

EASTERN NEBRASKA SOIL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. CST Registration at 8:30 a.m.

Attend In Person:

Event Center - Butler County Fairgrounds * 62 L Street * David City, Nebraska
****NEW** Virtual attendance option available**

The conference features innovative speakers who have worked with cover crops extensively and will share what they have learned. This is your opportunity to get your questions answered.

How can you get started with cover crops in your corn/soybean rotation? Already using cover crops - could you be doing it better? There are many benefits to utilizing cover crops, such as improved soil health and reduced erosion. It's the details of how and what to do that can present challenges. The focus of the conference is to provide information to growers who are in a corn/soybean rotation and to assist them in understanding the value of cover crops.

8:30 a.m. **Registration (Donuts and Coffee)**

9:00 a.m. **Welcome and housekeeping**

9:05 a.m. **Recognizing Healthy Soil (Virtual Real-Time Presentation)**
Aaron Hird, Nebraska NRCS State Soil Health Specialist

9:50 a.m. **Break**

10:05 a.m. **When is Manure the Right Solution for a Cropping System? (Virtual Real-Time Presentation)**
Amy Schmidt, Associate Professor & Livestock Manure Management Engineer, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

10:50 a.m. **Cover Crops and Crop Insurance**
Cory Walters, Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

11:05 a.m. **Using Winter Hardy Small Cereals for Grazing and Silage**
Mary Drewnoski, Beef Systems Specialist, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

11:50 a.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Making Soil Health Work for Your Operation**
Chris Gaesser, Gaesser Farms, Iowa

1:45 p.m. **Strategies to Use Cover Crops for Weed Suppression**
Anita Dille, Professor in the Department of Agronomy, Kansas State University

2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:45 p.m. **Planting Equipment for Cover Crops and Into Cover Crops**
Paul Jasa, Nebraska Extension Engineer

3:30 p.m. **Speaker Panel** - informal discussion with growers, landowners, & consultants

4:00 p.m. **Survey and head home**



There is no fee to attend, but pre-registration is required. Day-of, walk-in registration will not be permitted.

Local Covid-19 guidance at the time of the conference will be followed. The conference will only be held if local and UNL directed health measures allow and if road conditions are suitable for travel. If cancelled, registrants will be notified via email, phone, or text message. CCA credits are applied for and pending. For more information contact Nebraska Extension Educators:

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