

Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society

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About:

From Aurora to Grand Island and Nebraska City to Columbus, the conference has laid the framework for promoting sustainable agriculture and local foods in Nebraska and the Midwest. The Healthy Farms Conference features over 20 breakout sessions aimed at equipping farmers, aspiring farmers, foodies, and advocates to with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful. The conference also features several keynote sessions meant to inspire and motivate people to action, and that what they are doing and why they are doing it makes a difference.

The conference also provides support for current farmers by fostering growth and stability in sustainable farming methods, including organic agriculture and sustainable agriculture. We do this by helping farmers to develop innovative ideas and projects that can impact their local communities and areas.

A variety of interactive educational opportunities are available for adults and youth. Participants will have the chance to network with farmers, university faculty, and fellow agricultural colleagues. Besides providing informative, educational sessions the conferences has commercial and educational exhibits. The Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society has been hosting the Healthy Farms Conference for over 40 years.

Together we can change the world one farmer, one eater at a time!



2018 Healthy Farms Conference



***February 9th & 10th,
The Cornhusker Hotel
Lincoln***

Friday, February 9th

8:30 am Welcome.

Keynote:

*Graham Merriweather,
"Farmer for America!"*

10:30 am* A. The Feasibility of Hops Production in Nebraska

B. Holistic Financial Planning

C. Understanding Soil Health & Dual Purpose Cover Crops

12:00pm Lunch.

Keynote: David Hahn,

*Deep Roots & Cosmic Banking"
"Thinking About a New Agriculture
While Listening to Van Morrison*

1:30 pm* A. Exploring New Ideas in Sustainable Farming

B. Holistic Biological Monitoring

C. Impacts of Soil Health in Livestock & Cropping Farms

3:00 pm* A. A Visit to Slow Foods Nation, Denver 2017!

B. Estate Planning for Sustainable Farming & Ranching

C. Impact of Soil Health on Market Gardens

4:00 pm Nebraska Beer & Cheese Reception featuring Thunderhead Brewery & Brickway Brewery

5:30 pm "All-Nebraska Evening!"

A fundraiser featuring a locally sourced dinner, live auction & entertainment featuring an Irish Dance performance from Claire Marlowe

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Saturday, February 10th

8:00 am Roundtable Discussions

9:00 am A. Increasing Farm Productivity

B. How the application of a biological solution, sea minerals, or a product containing both, contributes to the health of soil in pastures

B. II. Veterinary Feed Directives.

C. Biochar for Soil Health

10:30 am* A. Small Farm Accounting

B. Healthy Livestock from the ground up

C. Getting City Folks To Be More Than Just 'Eaters' -- The Importance of Urban Agriculture to Food Security

11:30am

Keynote:

Wes Jackson, The Land Institute

1:30 pm* A. Purchasing a Small Farm

B. Grazing Management; Raising cattle on grass!

C. Food, Farm, Faith: Patterns & Tools for Transformation

3:00 pm* A. Food Safety 101

B. Pigs & Pasture; Pastured Hog Production

C. Ficke Cattle Company: Graze Master Genetics, Opportunity & Potential Everywhere

4:30 pm Exhibits Close & Farewell

*Youth Session Scheduled

Lodging available by calling [1-866-706-7706](tel:1-866-706-7706), attendees will need to ask for Healthy Farms Conference event rate.

*The Lincoln Marriot Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S 13th St,
Lincoln, NE 68508*

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Registration

NSAS Membership. # _____ x \$30

NSAS Member 2 Day Registration. # _____ x \$120

NSAS Member One Day*. Registration # _____ x \$65
*Specify which day _____

Family Conference Registration _____ \$250
(Family includes: Mother, Father & Children)

Young Farmer Conference Registration # _____ x \$60
Age 7 to 35 years old, under 7 free

Non-member. Full Registration # _____ x \$145

Non-member. One Day*. Registration # _____ x \$85
*Specify which day _____

Individual Session. # _____ x \$20

Session _____

All Nebraska Dinner (Friday Night)

Family _____ \$120

Adults # _____ x \$40

Youth 8 to 12 (Under 8 free) # _____ x \$25

TOTAL \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Make checks payable to: NSAS

Questions to William @ HealthyFarms@gmail.com

Online registration available at:

www.universe.com/2018HealthyFarmsConference