

Program

Tuesday, August 9

- 9:00 Registration opens (refreshments in exhibit area)
- 10:00 **Welcome and announcements**
- 10:10 **Opening remarks**, Senator Deb Fischer (invited)
- 10:30 **Using cover crops for fall forage**, Mary Drewnoski, UNL, Lincoln, NE
- 11:15 **Grazing diversity with annuals and cover crops**, Wayne Rasmussen, Plainview, NE
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 **Heifer Link: A program to help young ranchers get started**, Ron Rosati, Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, University of Nebraska, Curtis, NE
- 1:30 **Giving/getting opportunities to start a grazing operation**, Lyle Perman, Lowry, SD; Ryan Sexson, Nenzel, NE
- 2:45 Break (refreshments in exhibit area)
- 3:15 **Pyric herbivory to promote livestock production and wildlife conservation**, Sam Fuhlendorf, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK
- 4:00 **Effect of grazing system type on bird habitats and bird communities in the Nebraska Sandhills**, Maggi Sliwinski, UNL, Lincoln
- 4:45 **Management practices of 2015 Leopold Conservation Award winner: Shaw Family**, Brian Shaw, Fairfield, NE
- 5:15 Social (compliments of Ramada Kearney)
- 6:45 Banquet with speaker, Bob Kinford, Van Horn, TX

Wednesday, August 10

- 8:00 Registration opens (refreshments in exhibit area)
- 8:30 **Forage and future U.S. beef production**, Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK
- 9:15 **Factors to consider when making economic decisions in larger grazing operations**, Trey Patterson, Padlock Ranch Co, Rancho, WY
- 10:00 Break (refreshments in exhibit area)
- 10:30 **Holistic herding and planned grazing**, Bob Kinford, Van Horn, TX
- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:30 **Building rangeland resilience to drought**, Tonya Haigh, UNL, Lincoln, NE
- 1:15 **The positive side of drought and drought planning at Daybreak Ranch**, Jim Faulstich, Highmore, SD
- 2:00 **Impact of removal of corn residue on grain yield and forage measurements at six cooperator sites**, Rick Rasby, UNL, Lincoln, NE
- 3:00 Closing comments and adjourn



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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL NEBRASKA GRAZING CONFERENCE



August 9-10, 2016

**Ramada Kearney
Kearney, Nebraska**

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Registration Information

Registration is done online. Go to the conference website, nebraskagrazingconference.unl.edu, and click on Upcoming Conference. There are different links to register as: 1) regular or student participant, or 2) sponsor/exhibitor. Even if you do not want to pay online with credit card, you simply complete the online registration and mark the “pay by check” option, after which you will mail your check to the designated address (postmarked by August 1 to receive pre-registration rates). Those not able to register online may call 402-472-5636 and give their information to a University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) employee who will enter it in the registration database.

Type of Registration:	By Aug. 1	After Aug. 1
Full Conference (incl 2 lunches + banquet)	80.00	100.00
Tuesday & Wednesday (incl 2 lunches)	65.00	85.00
Tuesday + banquet ticket (incl 1 lunch + banquet)	65.00	85.00
Tuesday (incl 1 lunch)	35.00	55.00
Wednesday (incl 1 lunch)	35.00	55.00
STUDENT* - Full Conference (incl 2 lunches + banquet)	50.00	60.00
STUDENT* - Tuesday (incl 1 lunch, & if desired, complimentary banquet)	25.00	35.00
STUDENT* - Wednesday (incl 1 lunch)	25.00	35.00
Extra banquet ticket (on as-available basis after Aug. 1)	30.00	30.00

*Full-time student in high school or college in Fall 2016. Note: The first 20 high school students who pre-register by the Aug. 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.

About the Conference

The annual Nebraska Grazing Conference was designed for people with an interest in the utilization and conservation of our grazing lands. It is planned by people involved in the grazing livestock industry as well as public and private sector educators and land managers to present the most current information on grazing livestock systems and their impact on grazing lands. While the focus is on Nebraska, information is applicable beyond its borders.

Sign-in sheets to receive Continuing Education Units through the Society for Range Management will be available at the registration table.

If you have not exhibited at this conference in past years but wish to explore the possibility, contact Brent Plugge, 308-236-1235, bplugge@unl.edu, or see the website.

For more information on this annual conference, see nebraskagrazingconference.unl.edu, or contact the Center for Grassland Studies, 402-472-4101, grassland@unl.edu.



At the 2015 conference, UNL rangeland ecologist Dirac Twidwell discussed ecosystem benefits from fire and future consequences of not utilizing burning.

What 2015 NGC Participants Said:

“[Dirac Twidwell’s talk on the need for prescribed burning was] polished; expert presentation; very timely and an excellent wake-up call; this should be required listening for all NRCS and state legislators.”

“Good to hear from producers; question-answer period by far the most valuable.”

“[Wyoming rancher Sage Askin’s talk was] one of the top ten sessions I have attended at this conference over the years! [It is] nice to see a young person so excited about the industry; his presentation gave other young people hope.”

“This is the best conference I’ve been to so far; good group of speakers and subjects.”

“Overall, great program; well balanced and fit together nicely; useful and timely topics; probably one of my favorite grazing conferences.”

“Very good presentations on subjects that will help in my operation.”



Dr. Twidwell was followed by a panel of Nebraska producers who described the physical and economic results of prescribed burns on their grasslands: (from left) Michael Clarke, Berwyn; Russ Bloom, Scotia; Scott Stout, Curtis.

Location:

Ramada Kearney, 301 2nd Ave (Exit 272 on I-80)
Kearney, Nebraska
308-237-3141

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