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CORNHUSKER ECONOMICS OUTLOOK

UNL Extension and the UNL Department of Agricultural Economics are proud to present their 10th annual outlook meeting series across Nebraska in November. Listen to UNL ag economists and invited speakers as they team up to discuss the agriculture situation and outlook for 2015. With generous sponsorship this year, there is no registration fee but landowners and farm operators are encouraged to register at the host extension office sites.

In the crops arena what are the markets telling us for 2015? Managing 2015 corn, soybean, and wheat market price and yield risk using hedging and crop insurance will be discussed. Cory Walters, UNL Extension Crop Economist, has that challenge or update.

There is considerable excitement and uncertainty in the livestock market arena. Impacts of supply and demand issues on beef and pork producer's production and marketing decisions all play into the equation. Kate Brooks, UNL Extension Livestock Economist, will share comments in this area.

And of course, Brad Lubben, UNL Extension Policy Specialist, will be there with new benchmark examples for Nebraska farms when signing up for the farm bill. Should I sign up for ARC or PLC in the new farm program? Is that the only policy issue I need to worry about? Brad's focus will be farm program decisions and other ag policy issues impacting producers in the year ahead.

Managing cost of production is crucial in times ahead or even "minimizing losses" rather than "maximizing profits" for crop farmers and lessons to be learned from extreme profitability for livestock producers. Tina Barrett, Director, Nebraska Farm Business Inc., will be on hand.

Thanks to Great Western Bank, materials, refreshments and program expenses are all covered so there is no registration fee to attend. UNL Extension Educator Paul Hay indicated he is moving the program to the 4-H Building at the Gage County Fairgrounds to make more room for participants.

For our area, the closest meeting is Monday, November 17, 2014, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon in Beatrice. Pre-registration is helpful for refreshments. Call the Gage County Extension Office at 402-223-1384, or paul.hay@unl.edu to register.

On Friday, November 21, 2014, we have our Saline County Farm Bill educational meeting at Saline Center from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon with a break in the middle with refreshments. Saline County FSA Executive Director Aaron Peithmann, UNL Extension Educator Monte Vandever from Otoe County, and yours truly, will be on hand to sort through the important issues. I will be back from a Regional Training on the Texas A&M program in Salt Lake City with tips for users. No pre-registration is required. For more information, give me a call at 402-821-2151 or e-mail randy.pryor@unl.edu.

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