

Mid Winter Conference

March 2-3, 2021
Live Streaming
8 CEUs – 2 mornings



Agenda March 2, 2021

- 8:30 - 8:40 am **Welcome and Introduction** - Tim Mundorf
- 8:40 - 9:30 am **1 SW - Integrating Soil Health Into Your Agronomic Services** – How to fit soil health into your current agronomic services i.e. trouble shooting, site specific nutrient management, soil testing, etc. Review of soil health indicators used by agronomists and how they apply and relate to management recommendations to optimize productivity – *Mike Kucera, Agronomist, USDA-NRCS*
- 9:30 - 10:20 am **1 CM - The Current La Nina Event Is Weakening. Is This A Sign That Drought Conditions Will Improve During 2021?** – La Nina conditions are weakening in the Equatorial Pacific and early signs point toward a more aggressive precipitation across the central United States. The ultimate question that remains unanswered is whether this increase in storm activity signals an end to our current drought cycle or whether it is a temporary blip in an overall dry pattern. This talk will focus on this recent storm activity and what impacts this weather shift will have on the major crop growing regions of the United States as we progress through the upcoming growing season – *Al Dutcher, Associate Nebraska State Climatologist*
- 10:20 - 10:30 am **BREAK**
- 10:30 - 11:20 am **1 PM - Corn And Soybean Disease Update For Nebraska – What To Watch For In 2021** – This presentation will review the corn southern rust development of 2020 in Nebraska and the results of University foliar fungicide trials. Tar spot disease will be discussed, what to watch for, and its progress west toward Nebraska. Group 11 fungicide resistance has been confirmed in the soybean frogeye leaf spot pathogen in several Nebraska counties that will affect performance of some products – *Dr. Tamra Jackson-Ziems, NE Extension Plant Pathologist*
- 11:20 - 12:10 pm **1 NM - Utilizing Nutrient Use Efficiency Metrics To Improve Nutrient Management** – Use Nutrient Use Efficiency to create benchmarks and identify NUE goals for a growers operation. Utilize NUE metrics to evaluate different management strategies and new products as you work with growers towards those goals – *Mike Zwingman, Technical Development Manager, Verdesian Life Sciences*
- 12:10 - 12:30 pm **Wrap Up**

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Agenda March 3, 2021

- 8:30 - 8:40 am **Welcome and Introduction** - Tim Mundorf
- 8:40 - 9:30 am **1 SW - Developing A Soil Health Management Plan** – Provide information on the NRCS Conservation Activity Plan for planning and implementing a soil health management system and discuss the potential role that CCAs might have in developing and implementing these plans – *Corey Brubaker, State Conservation Agronomist, Nebraska NRCS*
- 9:30 - 10:20 am **1 CM - Improving Spray Application Efficiencies With Data And Technologies** – This presentation will focus on typical (yet potentially unknown) errors that may occur during field applications with current spray application systems and discuss potential technologies that can mediate many of these errors – *Joe Luck, Extension Precision Agriculture Engineer, UNL*
- 10:20 - 10:30 am **BREAK**
- 10:30 - 11:20 am **1 PM - Soybean Gall Midge: Battling A New Pest In The Midwest** – This presentation will focus on the geographic distribution of soybean gall midge, its impact on soybean, scouting tips, and management challenges. Focus will be placed on scenarios where there is an increased risk of injury and tools that clientele can use to take action or monitor for soybean gall midge – *Dr. Justin McMechan, Associate Professor, Crop Protection & Cropping Specialist, UNL*
- 11:20 - 12:10 pm **1 NM - Managing Nitrogen In A Restricted Environment** – Making nitrogen recommendations with consideration of rate and timing to comply with new government restrictions. Get the tools needed to help better manage nitrogen and reduce overall application and loss to the environment – *Tim Mundorf, Nutrient Management Lead, Central Valley Ag Cooperative*
- 12:10 - 12:30 pm **Wrap Up**

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