

## Program

### Tuesday, August 11

- 9:00 Registration opens (refreshments in exhibit area)
- 10:00 **Opening remarks, TBA**
- 10:30 **Poisonous native range plants**, Richard Knight, Tucson, AZ (formerly with Colorado State U.)
- 11:30 **Management practices of 2014 Leopold Conservation Award winner: Pelster Family**, Duane Pelster, Ericson, NE
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 **Influencing livestock grazing distribution**, Mitch Stephenson, UNL, Scottsbluff, NE
- 1:45 **Ecosystem benefits from fire and future consequences of not burning**, Dirac Twidwell, UNL, Lincoln, NE
- 2:30 Break (refreshments in exhibit area)
- 3:00 **Grassland response to prescribed burns**, Russ Bloom, Scotia, NE, Michael Clarke, Berwyn, NE and Scott Stout, Curtis, NE
- 4:00 **Into the future: Wyoming grazing from a startup perspective**, Sage Askin, Riverton, WY
- 5:00 Social in exhibit area
- 6:30 Banquet with speaker, R.P. Smith, Broken Bow, NE

### Wednesday, August 12

- 8:00 Registration opens (refreshments in exhibit area)
- 8:30 **Incorporating annual forages into crop-forage-livestock systems**, Daren Redfearn, UNL, Lincoln, NE
- 9:15 **Controlling risk in grazing-based production systems**, Jay Parsons, UNL, Lincoln, NE
- 10:00 Break (refreshments in exhibit area)
- 10:30 **Using annual forage/cover crops**, Nancy Peterson, Gordon, NE & Jerry Glaser, Spalding, NE
- 11:15 **Livestock poisoning associated with cultivated crops**, Richard Knight, Tucson, AZ (formerly with Colorado State U.)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 **Prescribed fire effects and benefits for cattle**, Derek Scasta, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
- 1:30 **Reducing fly populations on pastured cattle**, David Boxler, UNL, North Platte, NE
- 2:15 Closing comments and adjourn



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# FIFTEENTH ANNUAL NEBRASKA GRAZING CONFERENCE



**August 11-12, 2015**

**Kearney Ramada  
Kearney, Nebraska**

[nebraskagrazingconference.unl.edu](http://nebraskagrazingconference.unl.edu)

## New this year—online registration!

Registration this year will be done online – simply go to the conference website, [nebraskagrazingconference.unl.edu](http://nebraskagrazingconference.unl.edu) and click on Upcoming Conference. There are different links to register as a participant or as a 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. Anyone not able to register online should call 402-472-5636 and your information will be taken over the phone by a UNL employee and entered into the registration database. If paying by check rather than credit card, payment must be postmarked by August 1 to receive pre-registration rates.

Below are the options you will see on the registration website. Full registration includes entire program, two lunches, banquet, break refreshments, and printed proceedings. One-day registration includes all but the banquet.

<b>Type of Registration:</b>	<b>By Aug. 1</b>	<b>After Aug. 1</b>
<b>Full Conference</b> (with banquet) - Regular	80.00	95.00
<b>Full Conference</b> (with banquet) - Student*	50.00	60.00
<b>Tuesday only</b> (no banquet) - Regular	45.00	55.00
<b>Tuesday only</b> (with banquet) - Regular	75.00	85.00
<b>Tuesday only</b> (no banquet) - Student*	25.00	30.00
<b>Tuesday only</b> (with banquet) - Student* (NGC covers banquet cost for students)	25.00	30.00
<b>Wednesday only</b> - Regular	45.00	55.00
<b>Wednesday only</b> - Student*	25.00	30.00
<b>Extra banquet ticket</b> (on as-available basis after Aug. 1)	30.00	30.00
<b>Proceedings only</b> (includes s&h in U.S.)**	10.00	10.00

\*Full-time student in high school or college in Fall 2015. 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.

\*\*One copy of the proceedings is included with conference registration. This option is for those who will not attend the conference but want a copy of the proceedings mailed to them, or for those purchasing an additional copy.

## 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](mailto:bplugge@unl.edu), or see the website.

For more information on this annual conference, see [nebraskagrazingconference.unl.edu](http://nebraskagrazingconference.unl.edu), or contact the Center for Grassland Studies, 402-472-4101, [grassland@unl.edu](mailto:grassland@unl.edu).



Every year the conference features the previous year’s winner of the Leopold Conservation Award for Nebraska. At the 2014 conference, Frank (left) and Henry Beel showed an excellent video that highlighted the management practices used on their ranch in Johnstown and illustrated why the Beel Family was chosen as the 2013 recipient of the award.

## What 2014 NGC Participants Said:

*“You always come up with a balanced program; it’s always the highlight of the year [for me]. Keep it up!”*

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*“Like those first-hand accounts from producers – esp. what does and doesn’t work for them.”*

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*“Program content was great. Thank you for such a great program.”*

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*“Good overall framing of soil health theory and practical application.”*

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*“Good and diverse offering again this year.”*

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*“Really enjoyed the stockmanship aspect.”*

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*“Best conference available for ranchers. Keep up the good job.”*



At the 2014 conference, Texas rancher, consultant and speaker Curt Pate gave a morning talk on stockmanship and stewardship fundamentals, followed in the afternoon by a demonstration of low-stress handling of horses and cattle at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds.

## Location:

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

Make room reservations directly with the Kearney Ramada. Rooms at Conference rate of \$79.95 + tax (w/ hot breakfast) per room per night are held until July 27, 2015 (specify the Nebraska Grazing Conference).

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