

News Release: Week of June 6, 2017

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Forage & Cover Crops Meeting – Elwood – June 13

Lower commodity grain prices and strengthening beef economics have spurred interest regarding forage sorghum, wheatlage and other silage or grazing plant production options. In response, a Nebraska Extension Forage & Cover Crops educational update meeting has been scheduled for **Tues., June 13th, 2017**, in the Civic Center/Legion Hall at the Gosper County Fairgrounds from **10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

Jerry Volesky, Nebraska Extension – West Central Range specialist, will be the keynote speaker providing update on forage sorghum and grazing options for farmers and ranchers. Then, Todd Whitney, Nebraska Extension Educator, will provide update on the 2-year Nebraska Extension Wheatage study near in cooperation with South Central Feeders (NW of Bertrand, NE) and outline new Soil Health monitoring systems for cover crop production.

Attendance is free-of-charge with light refreshment at the tour site. For more information, contact the Furnas County Extension Office (308-268-3105) and/or Todd Whitney – Nebraska Extension – Crops Educator (308-995-7272).

Wheat Varieties Plot Tour – Beaver City - June 21

The Nebraska Extension – West Central Wheat Varieties Plot Tour (Beaver City) is scheduled for **Wed., June 21st, 2017** from **9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.** Participants will have hands-on viewing of wheat varieties and in-depth updates. Special thanks to Rex McClain for again hosting the Furnas county west of **Beaver City, NE**. In 2016, Rex McClain's plot location northeast of Beaver City was the top yielding wheat plot among all statewide Nebraska Extension Varieties plot yield results with six varieties pegging over 100 bushels per acre.

GPS location for the 2017 Furnas County Plot Tour is: 40°07'56.9"N 99°53'02.2"W. Otherwise, driving directions are as follows: From Beaver City, NE: Travel west on NE Highway 89 about 3 miles. Plot is on north side of highway next to field driveway. OR, from Arapahoe, NE: Travel 12 miles south on US Highway 283 to the NE Highway 89 junction; then turn east and go ½ mile east on the north side.

This year's Furnas County plot features 44 different public and private wheat varieties. Todd Whitney, Nebraska Extension Educator, will be leading the plot tour with emphasis on wheat diseases and insect management along with forage and wheat grain yield potential research updates

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