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WILBER CROP CLINIC UPDATE

“Adapting to Today’s Agricultural Economy” is the main theme of the 2017 Wilber Crop Clinic. We have a wide range of presentation topics and commercial displays this year planned for Friday, February 10 at the Sokol Hall in Wilber. We have the word in for Al Dutcher for the weather to cooperate on the 10th! The Crop Clinic will begin with registration, viewing of sponsor displays, coffee, kolaches, and rolls at 8:00 a.m. The educational program is slated for 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Speakers from Nebraska Extension will cover cutting edge agronomic and management topics. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Climatologist Al Dutcher will kick off the program. Immediately following is Justin McMechan, assistant professor in agronomy who will have an informative update on corn ear formation issues in 2016 and non-GMO corn considerations. A former 4-H’er in Saline County, Katie Spohn with the Bruning Law Group, is covering key legal issues we are facing in today’s agriculture environment and an update on the class action lawsuit concerning farmers and Syngenta.

Steve Melvin, Extension Educator in Merrick County, has a common sense approach to irrigation management that can save producers energy and money. Paul Hay, Extension Educator in Gage County, has new, practical information on soil health, stalk grazing and stalk harvest. Paul and I attended the Salina No-till on the Plains two-day Conference this year and new information was gained with livestock, no-till farming and cover crops. Pairing these three concepts has the potential to unlocking new soil health and crop yield gains.

After a sponsored luncheon, Extension Educator Allan Vyhnaek will give us his best advice on landlord tenant lease considerations for the future. Cory Walters, assistant professor in agricultural economics, has an updated perspective on the corn and soybean markets and cash flow picture. Wrapping up the program, I have some new Extension management tools to show along with an NRCS program update from Rebecca Houser.

This year all participants will receive a laminated billfold guide on crop nutrient removal rates that is handy to use. Registration is at the door and this a fully sponsored program supported by area agricultural industry businesses including numerous door prizes.

For more information or for commercial booth space, contact Lou Hajek at our office in Saline County at 402-821-2151. For program sponsors and more detail, see the program flyer at <http://saline.unl.edu>.

Crete Sprayer Clinic Update: Registrations are coming in strong for the applicator sprayer clinic to be held at the 4-H Building in Crete at Tuxedo Park on Wednesday, February 8. Please register for meal count even if you missed the deadline. As of January 26th, we have 52 applicators signed on. The Southeast Nebraska Corn Growers Association and Nebraska Extension are partnering to host Greg Kruger from UNL Extension at the North Platte Research and Extension Center. By attending this clinic, you will be a better prepared spray applicator.



Learn about enhanced stewardship needed with Dicamba and 2,4-D; new spray nozzles recommendations and better control of Marehail, Waterhemp and Palmer Amaranth; hands-on demonstrations with a miniature wind tunnel, a spray table equipped with lighting, pulse width modulation and other current technologies; gain a better understanding of the importance of wind speed, wind direction, boom height, droplet size, and distance to sensitive areas with a particular nozzle selection; learn simple things that can be done to mitigate drift incidences and how to manage tank mixtures and spray adjuvants that can change droplet size. To sign up go to: <http://saline.unl.edu>

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