



## Surviving the Drought: Lessons Learned from the 2000–2005 Drought in Nebraska

### *Livestock Production and Drought*

Although recent drought has, once again, revealed our vulnerability to water shortages, surveys conducted by the National Drought Mitigation Center and Center for Rural Affairs show that Nebraska's livestock and forage producers have implemented a broad range of strategies to prepare for and deal with drought. Please be our guest at this free workshop as livestock producers and advisors share lessons they've learned in dealing with recent drought. Drought is a normal part of Nebraska's climate; explore the measures you can take now to better prepare for and respond to future drought.

#### **Workshop sponsors:**

- National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
- Center for Rural Affairs, Walthill, NE
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### **Workshop Program • Monday, June 5, 2006 • North Platte**

- 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: What Ranchers Said in Surveys and Interviews  
Cody Knutson, National Drought Mitigation Center
- 9:45–10:15 Grazing Systems and Drought  
Pat Reece, UNL Panhandle Research and Extension Center
- 10:30–11:00 Alternative Forage Production and Drought  
Jerry Volesky, UNL West Central Research and Extension Center
- 11:00–11:20 My Experiences with Grazing Management and Drought  
Dave Hamilton, Long-Time Nebraska Rancher
- 11:20–11:50 Federal Assistance Programs for Drought Management  
Jeff Nichols, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Bruce Solko, Farm Service Agency
- 11:50–1:00 LUNCH  
My Thoughts on Living with Drought in Nebraska  
Speaker: Lynn Myers, Long-Time Nebraska Rancher
- 1:00–2:00 Herd Management, Supplemental Feeding, and Drought  
Brent Plugge, UNL–Buffalo County Extension  
Ivan Rush, UNL Panhandle Research and Extension Center
- 2:00–2:20 One Rancher's Use of Grazing Software  
Homer Buell, Long-Time Nebraska Rancher
- 2:30–3:00 Minimizing Inputs, Balancing Cash Flows, and Drought  
Matt Stockton, UNL West Central Research and Extension Center
- 3:00–3:30 Nebraska Drought History, Update, and Forecast  
Mike Hayes, National Drought Mitigation Center
- 3:30–4:00 Speaker Panel Discussion on Drought Preparedness and Management in the Great Plains