

Registration
Western Sustainable Ag Crops
& Livestock Conference
December 3, 2011
Quality Inn, Ogallala

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A block of rooms have been reserved for
this conference. Please call the Quality Inn
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tainable Agriculture Society (NSAS) and Organic Crop
Improvement Association (OCIA) NE Chapter No. 2



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WESTERN SUSTAINABLE
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Integrating Crop & Livestock Enterprises
Strengthen Your Operation
and Reduce Risks



December 3, 2011
8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Quality Inn
201 Chuckwagon Road
Ogallala, Nebraska

Conference Topics

8:45 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Keynote Presentation

Integrating Crop and Livestock Enterprises: Donald L. Tanaka, USDA-ARS, Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory in Mandan, ND will deliver cover techniques to extend the grazing season in the Northern Great Plains and what role cropping systems and cover crops play in an integrated system. Dr. Tanaka has pioneered no-till crop sequence research to take advantage of soil/crop ecology interactions, and in doing so, contributed to a significant evolution in cropping system research where production synergies lead to increased crop production, lower input requirements, and an enhanced natural resource base.

10:30 a.m. Break – View Booths

10:45 a.m. (Please choose one workshop to attend)

Workshop 1: Renewable Harvest - Mobile USDA Meat Processing Unit: Kelly Mashek, will provide information on how to build a mobile processing unit and how they have an expert team that offers free advice to individuals and groups with HACCP plan writing, local and state regulations and coordinating builders. This mobile unit helps farmers to market USDA-certified red meats to schools, grocers, restaurants, consumers or other Institutions.



Workshop 2: High Tunnels for Western Nebraska: Laurie Hodges, Professor, UNL Agronomy & Horticulture, School of Natural Resources, will include management, microclimate factors to consider, what types of crops

do well, selected crops, crop and tunnel management and wind bracing. Laurie does research and extension on commercial vegetables and specialty cut flowers. For the past 10 years, she has been using organic production methods in the field and high tunnels.

Noon lunch: Featuring local foods catered by the Quality Inn

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

Workshop 3: Integrating Crop and Livestock Enterprises: Donald Tanaka, USDA-ARS, Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory. Presentation will discuss research conducted in the northern Great Plains to extend the grazing season for cows and the role cropping systems and cover crops play.

Workshop 4: Regulations and Licensure of Sustainable Ag Crops and Livestock in

Nebraska: Kim McKenna, State Health Inspector with the Department of Agriculture, will cover the regulations and licensure for poultry, livestock and locally grown foods in the State of Nebraska.

Contact information, permit requirements, establishment requirements and farmer's market guidelines will be discussed.

Liz Sarno, UNL Extension Educator—Nebraska Poultry Growers Non-stock Cooperative, Inc. will explain how the on-farm federal exempt poultry processing plant was developed so farmers can process poultry for resale in grocery stores, institutions and farmer's markets within the state.

2:30 p.m. Break – View Booths

2:45 p.m. (Please choose one workshop to attend)



Workshop 5: Research Update on Cover Crops for Grazing Cattle: Karla H Jenkins, Ph.D., University of Nebraska presents her preliminary data on forage

biomass and nutrient quality of cover crops for beef cattle in the semi-arid, high altitude region of the Nebraska High Plains. Her research focuses on increasing profitability while sustaining the range resource.

Gary and Catherine Morris, Hidden Valley Ranches; Wood Lake, Nebraska will discuss their operation where they produce cows and bulls that will thrive on LOW (7 - 9%) protein forage with little to no supplementation.

Workshop 6: Beginning Farmers and SARE Farmer/Rancher Grants: Gary Lesoing, Nebraska State SARE Coordinator and Extension Educator, William Powers, Executive Director, Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society—NSAS will explain the Beginning Farmers Program a series of workshops designed to help farmers learn skills to farm sustainably, how to apply for a SARE Farmer and rancher grants which provides funding for farmers to try various new sustainable farming methods, livestock practices, cover crops etc.

3:45 p.m. Program Evaluation and Adjourn

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