

Emerging ag technologies focus of Jan. 27-28 meeting

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New technologies are changing the way of agriculture. Producers will learn how to benefit from these advancements at a January agricultural technology conference.

The 10th annual Nebraska Agricultural Technologies Association Conference and Trade Show will be Jan. 27-28 at the Midtown Holiday Inn in Grand Island.

“Conference attendees will learn to use the latest technology to improve their production efficiencies,” said University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension educator Dave Varner. “Participants will glean insights from national and international precision agriculture experts regarding future precision agriculture technology applications.”

General session topics and speakers at the 2010 conference include: Adoption of Precision Agriculture by Australian Grain Growers and Global Perspectives of Site-specific Weed Management, Australian farmer Sam Trengove; Precision Nutrient Management on Site-specific Management Zones, Raj Khosla, Colorado State University; Mapping EvapoTranspiration with High Resolution and Internalized Calibration, Gary Hergert, UNL; Monitoring irrigation water application with computerized controllers, Bill Kranz, UNL; and Broadband: Who Needs It?, Sandra Scofield, Nebraska Rural Initiative, Carol Farnham, Signa Solutions.

Participants may choose among 12 concurrent sessions that address topics such as using active crop canopy sensors for in-season nitrogen management, powering pivots by solar and wind energy, hands-on Excel and irrigation efficiency workshops, irrigation water management technologies, precision manure management, regional RTK networks, smartphone capabilities, and online networking.

Special pre-conference workshops will focus on Optimizing Pivot Irrigation Management and Social Media Applications in Agriculture. Both workshops will be offered on Jan. 27 beginning at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Registration is \$120 for NeATA members and \$145 for non-members. Those planning to attend can register by sending their name, address, phone number, e-mail address and payment to the Nebraska Agricultural Technologies Association, 1206 W. 23rd St., Fremont, Neb. 68025-2504.

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Conference brochures are available at University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Offices, [on-line](#), or by calling (800) 830-4855.

Eight Certified Crop Advisor continuing education credits are available for conference participants. Additional CEUs may be available for pre-conference programs.