



17th Annual Nebraska Grazing Conference August 8–9, 2017 in Kearney, NE

Registration Information

Registration may be completed online at nebraskagrazingconference.unl.edu and clicking on Upcoming Conference.

Regular Registration	Before August 1	After August 1
Full Conference (2 lunches / banquet)	\$80	\$100
Tuesday & Wednesday (2 lunches)	\$65	\$85
Tuesday & Banquet (1 lunch / banquet)	\$55	\$85
Tuesday (1 lunch)	\$35	\$55
Wednesday (1 lunch)	\$35	\$55
Student Registration *	Before August 1	After August 1
Full Conference (2 lunches / banquet)	\$50	\$60
Tuesday (1 lunch / banquet)	\$25	\$35
Wednesday (1 lunch)	\$25	\$35
Extra Banquet Ticket (as available after August 1)	\$30	\$30

* Full-time student in high school or college fall 2017. The first 20 high school students who pre-register by the August 1 deadline will have their registration covered by the UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Contact the Center for Grassland Studies for details.

Refund Policy

Cancellation requests for regular and student registrations received by August 1 will receive a full refund.

Cancellation requests for vendor and exhibitor registrations received before August 1 will receive a full refund. Cancellation requests after August 1 have the option to receive a 50% refund or a 75% credit toward the next year's sponsor registration.

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Tuesday, August 08, 2017

- 9:00 am **Registration Opens**
- 10:00 am **Welcome and Announcements** ... Erin Laborie, Extension Educator, West Central Research and Extension Center
- 10:10 am **Center for Grassland Studies Update** ... Steve Waller, Director, Center for Grassland Studies
- 10:20 am **Fences and Water Points: Where They Should Go** ... Jim Gerrish, Grazing Consultant/Owner, American GrazingLands Services, LLC
- 11:40 am **Beef Systems Initiative** ... Archie Clutter, Dean/Director, Agricultural Research Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 12:00 pm **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm **Grass-based Health and the Ruminant Revolution** ... Peter Ballerstedt, Forage Product Manager, Barenbrug USA
- 2:00 pm **The Good, Bad, and Ugly of Weedy Plants** ... Chris Helzer, Director, Science for Nebraska Program, The Nature Conservancy
- 2:40 pm **2016 Leopold Conservation Award Winner** ... Nancy Peterson, Plum Thicket Farms
- 3:20 pm **Break**
- 3:50 pm **Managing Grassland Vegetation to Benefit Livestock and Wildlife** ... Patricia Johnson, Professor, South Dakota State University, West River Ag Center
- 4:30 pm **What is Plant Cover, and How Can We Manage it for Wildlife Needs?** ... Dwayne Elmore, Associate Professor and Bollenbach Endowed Chair in Wildlife Management, Oklahoma State University
- 5:15 pm **Social** – Compliments of Kearney Ramada
- 6:00 pm **Banquet**
- 7:30 pm **Fencing and Water Development Workshop** ... Jim Gerrish, Grazing Consultant/Owner, American GrazingLands Services, LLC

Wednesday, August 09, 2017

- 8:00 am **Registration Opens**
- 8:25 am **Welcome and Announcements** ... Troy Walz, Extension Educator, West Central Research & Extension Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 8:30 am **Producer Panel – Annual Forages vs Row Crops Under Irrigation** ... John Maddux, Producer
- 9:00 am **Producer Panel – Economics of Grazing Strategies** ... Jim Jenkins, Producer
- 9:30 am **Producer Panel – Discussion**
- 10:00 am **Break**
- 10:30 am **It Costs How Much!?** ... Aaron Berger, Extension Educator, Panhandle Research & Extension Center
- 11:00 am **Managing Risks in a Risky World** ... Jay Parsons, Associate Professor, Ag Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 11:30 am **Lunch**
- 12:30 pm **Selecting Cool-season Grasses for Irrigated or Dryland Conditions** ... Peter Ballerstedt, Forage Product Manager, Barenbrug USA
- 1:30 pm **Working Lands for Wildlife** ... Bill Vodehnal, Wildlife Biologist II, Nebraska Game & Parks
- 2:00 pm **NRCS Cost Share Programs** ... Craig Derickson, Nebraska State Conservationist and Brad Soncksen, Nebraska Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 2:40 pm **Final Comments and Adjourn** ... Brent Plugge, Extension Educator, West Central Research & Extension Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln