

Western Sustainable Ag Crops & Livestock Conference Registration

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or mail this form to
pre-register by November 23. Space is limited.

Registration fee: \$35 per person
Please make checks payable to:
“University of Nebraska Lincoln”

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Address

City

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Zip Code

Telephone

Email

Mail registration form and payment to:
Nebraska Extension-Cheyenne County
PO Box 356
Sidney, NE 69162

Space is limited. Register early to reserve your spot.
(Refunds will not be given after November 29)

Directions to Conference
Western Nebraska Community College

Directions from Interstate 80 – Sidney Exit 59

- ◆ Turn North onto 17 J, Go to stop light
- ◆ Turn Left (west) onto Old Post Road, 19A
- ◆ Continue approximately 2.5 miles to stop light
- ◆ Turn Right (northwest) onto 11th Ave. Stay in right lane
- ◆ At “Y” go to the right onto Fort Sidney Road
- ◆ Continue approximately 2 miles north to College Drive.
- ◆ Turn right (east) and WNCC is located on your right.

A Joint Conference of:

- Nebraska Extension,
- Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA)
NE Chapter No. 2
- Nebraska Sustainable Agricultural Society



OCIA NE Chapter No. 2



WESTERN SUSTAINABLE AG CROPS AND LIVESTOCK CONFERENCE



December 2, 2016

“A Tasting of Nebraska Craft Beers”

Best Western Plus
645 Cabela Drive
Sidney, NE
7:00 p.m.

December 3, 2016

“Money-Making Alternative Agricultural Enterprises for Farm Families”

Western Nebraska Community College
371 College Drive
Sidney, NE
8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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“A Tasting of Nebraska Craft Beers” Local Artisans

Friday, December 2 (the evening before the conference) at the Best Western Plus, 645 Cabela Dr., Sidney, starting at 7:00 p.m. sponsored by the Nebraska Sustainable Ag Society. Contact William Powers, NSAS, (402) 525-7794, healthyfarms@gmail.com, for more information on this event.

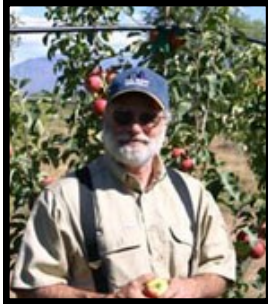
Conference Topics

8:45 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Keynote Presentation

“Improving and Maintaining Long-term Soil Health”, Ron Godin, CSU, Delta, CO

Increasing cover crops as a way to increase soil organic matter and long-term soil health with little or no tillage, is the emphasis of the Soil Health Initiative in western Colorado. It is a farmer-initiated project involving thirty area farmers, the NRCS, and CSU personnel. The goal is to have demonstration and research plots on farms around the Uncompahgre Valley that follow sustainable agricultural practices and incorporate livestock with an eye to long-term productivity by building soil health; using multi-species cover crops for nitrogen production, and organic matter to build soil structure and productivity.



Ron has been researching, growing and working with hop growers in western Colorado for the past 15 years. Hops can be a profitable alternative crop as the demand for locally grown hops by area craft brewers increases with the popularity of craft beer. Learn about the challenges, initial investment, marketing, and which cultivars will produce high quality hops that compete with producers in the Pacific Northwest.

10:30 a.m. Break

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(Please choose one workshop to attend)**

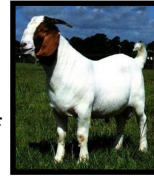
Workshop 1: “Intro to Hops Production”, Ron Godin



Interested in producing hops? Learn all the aspects of hops production from trellising to harvest, drying and baling.

Workshop 2: “Goats: How They Fit into Your Farming Operation”, Clint Andersen, Rushville and Donna Corfield, Ogallala

Learn how to get started raising goats, marketing, health issues, hoof care, fencing and pastures from experienced goat producers.



Noon Lunch
Catered by Outlaws Catering, Gurley

**1:30 p.m.
(Please choose one workshop to attend)**

Workshop 3: “Commercial Mint Production for Western Nebraska”, Dr. Dipak Santra,



University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Scottsbluff, NE
Mint is grown primarily for the oil produced. The climate in western Nebraska is similar to major U.S. mint producing areas and

commercial production of high quality mint oil is possible. The goal of this project is to identify peppermint and spearmint varieties to promote commercial mint production in western Nebraska.

Workshop 4: “The Nuts and Bolts of Producing Quality Hops”, Ron Godin

Want to sharpen your hops production skills? Discover the importance of pruning and training times, using Integrated Pest



Management (IPM) to keep insects and disease at bay, and how to tell when hops are ready to harvest including drying and conditioning which is the trickiest and most crucial part of the production.

2:30 p.m. Break

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Workshop 5: “Utilizing Propane Flaming for Weed Control in Row Crops”,

Strahinja Stepanovic,
Nebraska Extension, Grant,
NE

Learn about the principle of propane flaming for weed control, sensitivity of crops and weeds to different propane doses, ability of different crops to tolerate multiple flaming treatments, comparisons of flaming treatments to hand weeding and between row cultivation, significance of flame-weeding equipment designs in row crop production, and application of flame-weeding in vegetable and fruit production. **Larry Stanislav**, organic farmer will discuss how he is using the AFI flamer for weed control in soybeans.



Workshop 6: “Small-scale Beekeeping”,



Ted Slagle, Ogallala, NE
With the right information, you can become a successful beekeeper. Many, but not all locations that supported large bee operations in the past, have switched from legumes to grain crops and are now unacceptable to beekeeping. GMOs, more spraying, new pests, colony collapse and other problems have increased the beekeeper’s workload so much that they need to understand location limitations and how to handle the problems presented to them.

4:00 p.m. Program Evaluation and Adjourn