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## **WILBER CROP CLINIC TO HIGHLIGHT WATER RESOURCES**

The Wilber Crop Clinic is this Friday, February 8th at Sokol Hall in Wilber. Registration, viewing of sponsor displays, and coffee and rolls begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program starting promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Charles Shapiro, Extension Agronomist, says targeting soil test levels for corn phosphorous recommendations is important and he has new data to discuss with his corn yield trials. Irrigation development has caused declines of groundwater levels in some areas of the state. The most severely affected areas are the Box Butte area, western end of the Republican River Basin and parts of the Blue River Basin. Jesse Korus a geologist from the UNL Conservation and Survey Division, will update participants on Nebraska groundwater issues and facts.

Dana Divine, UNL Survey Geologist, will focus on Saline County groundwater issues and the results of a groundwater assessment in Southern Lancaster in two project areas. The results of the pilot study in the Firth/Hickman area prompted resource managers to extend the study area to east of Crete to Sprague and north of Hallam.

After this discussion, personnel from the Lower Big Blue NRD will give participants an update on groundwater levels and cost share programs

Al Dutcher, UNL Climatologist, will review the current weather pattern and cover the long-term forecast for the 2013 crop and potential impacts this spring.

After lunch, Joe Luck, a new UNL Precision Agriculture Engineer, will give a timely update on precision ag technologies that are showing promise for producers.

Lowell Sandell, UNL Extension Educator in Weed Science, will discuss plans on how to prevent glyphosate resistant weeds including emerging issues with ragweed and waterhemp in Southeast Nebraska.

Twenty-five sponsors are supporting the crop clinic and CCA credits are available. For more information, go to the website [saline.unl.edu](http://saline.unl.edu). For commercial booth space or sponsorship, contact Lou Hajek at the UNL Extension office in Saline County at 402-821-2151. Free registration is at the door. You must be present to win all those great door prizes at the end of the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m. I hope to see you at the 2013 Crop Clinic this year.

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