

Rural Nebraska Business Development Webinar

The Nebraska Cooperative Development Center is hosting a business development webinar on December 15th from 2:00-3:30 p.m. We hope you can join us!! Topic(s): Rural Nebraska Business Development Webinar. Date: Dec. 15, 2009. Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. CT. Adobe Connect Web Session, this Web Seminar will also be taped and archived on the web if you are not available for the live presentation. Adobe Connect does not require pre-registration for those who wish to attend the session. To participate in the Adobe Connect session you will need to have a computer with Internet access. At the meeting time, simply click on the following link or copy and paste it into your browser to enter the meeting: <http://breeze.unl.edu/rural/>

For more information, contact Jim Crandall at the UNL Nebraska Cooperative Development Center, 308-995-3889 or <http://ncdc.unl.edu>. The NCDC is also presenting a program on the UNL eShip webinar on Dec. 15th at 10:00 a.m. Feel free to join one or both programs. (The December 15, 10:00 CST, UNL Extension eShip Webinar: 'Cooperatively Owned Businesses, a Strategy for Rural Nebraska' will be on Adobe Connect Pro at <http://breeze.unl.edu/eship09>)

Meat Science In-service Training

Drs Burson and Calkins will be conducting a meat science in-service on Friday, December 18th in Animal Science on campus starting at 9:30 a.m. The topics and schedule of this in-service are below and also attached. This in-service will provide hands-on training for the participants to learn more about how to fabricate some of the new cuts of beef in addition to other educational information. This will be an opportunity to take the newly learned knowledge to enhance relationships between the beef industry and the citizens of Nebraska, indicated as a high priority in the recent Extension Board Conversations. Potential educational programs could be targeted at: 1. Producers - to increase their knowledge of the product they produce and the value to the beef industry 2. Local meat cutters - be able to demonstrate some of the new cuts of beef 3. consumers - an opportunity to educate consumers about the safety and wholesomeness of beef

The registration fee is \$47 and is payable at the door. Class size is limited to the first 10 participants registering with Dennis Burson at dburson1@unl.edu. Please indicate in your memo to Dennis, your preference of hard hat color (red or white).

Webcast: Nutritional Supplements for Horses

December 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Description: My Horse University and eXtension HorseQuest is offering a free webcast on nutritional supplements for horses on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7:00 pm, Eastern Time. In this hard economic environment, horse owners need to be sure they are getting the most for their money when it comes to their horse's feeding program. Dr. Carey Williams will help demystify supplements so that you can feed your horse cost effectively with confidence. Dr. Williams will discuss a horse's vitamin and mineral, joint, calming, herbal and various other supplements, when supplements might be beneficial, and how to use science based information to determine if your horse needs a feed supplement. For more information, visit http://www.myhorseuniversity.com/resources/webcasts/supplements_dec_09. This event is free

Upcoming

Rural Advantage/Healthy Farms Conference: February 5-6, 2010. Lincoln

February 5-6, 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska at the Holiday Inn-Downtown. Deadline for early bird registration rate and family rates is January 25th. Deadline for exhibitors for inclusion in conference materials is January 10th (We will accept exhibitor applications until all spots are filled) The conference is headlined Congressman Jeff Fortenberry with a capstone luncheon by John Ikerd. Several sessions are being lead by NSAS members including Kevin Fulton, Paul Rohrbaugh, Ralph Tate, Dave Welsch, and Kevin and Charuth Loth to name a few. There is a full slate of youth programming as well so bring the entire family. To register visit, <http://go.unl.edu/healthyfarmsconference>. For exhibitorship and sponsorships email me at healthyfarms@gmail.com. We are also looking for any food items to be donated for the All-Nebraska Dinner. For a count we need to know as soon as possible what you have available, please also email me at healthyfarms@gmail.com.

Cow-Share College & Goat-Share University

2010 Schedule. Goat folks wanted their own operations class, and we listened. New in 2010 - Goat-Share Operations class, featuring instructor Sharon Wilson, from Natural Choice (Goat) Dairy. These teleseminars help farmers ramp up their share operations quickly and confidently. Register now for classes starting Thursday, January 7th. Register online at http://www.farmentoconsumerfoundation.org/cow_share_college.php

Online Beginning Farmer Course

January 8-February 19, 2010. Online Course. Markets and Profits: Making Money Selling What You Grow: Join our veteran instructors to examine your potential markets and assess the potential profitability of your plans. This course is suitable for aspiring or new farmers as well as more experienced farmers seeking to diversify their operations. Courses are \$100 each. <http://www.nybeginningfarmers.org/courses/>

A Culture of Conservation: The Tools We Need to Grow Workshop

January 13, 2010. Ames, Iowa. Improving Iowa's soil and water quality is essential. We can all become better at conveying this message. This forum is geared for farmers, educators, agency personnel and others who want to do a better job of telling the story about conservation from the heart. <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ilf/JanuaryConference1.html>

Great Plains Vegetable Growers Conference.

January 7-9. St. Joe's Missouri. The next conference will be held on January 7-9, 2010 at the Fulkerson Center, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph. January 7; High Tunnels Workshop, Community Supported Agriculture Mini-School, or Growing Your Farm Profits Workshop (New this year!). January 8-9; General Sessions. For more information see <http://extension.missouri.edu/buchanan/GPVGC.shtml>

Holistic Management® Trainings

The dates for the three courses are; January 11th; January 12-13th; January 14-15th. Holistic Management® Certified Educator, Paul Swanson will teach three classes at the Courthouse Annex Meeting Room in Center, Nebraska. Paul is now farming in the Hastings area and retired from UNL Extension. He has been a leader in sustainable agriculture for the last 20 years. To Register or Additional Information: Contact the UNL Extension Office in Knox County at 402-288-5611 or knox-county@unl.edu

Event Listing

Have an event or opportunity you would like to list and get the word out about? Send it to healthyfarms@gmail.com with the basic who, what, where, how much and contact information and we'll put it on the website and email list(s) and newsletter(s).

For membership inquiries please visit: <http://www.nebsusag.org/join.shtml>. Benefits for members include; NSAS list serv; Bi-monthly newsletter, T-shirt, sustaiNE, Video Library, Member rates at events, farm tours/workshops/projects, and more. Email or call for complete details! Renew your NSAS membership today!

~Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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[Healthy Farms/Rural Advantage Conference](#)
Friday, Feb. 5th & Saturday, Feb. 6th, 2010
Holiday Inn Downtown. Lincoln, Nebraska
<http://go.unl.edu/healthyfarmsconference>

~The mission of NSAS is to promote agriculture & food systems that build healthy land, people, communities & quality of life, for present & future generations!