



## Surviving the Drought: *Livestock and Dryland Crops in Northwest Nebraska*

Recent surveys conducted by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln reveal that Nebraska’s farmers and ranchers have implemented a number of strategies for preparing for and dealing with drought. These experiences will be presented along with ideas from state and local agricultural experts. Producers and advisors from all backgrounds are encouraged to attend this free workshop.

### Workshop sponsors:

- National Drought Mitigation Center
- University of Nebraska–Lincoln
- Center for Rural Affairs
- USDA Risk Management Agency
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Chadron State College

## Workshop Program • Tuesday, June 6, 2006 • Chadron, NE

- 8:30–9:00 Registration, Coffee, and Rolls
- 9:00–9:15 Welcome and Introductions  
Cody Knutson, National Drought Mitigation Center  
Wyatt Fraas, Center for Rural Affairs
- 9:15–9:45 Lessons Learned from Recent Drought—Survey Results  
Cody Knutson, National Drought Mitigation Center
- 9:45–10:30 Alternative Crops for Dryland and Minimal Irrigation  
Eric Nielsen, UNL Panhandle Research Station
- 10:30 -10:45 **BREAK**
- 10:45–11:15 Alternative Markets/Organic Crops  
Wyatt Fraas, CRA
- 11:15–12:00 Crop/Livestock Insurance Products and Assistance Programs  
David Teinsvold, Rushville  
Jeff Peterson and Janet Woodall, FSA
- 12:00–1:00 **LUNCH**  
Kenny Cook, Cowboy Poet
- 1:00–2:00 Dealing with Dry Times: Farmer/Rancher Panel  
Bruce Troester, Marsland  
Gary Sheffler, New Raymer, CO  
James Sarchet, Minatare
- 2:00–2:15 **BREAK**
- 2:15–3:15 Drought Impacts on Livestock and Land, Finances and Families  
Scott Cotton, Dawes County Extension
- 3:15–3:45 Nebraska Drought Update, Climate, and Forecasts  
Mike Hayes, National Drought Mitigation Center
- 3:45–4:00 Evaluation of Session  
Wyatt Fraas, CRA