

2nd Annual Harvest Celebration: Buy Fresh Buy Local Nebraska

Thursday, November 12, 2009, 5:30 – 8:00p.m. (Doors open at 5:00). Let's celebrate another successful year of providing food grown closer to your fork. The Isles Reception Hall 6232 Havelock Avenue, Lincoln, Nebraska. \$15 per person. The Evening Will Feature Heavy hors d'oeuvres inspired by our local seasonal harvest and prepared by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Good Fresh Local staff and a Cash Bar. Click the flyer for complete details!

<http://www.nebsusag.org/events/Poster%202nd%20Anual%20Harvest%20Celebration.pdf>

Kansas MarketPlace: Opening Doors to Success

November 9 & 10, 2009. The 1st annual Kansas MarketPlace will be held on Monday, November 9 and Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Ramada Convention Center in Hays, KS. For a link to more information, visit <http://www.cfra.org/marketplace/home>.

Montana Organic Association Conference

November 12-14, 2009. Great Falls, Montana. The Montana Organic Association (MOA) announces its 7th Annual Conference, "Organic: Breaking New Ground," November 12-14, 2009, at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls, Montana. This year, MOA is featuring Organic University on November 12. The general Conference runs November 13-14 and features top-notch speakers and sessions such as: Ron de Yong, Director of the MT Department of Agriculture; Paul Hepperly of the Rodale Institute; ranch management sessions; and updates from our colleagues at MSU, the Organic Seed Alliance and our legislators. We will also be touring the new Montana Milling facility and learn about carbon credits, nutrition, retail trends, converting CRP land, cross-generational communications on the farm and much more. The conference also features delicious organic food, thought-provoking discussions, lively business networking and fun entertainment—a perfect gathering to learn, network and promote your business or organization.

<http://www.montanaorganicassociation.org/conference2009.htm>

High Tunnel Speciality Crop Workshop

November 13, 2009. Brookings, South Dakota. The South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service will host a workshop on how high tunnels can be used in growing specialty crops on Nov. 13. Participants will learn about high tunnel design, construction, and management during the workshop. Some of the specific topics to be addressed during the program include high tunnel setup, fertility, irrigation, and crop selection and management. <http://www.southdakotaagconnection.com/story-state.php?Id=869&yr=2009>

2009 Crop Insurance Workshop

Managing the Risks of the Volatility in Farm Prices and the Global Recession. Wednesday, November 11th, 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Crop insurance agents, agricultural lenders, marketing consultants, agricultural educators and other risk management service providers will help their clients make more profitable risk management decisions. Farmers and ranchers will apply the information to their management decisions. Website: <http://cropinsure.unl.edu/index.html> Location: College Park, 3180 W. Highway 34, Grand Island NE 68801. Contact: Sandy Sterkel, (402) 472-1742, ssterkel1@unl.edu.

10th Annual Fall Harvest Gathering of Women in Sustainable Agriculture

Nov. 13-15 in Whalan, MN. \$110 for the entire conference including meals and lodging! Women in sustainable agriculture are invited to gather for a weekend of networking, information and socializing at the beautiful Cedar Valley Resort, Whalan, MN. Special guest Sara Thomsen will bring her musical talents to the gathering, which will also include delicious potluck meals, informal sharing time, evenings around the firepit, and information on what people around the world are doing to reduce pesticide usage and how we connect with nature. Follow this link, http://www.wfan.org/Women_Food_and_Agriculture_Network_Home.html for a full agenda and registration information. Space is limited, so register early!

"How Do Plants Actually Migrate? Lessons from the Holocene in the American West"

School of Natural Resources Fall Seminar Series. Wednesday, November 11th, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm. Dr. Julio Betancourt, Senior Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey, Tucson, AZ. Location: Room: 107 Auditorium, HARDIN HALL at UNL. Contact: Sharon Kelly, 402-472-9873, skelly1@unl.edu

Center for Grassland Studies Fall 2009 Seminar

Monday, November 9, 2009 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Karie Decker, Coordinator, Invasive Species Project at the Nebraska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit based at UNL, will present "Nebraska Invasive Species Project: Monitoring, Mapping, Risk and Management." Refreshments Available. <http://www.grassland.unl.edu>. East Campus Union, 35th St. and East Campus Loup, Lincoln, NE.

Pesticides in beehives with Maryann Frazier. Webinar

Online: Brushy Mountain Bee Farm. November 10, 2009 at 6:00 PM. If you have been in beekeeping for more than a year or two, I'm sure you have heard the analogy between the beeswax comb of a beehive and the human liver. In case you haven't, basically the wax comb absorbs contaminants and purifies the hive as a result, much the way the liver detoxifies the blood. This is just one more reason the brood comb should be rotated on a regular basis. Brushy Mountain Bee Farm: Online Seminar. Maryann Frazier is an Extension Specialist in Apiculture at Penn State and looked very closely at the wax in beehives. What she has found will surprise you! She will be joining me in a webinar on November 10 to share her findings. For more information. Space is limited. Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/572836507>

Fall "Farminar" Series

November and December 2009. Online series. Mark your calendars for the Fall "Farminar Series" - Tuesday nights throughout November and December. These online 90-minute interactive seminars will focus on a variety of beginning farmer, next generation, and farm succession planning tools. Led by presenters Dave Baker, and John Baker from the Beginning Farmer Center; Craig Chase with ISU Extension; Gary Huber and farmer members of Practical Farmers of Iowa. For more information go to www.practicalfarmers.org/farminar. To register go to

http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/pfi/event/event_info.html. Cost: Free, Time: Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30pm, online.

News

Ohio and New Jersey voters approve ballot questions favored by agricultural interests.

On Monday we reported about ballot questions relating to agriculture in Ohio and New Jersey. Tuesday, voters in both states passed each proposal. Only one Ohio county voted to defeat Issue No. 2, which formed a Livestock Care Standards Board, Alan Johnson of The Columbus Dispatch reports. In New Jersey, 52 percent of voters approved question No. 1, which allocated more money for land preservation. Read the rest at, <http://irjci.blogspot.com/2009/11/ohio-and-new-jersey-voters-approve.html>

Upcoming

Key Ingredients for Health: How Women Ecopreneurs Can Transform our Soil, Food System and Communities

An increasing number of women ecopreneurs—from farmers to dietitians to innkeepers—are transforming the food system, earning a livelihood and leaving the world a better place. Explore this entrepreneurial perspective on sustainable agriculture with IATP Food and Society Fellows Angie Tagtow and Lisa Kivirist, and local St. Paul urban farmer Xe Susane Moua. This panel of experts will provide big-picture perspective on the connections between good food and the health of families, farms and communities. You'll also walk away with inspiring stories of women farmers and ecopreneurs as well as tips for launching your own green enterprise.

Monday, November 16: IATP Food and Society Fellows Special Event. Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)
2104 Stevens Avenue South, Minneapolis. 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by November 13 to abby@iatp.org or (612) 870-3433

Tuesday, November 17: What's Up In Sustainable Agriculture (WUSA) Special Brown Bag Lunch. Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture (MISA). Borlaug Hall, Room 365. 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Monitoring Pastures Information Meeting

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

Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety & Health Forum

November 18-19, 2009. Johnston, Iowa. The purpose of the 2009 Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety and Health Forum is to provide updated information on agricultural and rural safety and health and to strengthen collaborative efforts among researchers, practitioners, agricultural producers and medical professionals. <http://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/icash/>

Family Farm Forum - Socio-economic Issues in Small Scale Animal Production

We are pleased to invite you to take part in the fourth NIFA Family Farm Forum . The forum seeks to enhance discussion on important topics affecting small and medium-sized family farms. Secondary goals include: increasing the impact of NIFA programs by sharing information with a broader audience; generating more, good quality, submissions to competitively funded programs, and identifying research, education and extension opportunities for national program leadership, federal assistance, and networking and collaborative partnerships among NIFA stakeholders. This fourth Forum focuses on Socio-economic Issues in Small-scale Animal Production, the topic selected by participants at the third Forum last spring, and the attached Update highlights issues related to the topic as well as examples of research and outreach throughout the system. We hope you will attend the webinar at 2 pm (eastern) on November 19th, to discuss issues and programs in more detail.

On November 19th : Log on to <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/nifa> a few minutes before 2 pm (Eastern). The capacity is limited to 100

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!

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