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## **SALINA NO-TILL OR BUST**

There is value in attending regional meetings to gain new ideas that could enhance profitability of your operation. Building a solid foundation is the theme of the 16th Annual Winter “No-till on the Plains Conference,” Tuesday and Wednesday, January 24-25, 2012 at the Salina, Kansas Bicentennial Center.

Featured speakers include no-till pioneers and legends Rolf Derpsh, Paraguay, and Nonô Pereira, Brazil as well as no-till dynamo, Dirceu Gassen, Brazil. Dwayne Beck, Dakota Lakes; Jill Clapperton, Rhizoterra; Ray Ward, Ward Labs; Paul Jasa, UNL, and many more great speakers will also share their priceless knowledge. North America's largest no-till trade show is also part of the conference.

There is a special offer for Nebraska producers. Through a no-till educational grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund, the first 100 attendees from Nebraska can register for a total registration cost of \$50. (Conference pre-registration normally is \$150 and at the door \$200). Register this week because this is the week publicity goes out in Nebraska about the grant. So in other words, if you snooze, you lose.

What if you register today and you can't go in January? No problem, organizers will allow you to swap your registration with a person that would go in your place. For more information and to pre-register, go to [www.notill.org](http://www.notill.org) or call 1-888-330-5142, and guarantee your registration cost with the Nebraska grant.

I have reserved a room block for lodging for those that would like to pool rides. Contact my office at 402-821-2151 and talk to office manager Lou Hajek. The advantage of traveling with a group of farmers is networking with others on the trip to and from Salina, learning from each other and splitting transportation and lodging costs. Note, the group will leave early a.m. January 24th and return the evening of the January 25th. If you wish to travel yourself, make sure and reserve your lodging now as space gets tight with over 1,300 attendees last year.

## **UNL CROP CLINIC INFORMATION**

The 4th annual Crop Production Clinics will be held at nine locations across Nebraska in January 2012. The Clinics will provide valuable information to help crop producers and agribusiness professionals improve their profitability and safety. The Crop Production Clinics succeed the Crop Protection Clinics which had been conducted annually since 1974. The Clinics will feature presentations from extension specialists and educators on soil fertility, soil water and irrigation management, crop production, agri- business management and policy, pesticide safety, and disease, insect and weed pest management.

These are also the programs that are important for commercial applicators to attend the year their license is up for renewal. In this manner you can maintain your commercial license or recertify without taking an exam.



Near Saline County, attend the Beatrice program at Classic's (Beatrice Country Club) on Wednesday, January 4th with registration at 8:30 a.m. and program at 9:00 a.m. In York, the program outgrew Chances R Restaurant, so the meeting is held at the York Auditorium on Thursday, January 5th with the same beginning times. Growers are encouraged to pre-register and/or look at program topics. To do this, go to [cpc.unl.edu](http://cpc.unl.edu) on the Internet.

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