

Fall Grape Growers Workshop

October 31. Lincoln. Fall Grape Growers Workshop. Vineyard floor management and weed management will be the featured topics: How do you control those pesky goblins (weeds) that steal water and nutrients? What are the pros and cons of clean cultivation versus cover crops for row middles? More information will be forthcoming at <http://agronomy.unl.edu/viticulture/>.

Strawberry Webinar

October 30, 2009. This free berry webinar (internet seminars), funded by the Northeastern IPM Center, is designed to provide interdisciplinary education in pest management to northeastern US berry crop growers. Small fruit production and pest issues addressed in this series are those posing the greatest challenge to northeastern growers, and those issues that have been the focus of recent research projects. This webinar will focus on strawberry disease and weed management. <http://www.fruit.cornell.edu/Berries/webinarindex.htm>

Center for Grassland Studies Fall 2009 Seminar Series

Monday, October 26th. 3:00 pm-4:00 pm. Heidi Hillhouse, Post Doctoral Research Associate, Dept. of Agronomy and Horticulture, UNL, will present "Patterns of Plant Establishment in Tallgrass Prairie Plantings." Free & open to the public. Website: <http://www.grassland.unl.edu/semf09.html> East Campus Union, 35th St and East Campus Loop, Lincoln NE 68583

School of Natural Resources - Outreach Seminars

Tuesday, October 27th. 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. Stephen Vantassel, Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management, School of Natural Resources. The seminar is free and open to the public. Free parking in Hardin Hall parking lot. Refreshments provided. Room: 107 Auditorium, HARDIN HALL. 3310 Holdrege Street, Northeast corner. Right across from the Quilt Center. Contact: Matt Joeckel, 402-472-7520, rjoeckel3@unl.edu

"Midwest Corn Production Under the Influence of Climate Change, Climate Variability, and Wind Turbin"

Wednesday, October 28th. 3:00 pm-4:30 pm. Dr. Gene Takle, Professor of Agronomy and Director of Climate Science Initiative, Iowa State University. Room: 107 Auditorium, HARDIN HALL. 3310 Holdrege Street. NE Corner of 33rd & Holdrege. Sharon Kelly, 402-472-9873, skelly1@unl.edu

"Theoretical perspectives on invadable prairies".

School of Biological Sciences Seminar Series. Thursday, October 29th
3:30 pm-4:30 pm. Chad Brassil of UNL will present "Theoretical perspectives
on invadable prairies". Room: 110, HAMILTON HALL. Contact: Tammy
Kortum, 472-6676, tkortum1@unl.edu

Building Sustainable Partnerships "Transforming Vision into Action"

Friday, October 30th. 1:00 pm-6:00 pm. Community members and those
interested in building sustainable partnerships in Lincoln and Nebraska can
attend the second annual forum, 1-6 p.m. at Hardin Hall. Sepakers are from
the Seattle Climate Partnership, U.S. Partnership for Education for
Sustainable Development, and the chief environmental officer for Kansas
City. Visit www.lincolngreenbydesign.org/bsp to register for this free event.
Sponsored by UNL School of Natural Resources, the NU Rural Initiative, and
city of Lincoln. Location: HARDIN HALL

"A Billion Dollars a Day: The Economics and Politics of Agricultural Subsidies."

Department of Agricultural Economics Seminar Series with Dr. Wes Peterson
Friday, October 30th. 2:30 pm. Book Presentation and Seminar, based on
Dr. Peterson's book, "A Billion Dollars a Day: The Economics and Politics of
Agricultural Subsidies." Refreshments will be served.
Website: <http://www.agecon.unl.edu/seminar.html>

Upcoming

Monitoring Pastures Information Meeting

November 19. Creighton, NE. Call the UNL Extension Office in Knox County
at 402-288-5611 for more information.

Soil Building and Water Management Systems Workshop

November 1-3, 2009. Aromas, California. This intensive three-day course
will provide agricultural producers with a solid introduction to a series of
innovative soil building and water management techniques originally
developed in Australia. Instruction includes an overview of the principles as
well as hands-on opportunities in the field to use survey and design tools,
test plowing techniques and design individualized systems for one's own
farm or ranch. Instruction will also be available in Spanish.
<http://www.regenerativedesign.org/courses-events/principles-and-techniques-soil-building-and-water-management-systems>

National Organic Standards Board Meeting

November 3-5, 2009. Washington, D.C. The main mission of the National Organic Standards Board is to assist the Secretary in developing standards for substances to be used in organic production. The NOSB also advises the Secretary on other aspects of implementing the National Organic Program. NOSB committees will present recommendations on a variety of issues.

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateU&navID=LatestReleases&page=Newsroom&topNav=Newsroom&leftNav=&rightNav1=LatestReleases&rightNav2=&resultType=Details&dDocName=STELPRDC5079231&dID=119127&wf=false&description=US>

Master Range Cattle Manager Short Course

November 4, 2009. Sturgis, South Dakota. The South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service will host a Master Range Cattle Management short course that is set to start Nov. 4. A total of four sessions will be held at the Meade County Extension office in Sturgis. The program also will feature on-ranch visits in summer 2010. "An important element in ranch planning is families working together, and we encourage families to attend this strong training program as a group," said Extension Livestock Educator Penny Nester, who is organizing the training. "This course lets ranchers make in-depth evaluations of their management approaches, and it's designed so that each operator can tailor the course to fit his or her needs."

<http://www.southdakotaagconnection.com/story-state.php?Id=863&yr=2009>

Blueberry and Cranberry Webinar Series

November 4 & 18, 2009. Online Webinar. This series of free berry webinars (internet seminars), funded by the Northeastern IPM Center, is designed to provide interdisciplinary education in pest management to northeastern US berry crop growers. <http://www.fruit.cornell.edu/Berries/webinarindex.htm>

Event Listing

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