of interactive educational opportunities are available for adults and youth. You will have the chance to network with experts, university faculty, and fellow agricultural colleagues. Besides providing informative, educational sessions the conference has commercial and educational exhibits, silent support auction, live auction and an "All Nebraska Dinner." The All Nebraska Dinner is an exclusive dinner opportunity. The dinner is predominately made with Nebraska-grown products and it presents you with a unique occasion to taste the elements of Nebraska. Please join us for this exciting opportunity!!

Friday, February 18, 2011

8:00 am **REGISTRATION**

8:00 am **COMMERCIAL & EDUCATIONAL
EXHIBITS OPEN**

8:30 am **WELCOME & NSAS AWARD PRESENTATION**

9:00 am **KEY NOTE SPEAKER: Abe Collins**
"Soil Formation as the Basis of Environmental
Security and Economic Development: Ways
Forward."

Abe is a cattle grazer in St. Albans, VT, and the founder of New Soil Matrix, Inc. and New Soil Quantum, Inc. Previously, he co-founded Carbon Farmers of America, a Vermont farmer-owned company that introduced the idea and practice of accelerated topsoil formation as a means of mitigating and adapting to climate change to many farmers and policy makers around the world.

10:15 am **BREAK**

10:30 am **CONCURRENT SESSION 1**

**A. Dairy Carbon Footprints—A Tool for
Your Farm**

Crystal Powers
UNL Extension Biological Systems Engineering

**B. Some Ways to Improve Weed
Management in Low Input and
Organic Farming Systems**

Matt Liebman
Henry A. Wallace Endowed Chair for
Sustainable Agriculture, Professor of
Agronomy, Iowa State University

- C. Working on Sustainability—
A Multi-Facet Approach**
Merlin & Rita Friesan
Sunny Slope Farm
Youth Activity Room Open (12 and under)
- 11:30 pm **LUNCH—NSAS ANNUAL MEETING
Special Presentation—The Nebraska
Poultry Growers Cooperative**
- 1:00 pm **CONCURRENT SESSION 2**
- A. Managing Cropping Systems to
Address Challenges from Weather,
Rising Energy Costs, and Weeds**
Matt Liebman
Henry A. Wallace Endowed Chair for
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Agronomy, Iowa State University
- B. Processing & Buying Meat in Bulk**
Ryan Baumert
Faltin Meat Market
- C. Market Concentration**
John Hansen
Farmers Union
Youth Activity Room Open (12 and under)
- 2:00 pm **CONCURRENT SESSION 3**
- A. Adapting Cover Crop Management for
Nebraska**
Sam Wortmann
Graduate Student, Agronomy, UNL
- B. Enhancing Bird Nesting Habitat on
Your Farm**
Dr. John Quinn
Post Doctorate Researcher
Department of Natural Resources, UNL
- C. Farmers Forum
Marketing Grass-Finished Beef**
Featuring Dave Welsch, Joe Mazour and
Walter Bohaty
Youth Activity Room Open (12 and under)
- 3:00 pm **BREAK**
- 3:15 pm **CONCURRENT SESSION 4**
- A. Weed Control with Flaming—Research
Update**
Stevan Knezevic
Extension Weed Specialist, UNL
- B. The Farmer's Herbal**
Amy Jeanroy
Organic Sustainable Farmer
- C. Plan B Grazing with Local Support**
Paul Rohrbach
Pawnee Pride Meats
Youth Activity Room Open (12 and under)

4:30 pm **ADULT/YOUTH PROGRAMS END**

4:30 pm **COMMERCIAL & EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS CLOSE**

5:30 pm **LIVE AUCTION**

6:30 pm **ALL NEBRASKA DINNER***

*Cost for the dinner is not included in the general registration. There is an additional \$35 fee per adult and \$12 fee per youth (12 and under) for the All Nebraska Dinner. If you plan to attend the dinner, please note this on the registration form and add the additional fee to your payment. (\$100 maximum fee per family.)

Saturday, February 19, 2011

8:00 am **REGISTRATION**

8:00 am **COMMERCIAL & EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS OPEN**

8:00 am **SILENT AUCTION BEGINS**

8:30 am **CONCURRENT SESSION 5**

A. Managing Weeds with Crop Rotations

Randy Anderson
ARS Weed Ecologist

B. GAP—What Does it Mean to Us?

Vaughn Hammond/Ryan Pekarek
UNL Extension Educator/Pekarek's Produce

C. Preserving & Building Nebraska's Most Precious Asset: The Family Farm

Dave Specht
College of Business Administration, UNL
Youth Activity Room Open (12 & under)

9:30 am **BREAK**

10:00 am **CONCURRENT SESSION 6**

A. Managing Canada Thistle in Organic Systems

Randy Anderson
ARS Weed Ecologist

B. Budgeting Tools

Roger Wilson
Extension Educator, UNL

C. Mobile Meat Processor Good for the Direct Marketer and Livestock

Lori Fischer & Jim Knopik
Nebraska Prairie Harvest Project—
Nebraska Environmental Action Coalition

YOUTH Session (12 & above)

Pocket Cash From Growing Small Fruits
Vaughn Hammond
UNL Extension Educator

Youth Activity Room Open (12 & under)

12:00 pm **LUNCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS, NSAS AWARD PRESENTATION & CAP NOTE SPEAKER**

“Sustainable Agriculture in Nebraska and Beyond”

Chuck Hassebrook
Executive Director of the Center for Rural Affairs

1:00 pm **CONCURRENT SESSION 7**

A. Profitable Grazing Strategies

Kevin Fulton
Organic Grass Fed Beef Producer

B. No More Empty Pots

Omaha Local Foods/Community Kitchen
Nancy Williams. Founder

C. Integrated Approaches to Pest Management for Organic Vegetable and Fruit Production

Kathleen Delate
Associate Professor, Dept. of Horticulture,
Iowa State University

YOUTH Session (12 & above)

Buy More of What you Want:

Managing Your Money
Roger Wilson
Extension Educator, UNL

Youth Activity Room Open (12 & under)

2:00 pm **BREAK**

2:30 pm **SILENT AUCTION ENDS**

2:30 pm **CONCURRENT SESSION 8**

A. Raw Milk as a Foliar Application to Grass

Dave Wetzel, Dairyman

B. Raising Produce/Flowers in High Tunnels

Kevin & Charuth Loth
ShadowBrook Farm

C. Rural Healthcare

Tom Rauner, Office of Rural Health,
Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services

YOUTH Session (12 & above)

A Dollar & Sense Approach to Raising Sheep and Goats in Nebraska

Randy Saner
Extension Educator, UNL

Youth Activity Room Open (12 & under)

3:30 pm **ADULT AND YOUTH PROGRAMS END**

4:00 pm **COMMERCIAL & EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS CLOSE**

4:00 pm **SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**

Youth Sessions

The Youth Activity Room is provided for youth 12 and under. Youth will enjoy activities such as making healthy snacks, wild craft ideas, vermicomposting, organic gardening, videos, books, and more. The room will be open on Friday and Saturday during Concurrent Sessions. On Saturday three sessions are planned for youth 12 and above. See the schedule for details.

Lodging Information

A block of rooms are reserved under Rural Advantage/Healthy Farms Conference at the following hotel until February 4th, 2011.

New World Inn & Conference Center
Hwy 30 and 81 South, Columbus, NE 68601
800-433-1492

Rate: \$71.00+tax/night

Registration Information

Your registration fee includes 2 lunches, breaks, and an information packet. To attend the two-day conference the fee is \$80 if registered before February 11, 2011. If you register after February 11, 2011, the fee is \$90. Additional adult family members can attend for \$70 per person and additional youth family members (full-time student or youth) for \$40 person. However, the family will only receive one information packet. One-day attendance is \$50 per person and includes one lunch, breaks, and an information packet. The All Nebraska Dinner is an additional fee (see registration form).

NSAS Annual Membership - \$35

Payable to NASA at the door or may be mailed to:
NSAS, P.O. Box 736, Hartington, Nebraska. 68739

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Questions:

**Gary Lesoing, UNL Extension
Phone: 402-274-4755**

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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Employer/Business: _____

Two Day Workshop

Registration by 2-11-2011 (\$80) _____

Registration after 2-11-2011 (\$90) _____

Additional family members:

Number of Adults (\$70/person) _____

Number of Youth* (\$40/person) _____

(Not to exceed \$120 per family for one day or \$200 per family for both days.)

Attending Friday Only (\$50/person) _____

Attending Saturday Only (\$50/person) _____

Student/Youth Rate* (\$40) _____

(one or both days)

Single Session (\$15/person/session) _____

All Nebraska Dinner (Friday Night)

Adults (\$35/person) _____

Youth 12 and under (\$12/youth) _____

(Not to exceed \$100 per family)

TOTAL \$_____

Send Registration to:

Nemaha County Extension Office
1824 N Street, Suite 102
Auburn, Nebraska 68305-2341

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