Working Wetlands
Feeding Cows and Waterfowl in Nebraska’s Rainwater Basin

Brian Shaw – Shaw Family Farms

Nebraska’s Rainwater Basin

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Wetland Management – Agency Perspective
- RWBJV Working Lands Initiative
- Integrate Cattle Production
- Cost positive management approach

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Producer’s Perspective
Shaw Family Farms
- 2015 Leopold Conservation Award winner
- Transition of flood-prone cropland into irrigated pasture
- Public lands grazing
- Educating other producers on opportunities to incorporate wetlands into area operations

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Flood-prone Cropland to Irrigated Pasture
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Public Lands Grazing

Questions

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Integration of Wetlands into the Farm Operation

- Managing, Learning, Demonstrating
- Portable Tube, Chute, and Alley – oversee checkout
- Mineral Supplements – managing insects, animal health
- Communicating with Agency Managers – learning what they want, educating them on what we need