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Increase Your Bottom-Line, Decrease Your Input Costs! No-Till Field Day Scheduled in York County

Scott and Barb Gonnerman will be hosting a No-Till Field Day on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on their farm near Gresham and Thayer. Directions to this event are 2 miles west and 3 miles south of Gresham, or 3 miles east and 1 mile north of Thayer at the corner of Road 21 & T.

This field day will feature a rainfall simulator presentation by the NRCS, a planter demonstration, irrigation scheduling techniques using Watermark© sensors, Atmometer-ET gauges, and a soil quality discussion using a soil pit.

Guest speakers include: Dr. Ray Ward, Soil Scientist of Ward Laboratories, Inc., (Kearney); Paul Jasa, Extension Engineer with the University of Nebraska – Lincoln; Dan Leininger with the Upper Big Blue NRD (York); Brian & Keith Berns from Green Cover Seed (Bladen); Dan Gillespie, No-Till Specialist with NRCS (Battle Creek); and Jim Schneider, Extension Educator, with UNL Extension (Aurora).

No-Till farming utilizes a systems approach which profiles a variety of practices. These practices include crop diversity, the use of cover crops, crop residue management, equipment management, irrigation scheduling, soil nutrient management, and minimizing soil disturbance. When no-till practices are properly managed, soil structure, available soil moisture, productivity, and profitability will increase, in conjunction to a decrease of soil erosion, fuel consumption per acre, and labor on a per-acre production basis.

Seating is limited so please RSVP and bring your lawn chair... A free lunch and morning coffee and donuts will be provided by the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District. Make your RSVP by calling Patty at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at 402-362-6601 by Monday, June 7, 2010. Feel free to invite and register your landlords and/or business associates. (Those that have not pre-registered are welcome, but a \$10 charge will apply).

The event is sponsored by the Upper Big Blue NRD, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, Ward Laboratories, Inc., of Kearney, Green Cover Seed of Bladen, Pioneer Seed (Mark Dey) of Gresham, The Nebraska Environmental Trust, Farm Credit Services of America, Wilbur-Ellis, and Cornerstone Bank of York.

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Those with an interest in no-till production should consider this opportunity. A two day tour leaving for South Dakota early June 22nd and returning late the 23rd.

Day 1, June 22:

We'll board the bus at the York Petro located at Hwy. 81 and I-80 at 6:30 a.m. Our first stop will be a farm near Mitchell, SD. After lunch in Mitchell, we will head to the Dakota Lakes Research Farm located near Pierre managed by Dr. Dwayne Beck. Dr. Beck is an internationally respected authority on no-till. Seeing his operation will leave a lasting impact on how you look at crop production! We'll be into the evening hours as we leave there and head to a steak house located along the Missouri River after which we will overnight at the Days Inn of Pierre.

Day 2, June 23rd:

We'll board at 7:00 a.m. for a 45 minute drive to Cronin Farms, a diversified crop and livestock operation where Dan Forgey, Farm Manager, will discuss management strategies on their 9,000 acres. Then, Jim Millar will visit with us about precision soil management. Jim is a 20-year veteran of the NRCS and now manages a private consulting business. After that, we'll have lunch and drive home.

You can be assured that by visiting with experts on a variety of irrigated and dry-land operations, you will receive valuable lessons that will change the way you look at managing your farming operation.

The trip is sponsored through the Nebraska No-till Cadre with grant funds from the Nebraska Environmental Trust, however there will be a nominal fee. Individuals will be charged \$75.00 and couples are \$125.00. Individuals will be paired for double room occupancy. Those requesting single occupancy will be charged \$125.00. The fee covers rooms and transportation however meals will be on your own. For more information, registration and deadlines, go to <http://hamilton.unl.edu> or call Jim Schneider, Hamilton County UNL Extension at 402-694-6174.

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