



# Farmers & Ranchers College

## FACT SHEET



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### FARMERS & RANCHERS COLLEGE COMMITTEE

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#### Introduction

The **Farmers & Ranchers College** was formed in January, 2000 with the purpose of providing high quality, dynamic, up to date educational workshops for area agricultural producers in south central Nebraska through a collaborative effort between business, industry and higher education leaders.

#### Our mission

Provide high quality continuing education to farmers and ranchers in a rapidly changing global agricultural environment. Furthermore, the **Farmers & Ranchers College** will provide the tools necessary so that agricultural producers will be able to respond positively to these changes using a profitable decision making process.

The **Farmers & Ranchers College** will:

- Work closely with agribusiness and agriculture industry representatives.
- Work closely with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Division and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- Work closely with other institutions of higher education.
- Work closely with agricultural commodity organizations.
- Provide interesting, informative and timely topics in a dynamic format.

#### 2015-16 **Farmers & Ranchers College** Programming

**-December 15, 2015 - "Positioning Your Business for Success"** Featuring Dr. David Kohl Professor Emeritus, Dept. of AAEC, VA TECH at the Bruning Opera House - Bruning, NE at 1:00 p.m.

**-January 20, 2016 – "Partners In Progress – Beef Seminar"** at the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center near Clay Center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., registration at 9:30 a.m.

**-March 14, 2016 - Overcoming Challenges with Succession Planning for Families with Dr. Ron Hanson,** Neal E. Harlan Professor of Agribusiness, Ag Economics Dept., UNL at Stone Creek in McCool Junction with meal starting at 6:00 p.m. and program to follow. Registration starting at 5:30 p.m.

## **Funding Sources**

A bulk of the funding for these programs is possible from generous contributions of area businesses, organizations, and commodity boards. In-kind support is provided by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension.

## **Sponsor Levels of Support**

**Gold** - \$500 and higher, sponsor receives walnut plaque

**Silver** - \$250 to \$499, sponsor receives walnut plaque

**Bronze** - \$100 to \$249, sponsor receives walnut plaque

**Contributor** - Less than \$100, recognition of support at workshop

## **Evaluation of workshops**

The ***Farmers and Ranchers College*** is a unique opportunity to educate our agricultural producers in south central Nebraska. Participants complete an evaluation upon conclusion of each program. Participants also increased their knowledge of risk management and marketing by attending the ***Farmers and Ranchers College*** programs. Informal interviews and discussions with participants are closely monitored to continuously gather information for program improvement.

## ***Farmers and Ranchers College* Committee**

The Farmers and Ranchers College Committee consists of Fred Bruning of Bruning, Bryan Dohrman of Grafton, Sarah Miller of Carleton, Ryne Norton of York, Jim Donovan of Geneva, Eric Kamler of Geneva, Bryce Kassik of Geneva, Jennifer Engle of Fairmont and Brandy VanDeWalle of Ohiowa.