

Views from VanDeWalle

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Farmers & Ranchers College

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 2022-23 programming.

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. 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.

Farmers & Ranchers College will kick off with its traditional program featuring Dr. David Kohl. It will provide a hands-on cost of production/budget workshop in December and wrap up with the annual Cow/Calf College in January.

The 2022-2023 Farmers & Ranchers College will kick off December 8th 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, "Agriculture Today: New Era of Prosperity or Temporary Opportunity." Don't miss out on this engaging session that applies the big picture variables to your business, family, and personal life.

In collaboration with the Farmers & Ranchers College, the University of Nebraska Lincoln's Center for Agricultural Profitability has scheduled a hands-on workshop on December 15, 2022, in Geneva. This workshop is for ag producers, farm managers, bankers and anyone interested in learning more about utilizing the free online Agricultural Budget Calculator (ABC) for enterprise budgeting. The workshop will run from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds, 641 N 5th St, Geneva, NE.

In 2023, the Partners in Progress –Beef Seminar (Cow/Calf College) will held January 19, 2023 in Clay Center, with the specific location to be announced later. The program will feature Eastern Red Cedar Control, Pasture Leases, and stocking rates/AUM and more! Details will follow as the date nears.

Contributions and support of area businesses allow participants to attend at no cost, however for programs with meals, it is requested that people RSVP at least a week in advance for an accurate meal count by calling Fillmore County Extension at (402) 759-3712.

The Farmers and Ranchers College Committee consists of Fred Bruning of Bruning, Bryan Dohrman of Grafton, Sarah Miller of Carleton, Jennifer Engle of Fairmont, Jim Donovan of Geneva, Bryce Kassik of Geneva, Whitney Lovegrove of Geneva, Lindsay Waetcher-Mead of Blue Hill and Brandy VanDeWalle of Ohioa.

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.