
RESEARCH CENTER ADMINISTRATOR'S SOCIETY

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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN

SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2024
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Courtyard by Marriott Lincoln Downtown Haymarket

808 R Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

5:00 PM Registration Opens

6:00 PM RCAS Business Meeting

Things to do in Lincoln: <https://go.unl.edu/lincolnvisitorsguide>

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:30 AM Load Bus and Travel to Nebraska Innovation Campus
Estimated travel time ~ 5 minutes

8:00 AM Welcome Remarks
Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center
Breakout Rooms A1-3
Mike Boehm, Harlan Vice Chancellor and NU Vice President

8:10 AM Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) Overview
Rich Bischoff, Associate Vice Chancellor of IANR

8:15 AM Nebraska Agriculture Overview
Sherry Vinton, Director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture

8:30 AM Nebraska Innovation Campus Overview
Kate Engel, Executive Director of Nebraska Innovation Campus
<https://innovate.unl.edu>



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (CONTINUED)

8:45 AM

NIC Tours

Food Innovation Center

<https://foodscience.unl.edu/>

<https://innovate.unl.edu/food-innovation-center>

<https://fpc.unl.edu/>

Dr. Silvana Martini, Professor of Food Science and Technology

Julie Reiling, Senior Consultant

Greenhouse Innovation Center

<https://innovate.unl.edu/greenhouse-innovation-center>

<https://ard.unl.edu/phenotyping/>

Dr. Vincent Stoerger, Plant Phenotyping Facilities Manager

Nebraska Innovation Studio

<https://innovate.unl.edu/nebraska-innovation-studio>

David Martin, Director

10:15 AM

Presentations

Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center, Breakout Rooms A1-3

Nebraska Food for Health Center

<https://foodforhealth.unl.edu/>

Dr. Amanda Ramer-Tait, Maxcy Professor of Agriculture and Natural

Resources Associate Professor, Department of Food Science & Technology

Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute

<https://waterforfood.nebraska.edu/>

Dr. Peter McCornick, Executive Director

Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center

<https://vbms.unl.edu/nvdc>

Dr. Dustin Loy, Director

National Center for Resilient and Regenerative Precision Agriculture

Dr. Virginia Jin, Research Leader for USDA Ag Research Service

12:00 PM

Pick up Box Lunch and Load Bus

North side of The Scarlet

12:15 PM

Travel to the Eastern Nebraska Research, Extension and Education Center (ENREEC)

Estimated travel time ~ 35 minutes

1071 Co Rd G, Ithaca, NE 68033



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 (CONTINUED)

1:00 PM

Eastern Nebraska REEC Overview

Christensen Building Auditorium

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/enreec/>

Dr. Doug Zalesky, Director

Dr. Joe Luck, Associate Director

1:30 PM

ENREEC Tours

Spidercam

<https://ard.unl.edu/phenotyping/field-phenotyping-facility/>

Dr. Yufeng Ge, Director of Plant Phenomics Core Facility

Feedlot Innovation Center

<https://beef.unl.edu/unl-klosterman-feedlot-innovation-center>

Dr. Galen Erickson, Nebraska Cattle Industry Professor of Animal Science

3:15 PM

Presentations

Christensen Building Auditorium

Nebraska Future Agricultural Research and Management Systems (NFARMS)

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/enreec/nfarms/>

Dr. Joe Luck, Professor and Precision Agriculture Engineer

Soybean Breeding Program

Dr. George Graef, Professor and Presidential Chair in Soybean Breeding

Small Grains Breeding Program

Dr. Katherine Frels, Assistant Professor of Agronomy & Horticulture

Statewide Agricultural Research Administrative System (SARAS)

Dr. Hector Santiago & Dr. Doug Zalesky

Nebraska On-Farm Research Network

<https://on-farm-research.unl.edu/>

Dr. Joe Luck, Professor and Precision Agriculture Engineer

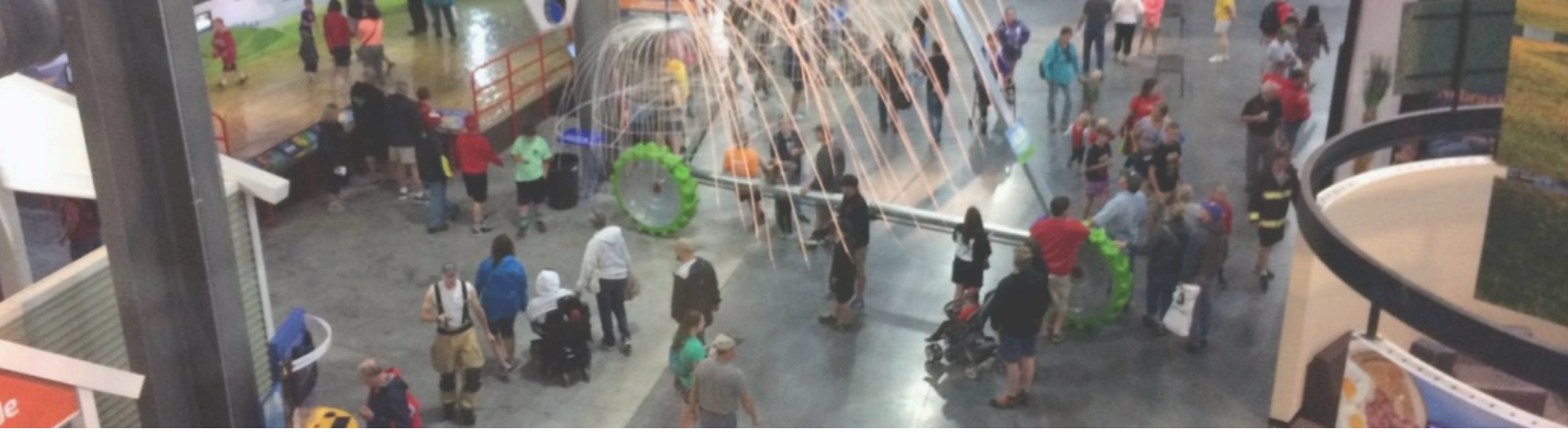
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Dinner

6:45 PM

Travel to Lincoln

Estimated travel time ~ 35 minutes



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 AM

Load Bus and Travel to LI-COR

Estimated travel time ~ 15 minutes

8:00 AM

LI-COR Biosciences Tour

4647 Superior St, Lincoln, NE 68504

<https://www.licor.com/>

9:00 AM

Travel to York, Nebraska

Estimated travel time ~50 minutes

10:00 AM

Corteva Tour

1501 Rd P, York, NE 68467

<https://www.corteva.com/>

11:15AM

Travel to Grand Island, Nebraska

Estimated travel time ~45 minutes

12:00 PM

Raising Nebraska Exhibit & Lunch

501 East Fonner Park Road Suite 100, Grand Island, NE 68801

<https://raisingnebraska.net/>

1:30 PM

Travel to North Platte, Nebraska

Estimated travel time ~2 hours, 10 minutes

Holiday Inn Express

300 Holiday Frontage Road, North Platte, NE 69101

5:00 PM

Golden Spike Train Station with Catered Dinner

<https://goldenspiketower.com/>



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:30 AM **Load Bus and Travel to West Central Research,
Extension and Education Center**

402 West State Farm Road, North Platte, Nebraska 69101

8:00 AM **Welcome to WCREEC**
<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/westcentral/>
Dr. Kelly Bruns, Director

8:15 AM **Load Buses for Tours**

8:30 AM **WCREEC Tours**

Agroecosystems Entomology Program

<https://entomology.unl.edu/agroecosystems>

Dr. Julie Peterson, Professor of Entomology

Airplane Simulation

Jeff Golus, Plant Science Research Manager

Beef Nutrition Grow Safe System

Dr. Rick Funston, Professor of Animal Science

Pesticide Application Lab

<https://pat.unl.edu/>

Dr. Milos Zaric, Assistant Professor of Agronomy & Horticulture

10:30 AM **Presentations**

WCREEC Headquarters Auditorium

Testing Agricultural Performance Solutions

<https://taps.unl.edu/>

Dr. Christopher Proctor, Director

Stumpf International Wheat Center

<https://go.unl.edu/stumpfwheatcenter>

Dr. Nicolas Cafaro La Menza, Assistant Professor of Agronomy & Horticulture

Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory

<https://go.unl.edu/gsl>

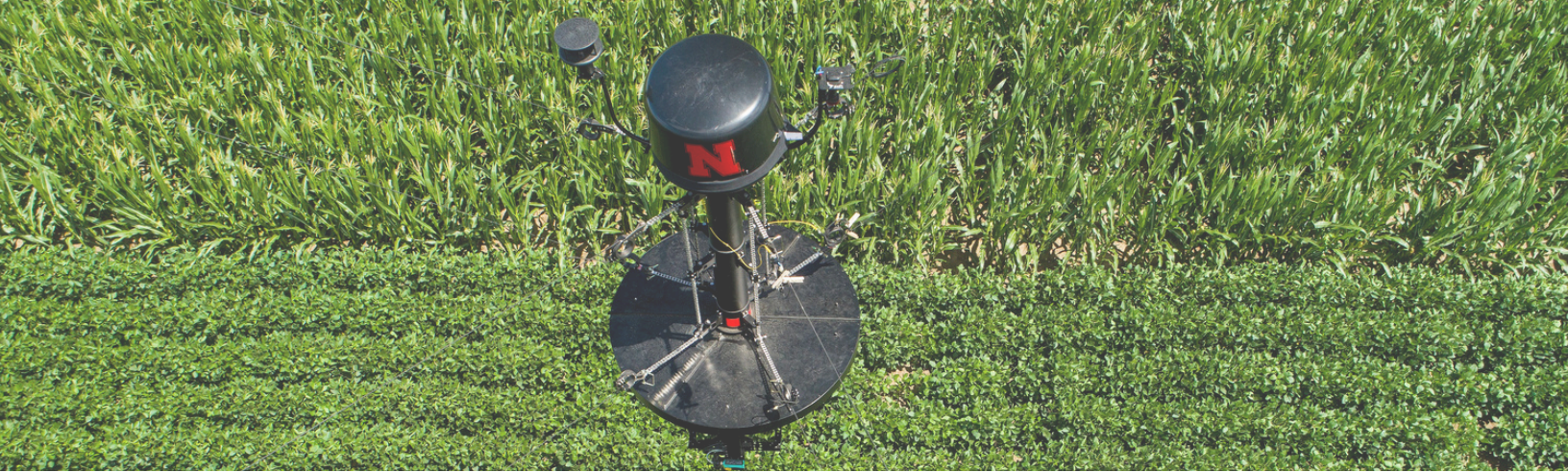
Dr. Kelly Bruns, Director of West Central REEC

Panhandle/West Central REEC Collaborations

<https://preec.unl.edu/>

Dr. John Westra, Director of Panhandle REEC

Dr. Kelly Bruns, Director of West Central REEC



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (CONTINUED)

11:30 PM

Lunch

West Central REEC

Mobile Beef Lab

<https://huskerbeeflab.unl.edu/>

T.L. Meyer, Beef Extension Educator

Mobile Irrigation Testing Lab

<https://go.unl.edu/irrigationtestinglab>

Abia Katimbo, Irrigation Management Specialist

Water Resources Mobile Lab

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/westcentral/waterlab/>

Doug Hallum, Geologist

Mobile PAT Lab

1:00 PM

Travel to U.S. Meat Animal Research Center

844 Rd 313, Clay Center, NE 68933

Estimated travel time ~ 2 hours, 30 minutes

3:30 PM

USMARC Tour

<https://www.ars.usda.gov/plains-area/clay-center-ne/marc/>

Dr. Mark Boggess, Director

Chad Engle, USMARC Livestock Operations Manager

5:00 PM

Travel to Lincoln

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