

Views from VanDeWalle

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2019 Wilber Crop Clinic

There are many timely topics planned for Southeast Nebraska agricultural producers and agri-professionals at the 2019 Wilber Crop Clinic. Host Extension Educator Randy Pryor said a wide range of presentation topics and commercial displays will be featured at this year's event scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2019 at Sokol Hall in Wilber.

Pryor said we strive to bring cutting edge, research-based information to attendees and with over 20 commercial sponsors we are able to offer this program free to clientele. The clinic will begin with registration, viewing of sponsor displays, coffee, kolaches, and rolls at 8:00 a.m. The educational program starts at 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Speakers and topics include:

- Al Dutcher, Associate State Climatologist, on how El-Nino impacts will likely dominate the first half of 2019.
- Jeff Peterson, Grain Marketing Analyst, Heartland Farm Partners, will discuss his corn and soybean marketing outlook and opportunities for 2019.
- Tim Creger, Program Manager for the Department of Agriculture Pesticide Division, will discuss key dicamba label changes for 2019 and program update.
- Brad Lubben, UNL Agricultural Economics Professor, will inform attendees key provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill and what to expect.
- The most interesting title of the program is "Don't Get Caught with Your Plants Down!" by Tamra Jackson-Ziems, UNL Plant Pathology.
- Ray Ward, Ward Laboratories, will discuss how soil health improves fertilizer efficiency and profitability.
- Randy Pryor will discuss on-farm research being done in the area and assist with the door prizes at the end of the program.

For more information or for commercial booth space, contact Lou Hajek at the Nebraska Extension Office in Saline County at 402-821-2151. For program sponsors and more details, see the program flyer at Saline.unl.edu or CropWatch.unl.edu. CCA credits will be available.

Annie's Inspired – A Three Hour Session for Farm Women Involved in Agriculture

A new "short-course", titled Annie's Inspired will be held in four different locations in South Central Nebraska. The workshop is designed to be discussion-based, bringing women together to learn from experts in human resources, basic crop production issues, and other topics of interest to the group. There will be plenty of time for questions, sharing, reacting and connecting with presenters and fellow participants. This one-evening workshop is being repeated in Fillmore, Clay, Nuckolls and Thayer Counties, all running from 6-9:00 p.m. with a light meal included. Registration is \$5 per participant and due one week prior to the respective program date. Program dates and locations include:

- February 11th - Fillmore County Extension Office – Geneva
- February 18th - Clay County Fairgrounds - Clay Center
- February 25th - Compadres Mexican Restaurant – Hebron

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- March 4th - Nelson Senior Citizen/Community Center - Nelson

To register, the \$5 fee is payable to University of Nebraska-Lincoln due 1 week prior to the workshops attending and can be sent to: Fillmore County Extension, 1340 G Street, Geneva, NE 68361. Course size is limited, so please register by calling the Fillmore or Clay County Extension office at 402.759.3712.