



Upcoming Events:

July 7th - Presentation for Rotary

July 7th - Livestock Supt. Meeting

July 8th - Pet Show

July 12-16th - NACAA AMPIC conference, SD

July 17-23rd - County Fair

August 3rd - Fair Review Mtg.

August 4th - NE Youth Crop Scouting Competition

August 10th - Extension Board Mtg.

August 11th - North Central Water Network Mtg.

August 11th - Open House

August 12th - Issue Team Tools Webinar

August 13th - Action Team Mtg., Lincoln

August 13th - Emerald Ash Borer Program

August 24th - NCEA Board Webinar

August 25th - HR4AG Mtg.

August 26-27th - State Fair Agronomy Exhibit Check-In/Judging

Narrative Report - June 2015

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Crops for the Future

Youth Development – Crops & Ag Literacy

The **NAWMN videos** were filmed in June; I was able to find several producers to interview. The videos will be used in the Irrigation Z-Mag I'm producing in addition to other Extension YouTube channels and promotion of the NAWMN.

Excellence in Ag Sciences Day was held June 11th at Omaha Bryan Schools. Thirty-eight agricultural education instructors learned about precision agriculture; specifically unmanned aerial vehicles, basics of field prescriptions and emerging irrigation technologies.

A post evaluation with an 87% response rate yielded the following results:

- All participants indicated the precision ag discussion as useful, with 93% rating the overview of unmanned aerial vehicles as useful for their classroom curriculum.
- 88% of participants rated the emerging technologies to protect water quality session as very useful.
- Nearly 90% rated emerging irrigation technologies as useful.
- 97% of participants who completed the evaluation

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rated the overview of precision ag tools as useful.

I presented to the **North Central Region Water Network** director on the successes and concept of the Excellence in Ag Sciences Day that I have implemented, with the possibility of helping them implement a similar program across the North Central states for future collaboration. In addition, a multi-state workgroup is in the process of submitting a grant for water quality education curricula.



2015 Excellence in Ag Sciences Day Participants received an unmanned aerial vehicle to demonstrate to students how one works and explain the precautionary measures that must be taken when using one.

Crop Production & Risk Management

I created an outline for the Leadership & Team Building section for the **HR4AG** (Human Resources For Ag) team. This is for the North Central Risk Management Center to conduct leadership training for agricultural producers and agricultural industry professionals. Curriculum writing will occur this fall.

4-H Youth Development

I mulched the 4-H **community garden**; there has not been as much interest expressed from 4-H'ers this year, so more recruiting will need to occur in order for this program to continue. Lots of fair planning occurred in June; in addition, I assisted with the **PASE** livestock quiz bowl competition on UNL's East Campus.

Professional & Organizational Development

I was on the promotion and marketing committee for the **2015 NACAA - AMPIC** and took a role in facilitating social media for the conference.

As the **NCEA** organization plans for the future, I participated in a strategic planning session with the NCEA executive team and have been assisting as needed throughout this process.

The **Fillmore County Development Corporation** also completed strategic planning which I participated as a member of the board.

News Columns

June 10th - Poultry Shows Cancelled

June 17th - Windrow "Disease"

June 24th - Horticultural Tips