



NEBRASKA GRAZING CONFERENCE

TUESDAY AUGUST 4, 2026

NOON	TRADESHOW & REGISTRATION CHECK IN OPENS
1:00-3:30PM	GRASSLAND ALLIANCE
3:30-3:50PM	CHRIS HELZER VISUALIZING WILDLIFE HABITAT IN GRAZED GRASSLAND
3:50-4:10PM	RYAN LODGE, GRAZING MANAGEMENT AND WILDLIFE HABITAT, FINANCIAL & TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR WILDLIFE - FRIENDLY GRAZING
4:10-4:30PM	PRODUCER PANNEL DAN & ANN PURD, GREG GEHL, & RYAN LODGE LAND OWNER PERSPECTIVES ON GRAZING FOR HABITAT HETEROGENEITY
4:30-5:00PM	TRADESHOW BREAK
5:00-7:00PM	INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RANGELANDS & PASTORALISTS (IYRP) CELEBRATIONS & EXHIBITOR DISPLAYS CASH BAR OPEN & HOT HORS D'OEUVRES SERVED

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5, 2026

8:00AM	TRADESHOW & REGISTRATION OPENS
8:30AM	MITCH STEPHENSON WELCOME TO THE 2026 NEBRASKA GRAZING CONFERENCE
8:35-8:50AM	LAURA NELSON NEBRASKA'S GRASSLANDS: WHERE WE ARE & WHERE WE'RE GOING
8:50-9:50AM	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GAIL FULLER REGENERATIVE GRAZING MANAGEMENT: CHANGING FOOD PRODUCTION FROM THE BOTTOM UP
9:50-10:20AM	TRADESHOW MORNING BREAK
10:20-11:20AM	DR. TOM NOFFSINGER THE IMPORTANCE OF STOCKMANSHIP IN GRAZING MANAGEMENT
11:20-11:40AM	ALEX MCKIERNAN DEVELOPING A SMALL RUMINANT GRAZING ENTERPRISE FROM THE GROUND UP
11:40-NOON	ALEX DAAKE INCORPORATING CATTLE GRAZING INTO AN ESTABLISHED CROPLAND SYSTEM
NOON-1PM	TRADESHOW LUNCHEON
1:00-1:20PM	DAVE AIKEN CARBON CREDITS POLICY & MANAGEMENT
1:20-1:40PM	SARA COVER CARBON CREDITS ON NEBRASKA'S GRAZINGLANDS
1:40-2PM	PRODUCER PANEL DISCUSSION CARBON CREDITS ON RANGELANDS
2-2:20PM	TRADESHOW AFTERNOON BREAK
2-2:20PM	YIJIE XIONG VIRTUAL FENCE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANAGING GRAZING
2:20-3PM	RON JESSPERSON RANCHER EXPERIENCE ADOPTING VIRTUAL FENCE
3-3:50PM	PRODUCER & PANNEL DISCUSSION RANCHER EXPERIENCE ADOPTING VIRTUAL FENCE
3:50-4PM	CLOSING REMARKS & SAFE TRAVELS!