



Upcoming Events:

- February 2nd - NCEA Board of Directors Mtg.
- February 3rd - Review On-Farm Research App
- February 3rd - Chat with Chuck Webinar
- February 4th - Agriculture: Trends, Topics & Tomorrow w/ Damian Mason
- February 9th - FCDC Board Mtg.
- February 10th - Present Crop Science Volunteer Series Webinar
- February 10th - Fair Board Mtg.
- February 11th - Present Nebraska Weed County Assn. Conference
- February 11th - 4-H Council Mtg
- February 12th - NACEB Conference
- February 13th - On-Farm Research Program
- February 16th - NCEA Board of Directors Mtg.
- February 17th - Pesticide Safety Education Programs
- February 22nd - 4-H Kick Off Party
- February 23rd - SCAL Mtg
- February 26-27th - Women in Ag Conference

Narrative Report - January 2015

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Crops for the Future

Youth Development – Crops & Ag Literacy

I presented to twenty-eight elementary and middle schoolteachers some of the agricultural water activities at the **Raising Nebraska** Teacher Open Houses. Using materials from the Excellence in Ag Sciences Day, water testing and water quantity and pollution demonstrations were given to twenty-eight elementary and middle school teachers.

Planning for the **Nebraska Innovative Youth Corn Challenge** program was done for the 2015 programming year. The 2014 IYCC Banquet was held on East Campus with 51 people attending. Three teams successfully completed their projects and received 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place awards in addition to the data completion award, innovation and limited resource award. Teams received over \$2,000 in cash prizes sponsored by the Nebraska Corn Board.

I've drafted and started organizing the **Irrigation Z-Mag** (interactive publication) which is a continuation from Excellence in Ag Sciences Day and will provide an



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overview of irrigation with videos, short games and activities embedded for educators, agribusiness professionals and producers.

Ag Safety Day planning was conducted for the 2015 program. This year we will add an adult educational component. Flint Hills Resources is helping plan this part of the program and has also agreed to provide volunteers.

Crop Production Systems

Cow/Calf College was held with nearly 100 in attendance. The focus of this year's program was rebuilding the cowherd and provided strategies for doing so including veterinary concerns, genetic and breeding research and additional feeding options. Plans for the final **Farmers & Ranchers College** program with Damian Mason are being finalized.

4-H Youth Development

The **Annual 4-H/FFA Beef Weigh-In** was held which had a record 88 head beef weigh-in; 56 of those were 4-H market beef. With Megan being on leave I led the **4-H Council meeting** which tackled some organizational tasks and will need to examine the 4-H schedule and how to adjust to changes the Fair Board has implemented. In addition, I've decided to serve as a co-organizational leader for the Strang 4-Bar-H Club.

Professional & Community Development

I was fortunate to receive an **Extension professional development grant** that will allow me to travel to the National Science Teacher Association conference in Chicago and improve my understanding of current science pedagogy. I will incorporate some of these innovative methodologies and trends into current curriculum being planned and those in the future.

Personal Columns

January 7th - Crop Production Clinic

January 14th - Cow/Calf College

January 21st - Agriculture Trends, Topics & Tomorrow

January 28th - Innovative Youth Corn Challenge