



Farm Views

Chemigation Training Feb. 18

Lancaster County Extension will conduct chemigation training Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. This training session is intended for initial certification or re-certification of chemigators (people who wish to apply fertilizer or certain approved pesticides in their irrigation water).

Producers seeking initial certification or who need to be re-certified, are encouraged to pre-register for the training session. Initial certification is \$15 and renewal is \$10. To pre-register, obtain an application form from the Lancaster County Extension office, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln, NE 68528. Phone 441-7180.

People paying the fee for initial certification will receive a packet of written training materials by return mail. People who will be re-certifying should already have the materials. If you cannot locate yours, another set can be obtained for an additional \$5 fee.

All chemigators are encouraged to study the materials prior to attending the training session as this should improve chances of passing the written examination. Also bring study packets to the training session as these will be referenced. *All individuals are encouraged to bring a calculator and pencil to the training/testing session.* (TD)

Unwanted Pesticide Collection March 17

A pesticide disposal collection will be held Monday, March 17, 8 a.m.–Noon at the Farmers Cooperative Company fertilizer plant on North 148th Street, Waverly.

Anyone with outdated or unwanted pesticides may bring them. Once received, the pesticides will be sorted and packaged for shipment to a certified incinerator for disposal. No pre-registration is required. There is no charge for up to 1,000 pounds of product from individuals or firms. A charge of \$1 per pound will be assessed for the amount over 1,000 pounds.

Pesticides Which Will Be Accepted

There are three main categories of pesticides that will be accepted:

- Unused, unneeded, old or damaged pesticides (includes insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides and fumigants.)
- Pesticides of all types (agricultural crops, livestock, homes, lawns, gardens, structural, commercial,) including those in aerosol containers.
- Farmer-supplied electrical transformers containing PCB's from renovated irrigation systems.

Products Which Will NOT be Accepted

Since different wastes need to be handled and disposed of differently, products that will not be accepted include:

- Pesticide products in pressurized cylinders
- Waste oil or oil filters
- Antifreeze
- Paints, varnishes and thinners
- Cleaners and solvents

Pesticides should be brought in their original containers with label intact, if possible, but pesticides which no longer have readable labels will be accepted. Remember to protect yourself and your surroundings when handling waste pesticides. You may need to wear personal protective equipment or, as a minimum, unlined neoprene gloves, when handling waste pesticides. If the pesticide container has been damaged, pack it in another container that will hold the product if the first container should rupture while being transported. Use a container that can be left at the collection site if it becomes contaminated.

UNL Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Trust Fund, the Nebraska Fertilizer and Ag Chemical Association, and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, is sponsoring pesticide collections at 18 sites across Nebraska. Due to anticipated tight funding, this may be the last statewide pesticide collection for several years. Don't miss the opportunity to dispose of unwanted pesticides! (TD)

Computerized Financial Record Keeping Workshops

Held in Lincoln March 18



Lancaster County Extension will present the very popular Computerized Financial Record Keeping workshop series in four southeast Nebraska locations again this spring. The Lincoln workshop will be held Tuesday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in a computer lab in the Animal Science Building on East Campus. See right for other locations.

All instruction will be presented in a hands-on teaching style with participants performing the tasks being demonstrated by the instructors. Participants, therefore, should have a basic familiarity with using a computer and typing on a computer keyboard.

Instruction on computerized record keeping in this workshop will begin with the basics, no prior computerized record keeping experience is necessary. However, some prior experience with a hand-kept single entry accounting system (such as the extension blue book) would be useful. At a minimum, participants should have experience with keeping a check ledger, (preferably one that is periodically reconciled with bank statements).

To save time, much of the instruction on generating reports will be done using sample files that have been created to represent a typical crop & livestock farming operation.

Specifically, participants will receive instruction on:

- Setting up and starting your records.
- Developing a chart of accounts (categories) to key income and expense transactions to.
- Entering transactions into the ledger (single transactions and transactions that are split between multiple categories).
- Retrieving information in the form of various reports (including transaction reports and reports that are sorted and filtered according to various criteria).
- Dealing with term loans, such as a car loan, etc.
- Reconciling with the bank statement.
- Electronic Banking.

The concepts taught are

applicable to any of several inexpensive computerized record keeping programs, with slight modifications in procedure. This workshop will be taught hands-on using Quicken 2003 Basic™ in the classroom.

Registration will be limited due to space and computer availability on a first-come, first-served basis. After the class is filled, a waiting list will be developed in case of a cancellation. If you are interested, please contact the extension office and ask to have a brochure and registration form sent to you.

Written step-by-step instruction sheets have been developed and are intended for use in the workshop and as reference materials to take home. Reference materials, lunch, refreshments and a conference parking pass are all included in the registration fee. The registration fee for each workshop is \$40 for one person, \$45 for two people sharing one computer with two meals and one set of handouts. Payment must be received with the registration form in order to hold your reservation. Please make your check payable to NU Cooperative Extension.

Registrants will receive conference parking permit and a map showing directions to the animal science building and where to park on campus.

To view/print the brochure for this workshop online go to <http://lancaster.unl.edu/ag/recordkeeping.pdf>. (TD)

Workshop Dates and Locations

All workshops will be held 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

March 13 — NU ARDC, near Mead, NE Pre-registration due: March 7. Contact: Lance Brown, Saunders County Extension, 1071 County Road G, Ithaca, NE 68033, phone: (402) 624-8030

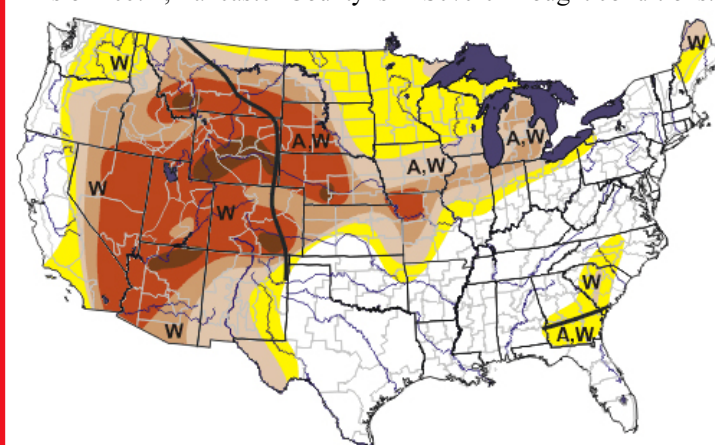
March 17 — Dana College, Blair Pre-registration due: March 7. Contact: Dave Varner, Dodge County Extension, 1206 W 23rd Street, Fremont, NE 68025, phone: (402) 727-2775

March 18 — Room 223, Animal Science Building, UNL East Campus, Lincoln. Pre-registration due: March 8, 2003. Contact: Tom Dorn, Lancaster County Extension, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln, NE 68528, phone: (402) 441-7180

March 19 — York College Library, York Pre-registration due: March 9. Contact: Gary Zoubek, 2345 Nebraska Ave. York, NE 68467, phone: (402) 362-5508

Latest U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of Feb. 4, Lancaster County is in Severe Drought conditions.



D0 Abnormally Dry
D1 Drought—Moderate
D2 Drought—Severe
D3 Drought—Extreme
D4 Drought—Exceptional

Drought Impact Types:
A = Agriculture
W = Water (Hydrological)
F = Fire danger (Wildfires)
Delineates dominant impacts
(No type = All 3 impacts)

For the most recent map, visit www.drought.unl.edu/dm