

78<sup>th</sup> Annual NWCA Conference & Trade Show

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◆ Holiday Inn & Convention Center ◆ Kearney, NE



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Monday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch & Silent Auction Begins
1:30 p.m.	1:05 p.m.	Roll Call & Announcements Moderator: Jeremy Brandt, Weed Superintendent, Hamilton County
2:30 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	Society for Range Management – Kyle Schumacher
5:00 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	Vineyards & Herbicides – Mick McDowell, Co-Owner, Winemaker, CEO, Milletta Vista Winery
Tuesday, February 4 <sup>th</sup>		2:15 p.m.
7:30 a.m.		Vendor Announcements - Ag Spray Equipment, County Line Helicopter, Helena, SePRO Corporation
8:20 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	Break – Sponsored by Helena & County Line Helicopter
	3:30 p.m.	Vendor Announcements – Correct Spray, Corteva Agriscience, Volitant Drone Technology Solutions
8:30 a.m.	EXAM TO FOLLOW LAST PRESENTATION	
9:30 a.m.	Wednesday, February 5 <sup>th</sup>	
	7:50 a.m.	Roll Call & Announcements Moderator: Todd Herndon, Weed Superintendent, Lincoln County
10:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Western Weed Coordinating Committee Conference Update – Scott Erthum, Weed Superintendent, Brown County
	8:30 a.m.	Vendor Announcements – ENVU, Nebraska-Iowa Helicopters, Nutrien Solutions, VanDiest Supply
11:00 a.m.		
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	9:00 a.m.	Weed Free Products Program – Todd Boller, Weed Superintendent, Fillmore County
	9:30 a.m.	Break – Sponsored by Nutrien Solutions & Nebraska-Iowa Helicopters
	10:00 a.m.	Cyber Security –Ed Knott, President & Jarod Dendinger, Vice President of Business Relationships, Applied Connective Technologies
	11:00 a.m.	NAISMA Update – Christie Trifone Millhouse, Executive Director, NAISMA
	11:30 a.m.	NWCA Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon
	12:50 p.m.	Roll Call & Announcements Moderator: Tim Grubbs, Weed Superintendent, Banner County
	1:00 p.m.	Drone Detection & Spraying of Phragmites – Kevin Steele, Graduate Research Assistant, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
	1:45 p.m.	Break – Sponsored by ENVU & VanDiest Supply
	2:00 p.m.	Legislative Update – Brent Meyer, Weed Superintendent, Lancaster County
	EXAM TO FOLLOW LAST PRESENTATION	

**NWCA ANNUAL  
AWARDS BANQUET  
Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 p.m. Social Hour & Silent Auction**

**6:30 p.m. Dinner Buffet**

**Toastmaster**                      **Trevor Johnson**  
*Nebraska Department of Agriculture*

**Invocation/Necrology**        **Steve Banks**  
*Knox County Weed Superintendent*

**Presentation of Awards**

**Jimmy Petersen**  
President - NWCA

Years of Service Awards  
Region Awards  
Rookie of the Year  
Superintendent of the Year  
Presidents Special Recognition Awards

**Entertainment & Drawings**



**Bill Busch**

Welcome to the world of Coach Bill Busch, a bold and vibrant Motivational Speaker who believes in the power of movement and the impact of a great story. With 30+ years as a Division I football coach, Bill Busch can “coach up” any audience on the art of successfully navigating life’s “turnovers”. Coach Busch is a dynamic storyteller who transforms his experiences into unique, insightful, and meaningful lessons that positively impact how you approach life.

**NWCA ANNUAL  
BUSINESS MEETING LUNCHEON  
Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

11:30 a.m. *Call to Order*

- Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting
- Treasurers Reports  
Association Account
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Election of Officers  
Secretary / Treasurer
- Future Conference Selections
- Adjournment

**2026 Conference**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Divots Conference Center  
Norfolk, Nebraska**



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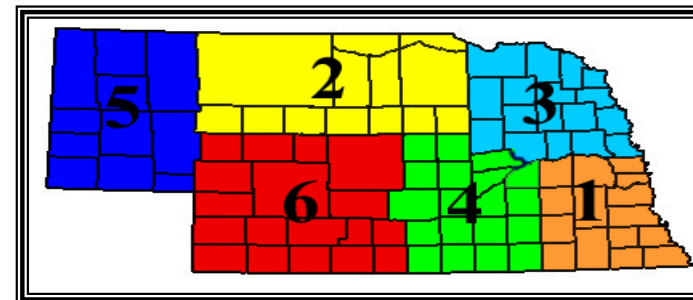
**Region 2**  
Kurtis Mizner  
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**Region 6**  
Todd Herndon  
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*Thank you to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture  
for their contribution in working with us on our  
conference.*

*Thank you to all the suppliers and exhibitors for their  
contributions of both financial and technical support  
towards the overall success of our conference.*

*Thank you to the committee members and everyone  
who contributed with making our conference a  
success.*

