

Views from VanDeWalle

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On-Farm Research

When I first started my career in Extension in late 2005, I had the opportunity to work with the Quad County On-Farm research group which was comprised of Clay, Fillmore, Hamilton and York Counties. Since then, a statewide On-Farm research effort has evolved, and the annual Nebraska On-Farm Research Network research results update meetings will be offered in-person and online in 2021. Farm operators and agronomists from across the state will obtain valuable crop production-related information from on-farm research projects conducted on Nebraska farms by Nebraska farmers in partnership with University of Nebraska faculty. These research projects cover products, practices and new technologies that impact farm productivity and profitability.

The Nebraska On-Farm Research Network is a statewide, on-farm research program that addresses critical farmer production, profitability and natural resources questions. Growers take an active role in the on-farm research project sponsored by Nebraska Extension in partnership with the Nebraska Corn Growers Association, the Nebraska Corn Board, the Nebraska Soybean Checkoff and the Nebraska Dry Bean Commission.

The programs will provide an opportunity to hear growers who conducted on-farm research share their results from the 2020 growing season. Field length replicated treatment comparisons were completed in growers' fields, using their equipment.

The following dates/locations are planned for Thursday, Feb. 25th:

- Auburn, Nebraska — 4-H Building Nemaha County Fairgrounds, 816 I St.
- Beatrice, Nebraska — Gage County Extension Office, 1115 West Scott
- Clay Center, Nebraska — Clay County fairgrounds, 701 N Martin Ave.
- David City, Nebraska — David City Library, 399 N 5th St.
- Wahoo, Nebraska — Lake Wanhoo Education Building, 655 County Road 16, East side of Lake Wanhoo
- York, Nebraska — Cornerstone Event Center, Fairgrounds York, 2400 N. Nebraska Ave.

Online options are also available on Friday, Feb. 26

- Clay Center, Nebraska — Clay County fairgrounds 701 N Martin Ave.
- Kearney, Nebraska — Buffalo County Extension Office, 1400 E. 34th (Fairgrounds)
- Nebraska City, Nebraska — Kimmel Orchard Education Building, 5995 G Rd.
- Norfolk, Nebraska — Madison County Extension, 1305 S. 13th St.
- Osceola, Nebraska — Polk County fairgrounds, Ag Hall, 12931 N Blvd.
- Seward, Nebraska — Harvest Hall, Fairgrounds Seward, 1625 Fairgrounds Circle
- West Point, Nebraska — Nielsen Center - West Point, 200 Anna Stalp Ave.
- Wilber, Nebraska — Saline County Extension Office, 306 W 3rd St.

Online options are also available. Programs start with check-in at 8:30 a.m. CST and conclude at 12:30 p.m. CST. Visit the [On-Farm Research Network meetings page](#) for registration, details and program updates. Pre-registration is required. Walk-in registration will not be permitted. Early registration is encouraged due to capacity limitations at each location. Once a location is full, it will



no longer be listed as a registration option. Please pre-register for in-person training at least two days in advance for planning purposes. In-person meetings will only be held if local and UNL directed health measures allow and if weather conditions are suitable for travel. If a meeting is canceled, registered participants will be notified via email, phone, or text message. Facial coverings/masks guidelines may vary based on local directed health measures. For information about the COVID-related health measures that will be in place at each meeting, please contact the local site host. Contact information available on the website.

For more information and general inquiries about Nebraska On-Farm Research Network, contact Laura Thompson, Nebraska On-Farm Research Network & Ag Technology Extension Educator by [email](#) or 402-245-2224.