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## **CORN-SOYBEAN PROFITABILITY MEETINGS**

Growers attending the University of Nebraska Corn-Soybean Profitability Workshops last year reported an average value to them of \$13.00 per acre. Producers across Nebraska felt the information provided to them would help them earn from \$8.47 to \$23.60 per acre more.

University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Saline County is hosting a Corn-Soybean Profitability Workshop on Tuesday, February 15th, at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Friend. Registration begins at 9:00 AM with the first presentation at 9:15 AM.

It is our pleasure to host this meeting in Saline County. It's been a long time since we have been able to host a crops meeting in this county that has a statewide focus and I am pleased the corn-soybean meeting has rotated to our area. Headline speakers are Paul Jasa and Bob Klein from UNL Cooperative Extension and Dr. Dale Flowerday from Lincoln.

Paul Jasa has an all new talk about the influence on tillage on soil structure and water intake rates. Bob Klein has new research on herbicide application technologies and being a successful grower in high crop residue farming environments. New information will also be shared with growers about soybean rust and soybean aphids as it pertains to our local area. Soybean rust, which has now been found in the United States, will impact us all. Researching 30 years of weather data, our risk in Nebraska of needing to control this disease in our soybean crop with fungicide has been reported to be 5 to 10 years. It will take 5 to 6 years to build resistance to this new disease threat. Our current varieties of soybeans have no resistance. We have to be prepared on how to diagnose these new pest threats in our soybean crop early on. After lunch, Dr. Flowerday is always an entertaining speaker and will challenge us with ideas on how to improve soybean and corn yields by 10 percent.

Another session in the morning will pertain to reducing risk and improving yields by better variety and hybrid selection. UNL speakers Roger Elmore, Bob Klein and Lenis Nelson will provide information and teach you a new technique on how to do a better job in using company data and UNL crop variety trial information in selecting soybean and corn hybrids for your farm.

I am very pleased that three local businesses in Friend will be sponsoring the Corn-Soybean Workshop which will cover the noon meal that will be catered in. First National Bank, Brother's Equipment, and Farmers Union Co-op, are all supporting this educational opportunity for area farmers. Because of their support, lunch will be provided free to all area participants. There is a proceedings that will be given to all participants at the meeting at registration. Because of financial support of the meeting, registration at the door has been reduced to \$10.00 per participant. No pre-registration is required. CEU credits for crop advisors are available including a one hour credit in Soil and Water Management, one hour credit in Pest Management and three hour credit in Crop Management.

Don't miss this Corn-Soybean Profitability Workshop in Friend on the 15th. The program will be tailored for our area, we have some great speakers lined up, and the meeting will better prepare



grows for new challenges ahead. For more information, you can contact me at the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Saline County, phone 821-2151.

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