

Views from VanDeWalle

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Farmers & Ranchers College

With the uncertainty of programming in the past year, I'm excited to announce that the Farmers & Ranchers College committee will continue to provide high-quality programming to area producers and agribusiness professionals with 2021-22 programming. Farmers & Ranchers College will kick off with its traditional program featuring Dr. David Kohl. The committee will continue the annual Cow/Calf College in January and end with an agricultural land management program in February.

The 2021-2022 Farmers & Ranchers College will kick off December 9th featuring Dr. Dave Kohl Registration will start at 12:45 p.m. and the program will start at 1:00 p.m. at the Opera House in Bruning, NE. The program is titled, "Increasing Your Odds for Success." The business and economic landscape of agriculture can be described in one word as "anxious." Global trade uncertainty and the shift from fossil fuels to the green movement coupled with inflation and supply chain bottlenecks are only a few of the challenges. However, with these headwinds, opportunities exist for those who manage the business proactively despite all the economic megatrend shifts.

How can you place the odds in your favor to manage your business and personal finances? What are the strategies and actions for success in a world where chaos is the new normal? Dr. Dave will present his outlook along with actions that do not guarantee but improve the odds of success. His work as an academic, speaker, writer, business owner, and coach will provide wisdom and perspectives in an economic environment where uncertainty and opportunity coexist in the decade of the 2020s.

Many to the area are very familiar with Dr. Kohl, but if you are not, here are some details about him. Dr. Dave Kohl is an academic Hall of Famer in the College of Agriculture at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. Dr. Kohl has keen insight into the agriculture industry gained through extensive travel, research, and involvement in ag businesses. He has traveled nearly 10 million miles; conducted more than 6,500 presentations; and published more than 2,250 articles in his career. Dr. Kohl's wisdom and engagement with all levels of the industry provide a unique perspective into future trends.

In 2022, the Partners in Progress –Beef Seminar (Cow/Calf College) will be at the Clay County Fairgrounds near Clay Center on January 25th. More details will follow as the date nears. Finally, on February 8, 2022, Farmers & Ranchers College will host an agricultural land management program in Geneva. This program will cover cash rental rates, land values, flex lease arrangements, good communication, a land succession primer, and overview of Farm Service Agency Programs for landowners.

Questions on the Farmers & Ranchers College can be directed to the Fillmore County Extension Office at (402) 759-3712. To participate and register, go to the website: go.unl.edu/farmersrancherscollege.