



News Release

(HOLDREGE, Neb.) -- Looking for a diversion from the dead of winter? The public is invited to attend the 20th annual Holdrege Water Conference on Feb. 4 at the Phelps County Ag Center.

Water is perhaps one of the most prevalent topics of discussion across Nebraska. The conference will bring together experts involved with water issues, as well as other topics that will inform and entertain, to discuss current issues of importance to area residents.

The conference is scheduled to start at 10 a.m., with registration and coffee and rolls, and will conclude around 3 p.m. There is no admission fee and lunch will be served courtesy of the conference's sponsors.

Speakers and topics for the conference include:

- "NRCS Programs," Kevin Breece, NRCS District Conservationist.
- "Centralized Water Use Database," Lameck Odhiambo, University of Nebraska Lincoln.
- "Evaporation and Transpiration Research," Suat Irmak, University of Nebraska Lincoln.
- "Performance Based Water Conservation: Creating a Link Between Profitable Irrigation and Sound
- Watershed Management," John T. Heaston, The Nature Conservancy.
- "South Platte Flood," Jason Lambrecht, U.S. Geological Survey.
- "NCORPE Project," Jasper Fanning, Upper Republican NRD manager.
- "Groundwater Levels in Tri-Basin NRD," John Thorburn, Tri-Basin Natural Resources District manager.

The Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce joins with the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District, The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, and Phelps-Gosper Cooperative Extension to sponsor the event.

Area merchants and agricultural suppliers will be on hand with booths and displays to discuss their products and services with conference attendees.

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