

## Can You Guess It?



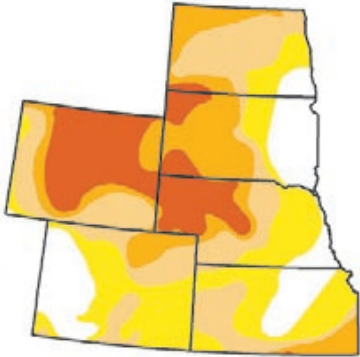
Did you guess it? Find out at  
<http://lancaster.unl.edu>

Did you guess it from the October NEBLINE?  
The answer was a brown sac spider hiding in a pepper.

## U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of Oct. 10, Lancaster County was in abnormally dry conditions.

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	15.6	84.4	59.5	34.8	16.7	0.0
Last Week (10/02/06 map)	10.2	89.8	61.6	33.7	16.7	0.0
3 Months Ago (7/18/06 map)	2.0	98.0	86.0	42.3	10.3	2.1
Start of Calendar Year (1/3/06 map)	45.9	53.1	20.5	0.2	0.0	0.0
Start of Water Year (10/2/05 map)	10.2	89.8	61.6	33.7	16.7	0.0
One Year Ago (10/11/05 map)	49.8	50.2	20.2	0.0	0.0	0.0



Intensity:  
D0 Abnormally Dry  
D1 Drought - Moderate  
D2 Drought - Severe  
D3 Drought - Extreme  
D4 Drought - Exceptional

For the most recent map, visit <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

## Community Conversation on Immigrants & Refugees

In October, more than 40 people attended a Community Conversation focusing on immigrants and refugees in the Lincoln community. The event was organized by University of Nebraska Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC).

A panel of four immigrants discussed their experiences. They all said language was the biggest challenge they had to overcome. Other common challenges included trying to understand the rules of the country (for example, if there is an emergency, call 911).

The panelists mentioned local agencies which were helpful to them, such as the Lincoln Action Program, Lincoln Literacy Council and Southeast Community College (which offers English as a Second Language classes). They said they like Lincoln because it is small, safe, the people are friendly, and there are many job and educational opportunities.

After the panel discussion, attendees divided into small groups to discuss five questions. After small group discussions, answers were shared with everyone. The topic which generated the most discussion was, "What other things could Lincoln do to work with recent immigrants?" Some ideas included:

- Offer more ESL classes
- Network existing resources such as schools, churches and libraries
- Compile a booklet listing existing resources
- Classes for financial literacy



Panel members included (L-R) Viet Tran, Najem Alhajami, program moderator Amy Boren, Khamisa Abdallah and Pablo Cervantes.



Small group discussions focused on questions such as, "What is Lincoln doing to encourage interethnic communication?"

are needed

- Offer a type of welcome-wagon for immigrants
- Offer leadership training
- Practice speaking English in a variety of opportunities
- Participate in neighborhood associations

Stan Quy of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development made

closing remarks. He said today's strategies should be to build win-win situations.

Co-sponsors of the Community Conversation included Lincoln Public Schools Community Learning Centers, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, Clinton Elementary School, Lincoln Community Cultural Centers and Lincoln Neighborhood Associations.

## South Prairie 4-H Club Enjoys Successful First Year



The South Prairie 4-H club formed last January for youth in southern Lancaster County. Twenty six youth belong to the club and nine adults are involved as project leaders. The club has Clover Kids who are ages 5-7. Kendra Ronnau is organizational leader. One of the first projects the club did as a group was tie-dye shirts. The club has worked on a wide range of projects such as: cooking, sewing, woodworking, rabbits, poultry and dairy goats. Most club members exhibited projects at the Lancaster County Fair. A few members exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair. The club participated in the Hickman Haydays parade (pictured above). They recently held an end-of-year celebration with the Riding Wranglers 4-H club — the evening included a hay rack ride and songs/stories by Otto Rosfeld (sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council). The club will hold a reorganizational meeting in November. They may have room for additional members who live in the area, especially if additional volunteers can help as project leaders. For more information about the club, call Kendra at 792-3179. To help start a new 4-H club, contact UNL Extension in Lancaster County at 441-7180.

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## 4-H Rabbit Clinic

**Saturday, Nov. 11  
9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Lancaster Extension Education Center  
444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln

Learn about the 4-H Rabbit Program which is open to all youth ages 8-18.

### SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- How do I get into 4-H
- Selection and Care of the Rabbit
- Information on Rabbit Breeds
- Showmanship
- Static Exhibits



For more information, call Rodney at 782-2186 or Marty at 441-7180

Sponsored by Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit VIPs Committee and Rabbits R Us 4-H Club