

Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society  
c/o Executive Director

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## ***About:***

From Aurora to Grand Island and Nebraska City to Columbus, the conference has laid the framework for promoting sustainable agriculture and local foods in Nebraska and the Midwest. The Healthy Farms Conference features over 20 breakout sessions aimed at equipping farmers, aspiring farmers, foodies, and advocates to with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful. The conference also features several keynote sessions meant to inspire and motivate people to action, and that what they are doing and why they are doing it makes a difference.

The conference also provides support for current farmers by fostering growth and stability in sustainable farming methods, including organic agriculture and sustainable agriculture. We do this by helping farmers to develop innovative ideas and projects that can impact their local communities and areas.

A variety of interactive educational opportunities are available for adults and youth. Participants will have the chance to network with farmers, university faculty, and fellow agricultural colleagues. Besides providing informative, educational sessions the conferences has commercial and educational exhibits. The Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society has been hosting the Healthy Farms Conference for over 40 years.

*Together we can change the world one farmer, one eater at a time!*



## ***2017 Healthy Farms Conference***



*January 27th & 28th,  
Ramada Columbus Hotel & Rivers Edge Conference Center*

# NEBRASKA *sustainable agriculture society*

## Friday, January 27th

**8:30 am** Welcome.

*Keynote:*

*John Ikerd, the Sustainable Economist*

**10:30 am\*** A. Blasting, biomulch, and cover crops: Multifunctional weed management tools for vegetable crops

B. Resource Planning for Sustainable Pasture & Rangeland

C. Holistic Sheep & Goat Production

### **12:00pm Lunch**

**1:30 pm\*** A. Cover Crop Opportunities

B. Agriculture Leases

C. The pro's and con's of a diversified farm: a realistic look at profit & sustainability

**3:00 pm\*** A. Using a Flamer to control weeds in Organic Crops

B. Understanding Soil Health and Dual Purpose Cover Crops

C. Designing, Building & Maintenance Fences for Livestock

**4:00 pm** Nebraska Wine, Beer & Cheese

**5:30 pm** "All-Nebraska Evening!"

A fundraiser featuring a locally sourced dinner, live auction & entertainment by

*Ted & Alice Miller!*

*Lodging available by calling 402-564-1492 & request a guest room under "The Healthy Farms Conference" reservations. Columbus Ramada & Rivers Edge Conference Center, 265 33rd Avenue, Columbus*

## Saturday, January 28th

**8:00 am** Roundtable Discussions

**9:30 am** A. Holistic Management Policy

B. Using DriftWatch on Your Farm

C. The true cost of Food: Does farm size matter?

**11:00 am\*** A. Holistic Management Grazing

B. Farm Accounting

C. Working with tractors, engines and machines on your small farm

### **12:00pm**

*Keynote:*

*Greg Gunthorp, Gunthorp Farms*

**1:30 pm\*** A. Carbon Farming for Soil Health

B. The Tiny Farms Group; A Model for the Small Vegetable Farms

C. Purchasing a Small Farm

**3:00 pm\*** A. How to Start a Cooperative Farm

B. Increasing Farm Productivity

C. Nebraska Permaculture 2.0

**4:30 pm** Exhibits Close & Farewell

\*Youth Session Scheduled

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## Registration

NSAS Membership. # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30

NSAS Member 2 Day Registration. # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100

NSAS Member One Day\*. Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60  
\*Specify which day \_\_\_\_\_

Family Conference Registration \_\_\_\_\_ \$250  
(Family includes: Mother, Father & Children)

Young Farmer Conference Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55  
Age 7 to 35 years old, under 7 free

Non-member. Full Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$135

Non-member. One Day\*. Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$85  
\*Specify which day \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Session. # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15

Session \_\_\_\_\_

All Nebraska Dinner (Friday Night)

Family \_\_\_\_\_ \$100

Adults # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35

Youth 8 to 12 (Under 8 free) # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: NSAS

Questions to William @ HealthyFarms@gmail.com

Online registration available at:

[www.universe.com/2017HealthyFarmsConference](http://www.universe.com/2017HealthyFarmsConference)