

NEBRASKA COVER CROP & SOIL HEALTH CONFERENCE



INNOVATIVE SPEAKERS who have worked with cover crops extensively will share what they have learned. This is your opportunity to get your questions answered. There are many benefits to utilizing cover crops, such as improved soil health and reduced erosion. It's the details of how and what to do that can present challenges. The focus of the conference is to provide information to growers who are in a corn/soybean rotation and to assist them in understanding the value of cover crops.

1:00 - 1:25 p.m. Optimizing your cover crop ROI

Rebecca Clay, Strategic Initiatives Agronomy Coordinator at Practical Farmers of Iowa

1:25 - 1:45 p.m. Experiences and Economics Using Cereal Rye as a Cover Crop - *Chad Bell, Farmer*

1:45 - 1:55 p.m. Break

1:55 - 2:20 p.m. Using Aerial Imagery to Determine Cover Crop Impacts on Cash Crop Growth and Development

Dr. Andrea Basche, Assistant Professor, Agronomy & Horticulture University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2:20 - 2:45 p.m. Soil Sensing and Soil Health

Kristen Veum, Research Soil Scientist at USDA-ARS Cropping Systems and Water Quality Research Unit, University of Missouri-Columbia

2:45 - 2:55 p.m. Break

2:55 - 3:40 p.m. Pathway Toward a Healthy and Resilient Soil to Achieve Optimum Productivity and Environmental Quality: Cover Crops are Key!

Jerry Hatfield, Retired Director, National Laboratory for Agriculture and the Environment

3:40 - 4:00 p.m. On-Farm Research of Incorporating Cover Crop into a 3 Crop Dryland Rotation

Ken Herz, Owner/Operator of Herz Land and Cattle

4:00 - 4:20 p.m. Speaker Panel Q/A

4:20 - 4:30 p.m. Evaluation and wrap-up

Webcasted from the University of Nebraska Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center near Mead, NE and other locations
(in person attendance not available at ENREC)

Take part online or attend at:

- **BEATRICE** - Southeast Community College (Academic Excellence Building), 4771 W. Scott Rd, Beatrice NE - *Limit 30*
- **CENTRAL CITY** - Merrick Co. Fairgrounds, Central City, NE - *Limit 50*
- **HASTINGS** - Adams Co. Fairgrounds, 947 S Baltimore Ave, Hastings, NE - *Limit 100*
- **HOLDREGE** - Phelps Co. Fairgrounds, 1308 Second Street, Holdrege, NE - *Limit 50*
- **NORTH PLATTE** - University of Nebraska West Central Research and Extension Center, 402 West State Farm Road, North Platte, NE - *Limit 28*
- **SYRACUSE** - Kimmel Ag Expo, 198 Plum St., Syracuse, NE - *Limit 50*
- **YORK** - Fairgrounds - 4-H Bldg., York, NE - *Limit 25*

Pre-registration is REQUIRED at:

<https://enrec.unl.edu/nebraska-cover-crop-conference/>

- **Day-of, walk-in registration will not be permitted.**

- Register early! There are capacity limitations at each location. Once a location is full, it will no longer be listed as a registration option.

- In-person meetings will only be held if local and UNL directed health measures allow and if road conditions are suitable for travel. If the meeting you register for is cancelled, you will be notified via email, phone, or text message.

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