



NWCA Spring Training

March 27 - 28, 2024 – Holiday Inn - Kearney, NE

Wednesday March 27, 2024

- 8:00 Welcome, Announcements & Roll Call **Moderator: Brian Pedersen**
8:15 Nebraska Biocontrol Update – Scott Erthum, Superintendent – Brown County
8:45 Infestation Data – Trevor Johnson, Program Manager – Nebraska Department of Agriculture
9:15 Plant ID basics, photographing plants, and herbarium samples – Cheryl Dunn, UNL Research Manager & Herbarium Curator
10:00 BREAK
10:30 Calibration and Pesticide Safety – Amy Timmerman, Extension Educator, UNL Extension
11:30 Pesticide Update - Aaron Ide, Pesticide Inspector - Nebraska Department of Agriculture

12:00 LUNCH

12:50 Roll Call **Moderator: Mark Borchers**
1:00 Communicating with Farmers Under Stress – Glennis McClure & Jean Ann Fischer, University of Nebraska Extension
2:00 10- & 15-Day Notices – Rob Schultz, Superintendent – Hall & Howard Counties
2:30 Weed Mapping & AI Analytics – Randy Stratton, Director of Business Development – Skysense Inc.
3:00 BREAK
3:30 Siren: The National Early Detection and Rapid Response Information System – Nicole Hernandez, Biologist / Siren National Outreach Coordinator – U.S. Geological Survey
EXAM TO FOLLOW LAST PRESENTATION
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Thursday March 28, 2024

- 7:50 Welcome, Announcements & Roll Call **Moderator: Tim Grubbs**
8:00 WeedMapper – Marty Craig, Superintendent – Dawson & Gosper Counties
8:30 Watchlist Weed Identification & Control – Todd Boller, Superintendent – Fillmore County
9:15 BREAK
9:45 Eastern Red Cedar Invasion – Dillon Fogarty, Research Assistant Professor - UNL
10:30 Mapping – Chloe Mattilio, Doctor of Philosophy – University of Wyoming Department of Plant Sciences
11:00 Invasive Annual Grass Management – Jaycie Arndt, Assistant Research Scientist – University of Wyoming
11:30 NDA Region Updates – Paul Moyer, Tim Stortz & Nick Wordekemper – NDA Inspectors

12:00 LUNCH

12:50 Roll Call **Moderator: Todd Herndon**
1:00 Forecasting the Weather – Don Day
1:45 Nebraska Invasive Species Council – Shannon Smith, Coordinator - NISC
2:00 BREAK
2:15 Sleepless in Nebraska – Hanna Guenther, Food, Nutrition, and Health Educator – UNL Extension
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