Celebrating 50 Years … of Pioneering New Frontiers in Northeast Nebraska Public Field Day

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University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Northeast Research & Extension Center
Haskell Agricultural Laboratory

Public Field Day
August 14, 2007
8:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Haskell Agricultural Laboratory
57905 866 Road
Concord, NE 68728
Schedule of Events

8:30 Registration
- Coffee & Soy Donuts; Sponsored by the Nebraska Soybean Board

9:00 to 11:30 Booths and Activities (See page 6 for details)

9:00 to 10:00 Tours (Meet in front of old shop)
- Arboretum — Del & Alice Hemsath, Steve Rasmussen
- Livestock — walking tour; Terry Mader, Don Levis, Richard Ness, Larry Howard
- Crop Management — trolley tour; Bill Kranz, Charles Shapiro

9:30 to 10:30 Tours (Meet in front of old shop)
- Crop Pest Management — trolley tour; Tom Hunt, Stevan Knezevic.
- Riparian Buffer Tour — trolley tour; Dave Shelton, Rod Wilke, Steve Rasmussen

9:00 to 10:30 Youth & Adult Interactive Workshops
(Air-conditioned Headquarters Building)
- Robotics — Lee Sherry, Sarah Nelson

10:30 to 11:30 Tours (Meet in front of old shop)
- Arboretum — meet in front of headquarters bldg.; Del & Alice Hemsath, Steve Rasmussen
- Crop Management — trolley tour; Bill Kranz, Charles Shapiro
- Organic Farming Tour — trolley tour; Bill Kranz, Charles Shapiro, Liz Sarno, Logan Dana

10:30 to 11:30 Youth & Adult Interactive Workshops
(Air-conditioned Headquarters Building)
- Nutrition Counts! — Susan Hansen, Michelle Kroupa, Brenda Sales

11:00 to 12:00 Tours (Meet in front of old shop)
- Livestock — walking tour; Terry Mader, Don Levis, Richard Ness, Larry Howard
- Crop Pests Tour — trolley tour; Tom Hunt, Stevan Knezevic

11:30 to 12:30 Lunch: Prime Rib Sandwich — New Shop

12:30 p.m. Program — Terry Mader, Moderator
- Speakers
  - NU President, J. B. Milliken
  - IANR Vice Chancellor, John Owens
  - NU Regent, Chuck Hassebrook
  - State Senator, Mike Flood
- Experimental Farm Association Recognition
- NEREC Hall of Fame Presentations

1:45 to 4:00 Boohs and Activities (See page 6 for details)

1:30 to 2:30 Youth & Adult Interactive Workshops
(Air-conditioned Headquarters Building)
- Quilt Quest Workshop — Diane Vigna

2:00 to 3:00 Tours (Meet in front of old shop)
- Livestock — walking tour; Terry Mader, Don Levis, Richard Ness, Larry Howard
- Crop Pests Tour — trolley tour; Tom Hunt, Stevan Knezevic
- Organic Farming Tour — trolley tour; Charles Shapiro, Liz Sarno, Logan Dana
- Riparian Buffer Tour — trolley tour; Dave Shelton, Rod Wilke, Steve Rasmussen

2:00 to 3:30 Tours (Meet in front of old shop)
- Crop Management — trolley tour; Bill Kranz, Charles Shapiro, Sue Olafsen Lackey

4:00 Safe Trip Home
Exhibits and Activities

You won’t want to miss visiting the booths, displays and other activities throughout the facility! See the map on pages 4 & 5 for a pictorial layout of the Haskell Ag Lab facilities.

Soy Donuts & Coffee courtesy of the Soybean Board

Information Booth & First Aid Kit

Displays/Booths — Located in the North Section of the Shop Building
- Student Recruitment
- Tobacco/Health
- Diversified Ag
- Entomology
- Nebraska Soybean Board
- CASNR (College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources)
- CYFAR (Children, Youth and Family At Risk)
- Entomology
- Nebraska Cattlemen
- Nebraska Forest Service
- Nebraska Beef Council
- Nebraska Propane Council
- Nebraska Corn Board
- Agronomy and Horticulture
- Animal Science Department
- Nebraska Pork Producers Association
- Nebraska Sustainable Agricultural Society
- Extended Education and Outreach
- Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education
- UNL Food Science
- Experimental Farm Association
- Organic Project
- Grazing Education
- CRD (Community Resource Development) Program
- Niche Pork
- Integrated Weed Management Research (Chemical Shed)
- Entomology Display (Bug Hut)
- Water Testing

Displays & Hands-on Workshops — Located in Headquarters Building
- 4-H Youth Development Booth
- Robotics
- Quilt Quest
- MEP (Nutrition Education Program) Health and Nutrition
- Arboratum

Shooting Sports Trailer & BIT Mobile: Spend some time testing your eye-hand coordination at the shooting sports trailer! Check out the BIT Mobile and surf the web for educational programs that will help you find resources for your operation and help your children with their homework.

4-H Information Booth: Have your picture taken with Lil’ Green, spin for a prize and get your 4-H alumni pin at the 4-H tent located near the Emeriti Headquarters.

Emeriti Headquarters: Take time to visit with friends!

Water Location: Drink plenty of water!
Brief History of the Haskell Ag Lab

In 1954, local citizens formed the Northeast Nebraska Farm Association. Rollie Ley, a Wayne banker, came up with the idea for an experiment station. Wayne native, Albert Watson, also played a prominent part in organizing the Association.

The Association was incorporated in 1955, to “promote, encourage, and procure the establishment and operation of an experimental farm in northeast Nebraska; to solicit and secure funds by gifts, donations, or otherwise to be used in acquiring, owning, and providing suitable land; and to hold, give, or convey same to an institution, such as the University of Nebraska, to be used and operated as an experimental farm...”

The first major financial contribution came in 1956 when the C.D. Haskell family donated a $70,000, 320-acre farm to the Association. The Association, in turn, gave it to the University of Nebraska. In exchange for the land donation, the Association set up a scholarship fund through the NU Foundation in the name of Margaret T. Haskell. The $25,000 fund still provides interest-free or low-interest loans to northeast Nebraska students majoring in agriculture or engineering.

A plan for a headquarters' building was funded by raising $8,850. C.D. Haskell matched that amount. Through the efforts of Richard Adkins, Sr. of Osmond, University funds were allocated to build the first NEREC building.

In 1967, the Association worked with local pork producers to raise $22,000 for a swine research facility. The Association has continued to provide small grants annually for special needs. Nearly 2,000 individuals have purchased memberships or given donations.

In the fall of 1997, the Concord site was renamed the Haskell Agricultural Laboratory. It continues to provide the latest applied research results for agriculture.

Nebraska Counties in the Experimental Farm Association include Antelope, Boyd, Burt, Cedar, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dodge, Dixon, Holt, Knox, Madison, Pierce, Stanton, Thurston, Washington, and Wayne.

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