

Tuesday, August 6, Field Tour Wood River, NE

<https://grassland.unl.edu/nebraska-grazing-conference-registration>

9:00—11:30 am Field Tour Theme: Rangeland Soil Health

Platte River Prairies (The Nature Conservancy) 13650 S Platte River Dr, Wood River, NE 68883

Field Tour Leaders: Chris Helzer (TNC), Patrick Freeze (Ward Labs), Greg Pec (UNK), UNL Soils & Range Faculty & Students, UNL & NRCS Soil Health Specialists

Tuesday, August 6, Conference Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE

11:45am Registration Opens

12:00 pm Lunch— Sack lunch provided at registration

1:00 pm Welcome and Remarks: Soil Health and Grasslands

Jerry Volesky, Chair, Nebraska Grazing Conference

Dave Wedin, Director Center for Grassland Studies

Soil Health and Grasslands Session

1:10 pm 2023 Leopold Conservation Award Recipient

Trumler Ranch, Chris and Jenifer Trumler, Rockville, NE

1:30 pm Soil Health and Rangeland : Key to Productivity and Quality

Jerry Hatfield, USDA/ARS (retired), Soil and Water Conservation Society (Board)

2:10 pm Soil Health Measurement and the Carbon Market

Bijesh Maharjan & Shannon Sand, UNL

3:15 pm BREAK

3:40 pm Grass Roots Ecology & the Stability of the Nebraska Sandhills

Dave Wedin, UNL Director Center for Grassland Studies

4:30 pm Rainfall Simulator Demonstration (outside)

Riley Hackbart, USDA-NRCS

5:30 pm Social/ Exhibits

6:15 pm Banquet

7:00 pm Keynote Speaker: Reflections on a Career in Soils

Dr. Ray Ward, Ward Laboratories (includes Q&A with Audience)

8:00 pm Adjourn

Wednesday, August 7
Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE

7:30 am

Registration Opens

Public Wildlife & Private Rangelands Session

8:00 am

Welcome and Remarks

8:10 am

Opportunities and Incentives for Wildlife Conservation on Private Lands

Larkin Powell, Director, School of Natural Resources, UNL

9:00 am

State & Federal Programs for Conservation in Working Grasslands

Jenny Prenosil, Agriculture Program Manager, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

9:45 am

BREAK

10:15 am

History & Status of Large Game Species in Nebraska Grasslands

Luke Meduna, Big Game Program Manager, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

10:45 am

History & Status of Upland Game Birds in Nebraska Grasslands

Staff from NGPC and UNL

11:00 am

Supporting Hunter Access on Private Rangelands

Adam Kester, Open Fields & Waters Manager, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

11:30 am

Entrepreneurial Approaches to Wildlife on Private Rangelands

Panel Discussion with Private Outfitters & Guides

12:00 pm

Closing Comments



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