



Reducing Risk on the Ranch: Developing a Drought Planning Guide for Livestock Producers

September 29–30, 2009

Country Inn & Suites • 5353 N. 27th St. • Lincoln, NE

September 29

8:00–8:30

Tentative Agenda

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30–8:50

Welcome and Overview

8:50–9:00

Cody Knutson, National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC)

Participant Introductions

9:00–9:20

Session I • Developing an Overall Drought Planning Strategy

Introduction to Drought Planning

Cody Knutson

9:20–9:40

Strategic and Scenario Planning in Ranching

Roger Gates, SDSU West River Ag Center; Barry Dunn, King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management

9:40–10:00

NDMC Interview Results

Tonya Haigh, NDMC

10:00–10:15

Break

10:15–12:00

Discussion: Planning Strategies

12:00–1:00

Lunch and Speaker

Historical Climate and Drought Information: What's Available and On the Horizon?

Brian Fuchs, NDMC

1:00–2:00

Session II • Providing Supplemental Planning Information

Discussion: Inventory/Monitoring, Best Management Practices, Drought Response

2:00–2:15

Break

2:15–2:30

Small Group Reports on Supplemental Planning Information

2:30–2:45

Session III • Drought Response Planning

Tactical Drought Response Planning and Issues

Cody Knutson and Tonya Haigh

2:45–3:00

Discussion: Critical Date Recommendations

3:00–3:20

The Drought Management Calculator

Gale Dunn, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Fort Collins, Colorado

3:20–3:40

Economic Factors to Weigh in Making Decisions in Drought

Matt Stockton, West Central Research and Extension Center, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

3:40–4:30

Discussion: How Best to Weigh Options during Drought?

4:30–4:35

Wrap-up and Adjourn for the Day

6:00

Dinner at Beacon Hills Restaurant, Country Inn & Suites

September 30

- 8:00–8:15 Overview of Previous Day and Today's Work
Cody Knutson
- Session IV • Drought Recovery**
- 8:15–8:25 Drought Recovery Presentation
Tonya Haigh
- 8:25–8:40 Drought Recovery
Pat Reece, Prairie & Montane Enterprises, LLC
- 8:40–9:30 Discussion: Drought Recovery Insights and Further Recommendations
- 9:30–9:45 *Break*
- Session V • The Drought Planning Website**
- 9:45–10:00 Tour of the Ranch Planning Website
Tonya Haigh
- 10:00–11:00 Discussion: Look, Feel, Functionality of Website
- 11:00–11:30 Discussion: Geographic Scope and Dissemination
- 11:30–11:45 Timeline of Website Completion and Opportunities for Continued Feedback
Tonya Haigh
- 11:45–12:00 Final Questions and Adjourn

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