

### **10th Annual Fall Harvest Gathering of Women in Sustainable Agriculture**

Nov. 13-15 in Whalan, MN. \$110 for the entire conference including meals and lodging! Women in sustainable agriculture are invited to gather for a weekend of networking, information and socializing at the beautiful Cedar Valley Resort, Whalan, MN. Special guest Sara Thomsen will bring her musical talents to the gathering, which will also include delicious potluck meals, informal sharing time, evenings around the firepit, and information on what people around the world are doing to reduce pesticide usage and how we connect with nature. Follow this link, [http://www.wfan.org/Women\\_Food\\_and\\_Agriculture\\_Network\\_Home.html](http://www.wfan.org/Women_Food_and_Agriculture_Network_Home.html) for a full agenda and registration information. Space is limited, so register early!

### **Fall "Farminar" Series**

November and December 2009. Online series. Mark your calendars for the Fall "Farminar Series" - Tuesday nights throughout November and December. These online 90-minute interactive seminars will focus on a variety of beginning farmer, next generation, and farm succession planning tools. Led by presenters Dave Baker, and John Baker from the Beginning Farmer Center; Craig Chase with ISU Extension; Gary Huber and farmer members of Practical Farmers of Iowa. For more information go to [www.practicalfarmers.org/farminar](http://www.practicalfarmers.org/farminar). To register go to [http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/pfi/event/event\\_info.html](http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/pfi/event/event_info.html). Cost: Free, Time: Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30pm, online.

### **Small Farm Today Conference**

November 5-7, 2009. Columbia, Missouri. This annual small farm show will have 50+ talks, 150+ exhibitors, a poultry exhibition, and demos. The stock dog clinic will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. <http://www.smallfarmtoday.com/tradeshowschedule.html>

### **Integrating Invasive Species Data in the Midwest: Solutions for Data Management**

November 5, 2009. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CDT. NEW NUMBER and PASSCODE  
Conference Dial-in Number: (866) 433-4616, Participant Access Code: 882477  
Bibliography: Alycia Crall is a PhD candidate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is affiliated with the National Institute of Invasive Species Science. She has expertise in training groups to collect and share data on invasive species and is currently working with citizen science programs across the country monitoring these species. In this presentation, She will discuss the features available through [www.niiss.org](http://www.niiss.org) and [www.citsci.org](http://www.citsci.org) to facilitate a regional invasive species monitoring network. You will need to have a computer with Internet access and a phone to participate. At the meeting time, simply click on the following link or copy and paste it into your browser to enter the meeting:  
<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/nebraska/>

### **Entomology Seminar**

Tuesday, November 3rd, 4:00 pm-5:00 pm. Biology and Behavior of Northern Corn Rootworm, by Ryan Geisert, Entomology Graduate Student. Location: East Campus Union, 35th St and East Campus Loop, Lincoln NE 68583  
Contact: Jeri Cunningham, 402-472-8678, [jcunningham1@unl.edu](mailto:jcunningham1@unl.edu)

### **National Organic Standards Board Meeting**

November 3-5, 2009. Washington, D.C. The main mission of the National Organic Standards Board is to assist the Secretary in developing standards for substances to be used in organic production. The NOSB also advises the Secretary on other aspects of implementing the National Organic Program. NOSB committees will present recommendations on a variety of issues.

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateU&navID=LatestReleases&page=Newsroom&topNav=Newsroom&leftNav=&rightNav1=LatestReleases&rightNav2=&resultType=Details&dDocName=STELPRDC5079231&dID=119127&wf=false&description=US>

### **Ranch Practicum**

Thursday, November 5th. The Nebraska Ranch Practicum is an eight-session, hands-on educational program designed to give participants the skills and education needed in today's complex ranching industry. Website:

<http://nebraskaranchpracticum.unl.edu//index.html> Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory, 45089 Gudmundsen Rd, Whitman NE 69366-4705. Directions: GSL is located 3 miles north and 5 miles east of Whitman, NE. Contact: Jerry Volesky, (308) 696-6710, [jvolesky1@unl.edu](mailto:jvolesky1@unl.edu)

### **Getting Started in Farm-Scale Biodiesel Production**

November 5, 2009. Webinar. To get FREE, expert information about the basic of biodiesel production and learn about how to incorporate the fuel on your farm or ranch, register for Getting Started in Farm-Scale Biodiesel Production, a 60-minute webinar from ATTRA – National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service. This FREE webinar on Nov. 5 at 11 a.m. MST will highlight the basics of biodiesel production and show home brewers what precautions they can take to avoid potential problems associated with poor-quality fuel.  
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/517738619>

### **Meat & Boer Goat Extravaganza**

November 7, 2009. Oskaloosa, Iowa. Topics will include: Goat Nutrition Basics, Feeding Program Options, Nutritional Issues: Keeping Goats Healthy, Goat Kidding Basics: What You

Need to Know about Kidding your Does, and Husbandry Techniques.

[http://www.meatgoatwether.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=33](http://www.meatgoatwether.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=33)

### **Master Range Cattle Manager Short Course**

November 4, 2009. Sturgis, South Dakota. The South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service will host a Master Range Cattle Management short course that is set to start Nov. 4. A total of four sessions will be held at the Meade County Extension office in Sturgis. The program also will feature on-ranch visits in summer 2010. "An important element in ranch planning is families working together, and we encourage families to attend this strong training program as a group," said Extension Livestock Educator Penny Nester, who is organizing the training. "This course lets ranchers make in-depth evaluations of their management approaches, and it's designed so that each operator can tailor the course to fit his or her needs."

<http://www.southdakotaagconnection.com/story-state.php?id=863&yr=2009>

### **Ag at the Crossroads Conference**

Agriculture and the Environment, Animal Welfare, Social Media. Thursday, November 5th, 8:00 am-4:40 pm. Website: <http://www.agecon.unl.edu/news/agcrossroads.html> Location: Lancaster Event Center, 4100 North 84th Street, Lincoln NE 68507

### **Blueberry and Cranberry Webinar Series**

November 4 & 18, 2009. Online Webinar. This series of free berry webinars (internet seminars), funded by the Northeastern IPM Center, is designed to provide interdisciplinary education in pest management to northeastern US berry crop growers.

<http://www.fruit.cornell.edu/Berries/webinarindex.htm>

## **Upcoming**

### **2nd Annual Harvest Celebration: Buy Fresh Buy Local Nebraska**

Thursday, November 12, 2009, 5:30 – 8:00p.m. (Doors open at 5:00). Let's celebrate another successful year of providing food grown closer to your fork. The Isles Reception Hall 6232 Havelock Avenue, Lincoln, Nebraska. \$15 per person. The Evening Will Feature Heavy hors d' oeuvres inspired by our local seasonal harvest and prepared by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Good Fresh Local staff and a Cash Bar. Click the flyer for complete details!

<http://www.nebsusag.org/events/Poster%202nd%20Annual%20Harvest%20Celebration.pdf>

### **Monitoring Pastures Information Meeting**

November 19. Creighton, NE. Call the UNL Extension Office in Knox County at 402-288-5611 for more information.

### **Dec 3-5 2009 St Paul, MN.**

The annual Acres U.S.A. conference sets the standards for innovation & learning. It's where farmers and consultants from every side of eco-farming come together to share experience & expertise. Attend, learn the latest in cutting-edge technology & methods, & return home ready to make your farming operation the best it can be. This year's conference will be held in downtown St. Paul, MN overlooking the Mississippi River.

Call 800-355-5313 or email [www.acresusa.com](http://www.acresusa.com)

### **Montana Organic Association Conference**

November 12-14, 2009. Great Falls, Montana. The Montana Organic Association (MOA) announces its 7th Annual Conference, "Organic: Breaking New Ground," November 12-14, 2009, at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls, Montana. This year, MOA is featuring Organic University on November 12. The general Conference runs November 13-14 and features top-notch speakers and sessions such as: Ron de Yong, Director of the MT Department of Agriculture; Paul Hepperly of the Rodale Institute; ranch management sessions; and updates from our colleagues at MSU, the Organic Seed Alliance and our legislators. We will also be touring the new Montana Milling facility and learn about carbon credits, nutrition, retail trends, converting CRP land, cross-generational communications on the farm and much more. The conference also features delicious organic food, thought-provoking discussions, lively business networking and fun entertainment—a perfect gathering to learn, network and promote your business or organization.

<http://www.montanaorganicassociation.org/conference2009.htm>

### **High Tunnel Speciality Crop Workshop**

November 13, 2009. Brookings, South Dakota. The South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service will host a workshop on how high tunnels can be used in growing specialty crops on Nov. 13. Participants will learn about high tunnel design, construction, and management during the workshop. Some of the specific topics to be addressed during the program include high tunnel setup, fertility, irrigation, and crop selection and management.

<http://www.southdakotaagconnection.com/story-state.php?id=869&yr=2009>

### **Event Listing**

Have an event or opportunity you would like to list and get the word out about? Send it to [healthyfarms@gmail.com](mailto:healthyfarms@gmail.com) with the basic who, what, where, how much and contact

information and we'll put it on the website and email list(s) and newsletter(s).

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