

Land application field days offered

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Sessions set in January, February.

In January and February, two University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension workshops at Extension offices across the state will provide livestock and crop farmers with the latest information on how to turn manure nutrients into better crop yields while protecting the environment.

Land Application Trainings will be available Tuesday, Jan. 26, or Wednesday, Feb. 24. Initial training is from 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and re-certification is from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Dawson County Extension Office will host the Jan. 26 meeting while the Feb. 24 meeting will be available at the Broken Bow Extension Office.

Livestock producers with livestock waste control facility permits received or renewed since April 1998 must be certified and are encouraged to attend.

In addition, the farm representative identified on the permit application must complete an approved training program every five years, and farm personnel responsible for land application of manure should also attend so they are aware of permit conditions regulations.

The workshops will help livestock producers put to use the nutrient management planning requirements of Nebraska's Department of Environmental Quality regulations and capture the economic value of manure, said Leslie Johnson, UNL CNMP coordinator. Participants who attend the day-long event will receive NDEQ Land Application Training Certification.

This in-depth, one-day class targets newly permitted livestock operations. Operations that have already attended this initial training, but need re-certification, need only attend the afternoon portion of the training.

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Attendance at the afternoon portion of one of the Land Application Training workshops will fulfill NDEQ requirements for re-certification of producers who have completed the initial land application training five or more years ago.

This portion of the workshops will consist of a two-hour program including updates on changing regulations and emerging manure management topics. It also will be available via distance learning technology at several county extension offices across the state. Those that have access to high-speed Internet can take this re-certification training at any location, including the home or office.

Farm staff responsible for implementing the farm's nutrient plan also are encouraged, but not required, to attend.

For additional information, including the location closest to you, contact Johnson, at (402) 584-3818, e-mail ljohnson13@unl.edu.

Pre-registration is required for all workshops and can be done by visiting <http://water.unl.edu/lat>. A \$50 fee per farm (includes one farm representative) will be charged for the day-long Land Application Training workshops plus a \$10 fee for each additional participant to cover local costs including lunch.

The Land Application Training Re-certification portion of the workshop is free if viewing online; if attending at an extension office the registration fee is \$10.

For additional information and to register for these workshops and other resources for managing manure nutrients, visit the [Web](#) .