



## Upcoming Events:

- June 1<sup>st</sup> - State Fair Webinar
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - SERN Meeting
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mulch Community Garden
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Staff Meeting
- June 6<sup>th</sup> - Extension Board Mtg.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> - FCDC Recruitment Mtg.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> - Connecting STEM careers, NCE conference
- June 9<sup>th</sup> - 4-H CWF Mtg.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> - Ziggadee Day
- June 15<sup>th</sup> - Excellence in Ag Sciences Day
- June 29<sup>th</sup> - ATV training workshop
- July 7<sup>th</sup> - Clay County Fair
- July 10<sup>th</sup> - Clay County Fair
- July 11<sup>th</sup> - Livestock Supt. Mtg.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> - Resistant Palmer amaranth Field Day
- July 13<sup>th</sup> - Dog Skillathon & Dog Show
- July 15<sup>th</sup> - Clean-Up Day
- July 16-21<sup>st</sup> - County Fair

## Narrative Report - May 2016

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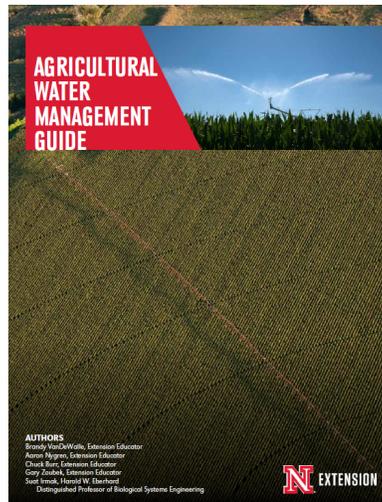
### Crops for the Future

### Crops & Risk Management - Youth

I met with the Extension farm management team to start the process for the development of a **risk management curriculum** for agriculture education teachers. A rough draft outline has been created. I will put together a needs assessment so we can pinpoint the key components that should be incorporated into the curriculum.

This year's **Excellence in Ag Sciences Day** conference will feature precision agriculture tools. I am partnering with Southeast Community College in Beatrice as they have a very hands-on program with lots of hands-on equipment and knowledge of resources teachers can utilize in their classrooms. This year's program will be held June 15<sup>th</sup> at Raising Nebraska in Grand Island.

I will continue to provide ET data for the **Nebraska Agriculture Water Management Network**. I taught Melissa, Extension Intern how to read and record it as one of her summer tasks as this fits into her agronomy minor. The Z-Mag, **Agriculture Water Management Guide** has been completed and now irrigation curriculum development will be started to compliment this guide.



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## 4-H Youth Development

**Progressive Agriculture Safety Day** set a record with 108 participants from six counties. Volunteer surveys given to adults and high school youth (n=42) indicated that 76% of them learned new ways for them to stay safe and 64% of them plan to make safety changes at their homes. Youth and youth's parents

continue to thank Extension for coordinating this event and kids look forward to this program every year. Topics included: bike safety, healthy lifestyles, emergency preparedness, ag literacy, grain safety, firearm safety, electrical safety, hand tool safety, cyber bullying and underground (digger) safety. This year youth learned what should go into an emergency kit and assembled their own kit to take home.

As co-leader of the "**STEM - careers**" adult education committee, I led a short meeting to plan future programming and direction of the group. I will be presenting at the Nebraska Career Education conference on this topic June 8<sup>th</sup> in Kearney.

With Clay County as part of my **accountability region in 4-H Youth Development**, I met some of the Clay County 4-H Council members at their Food Stand meeting and attended a



Clay County Extension Board meeting. This was helpful to meet some of the stakeholders I will be working with more closely in the future. In addition, I met with Clay County staff to review summer roles and expectations of one another. As we move towards the future, I envision the opportunity to provide and offer more programs to both counties.

I met with Fillmore County Farm Bureau staff and will be working in collaboration to offer an **ATV training** workshop for youth ages 8-18 in Geneva. Farm Bureau will be sponsoring the program and provide youth with helmets. Rachel and I met with Flint Hills Resources staff to discuss sponsorship opportunities. Rachel and I attended the Fillmore County Fair Board meeting to communicate with each other about fair planning.

The **4-H Community Garden** was planted by eight 4-Hers in collaboration with residents at Pioneer Manor. Youth who spend 10 hours caring for the garden will be able to harvest produce and enter at the fair.

## News Columns

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** - What is Extension

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** - Issue Teams in Extension

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** - Nebraska Ag Water Management Network

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** - Welcome Melissa