

SPRING REMINDERS FOR PRODUCERS

Annual Crop Report/Soil & Water Samples Due March 31st

Producers in Phases II/III of the NRD's Nitrogen Management Program are required to submit the 2023 Crop Report by March 31st. Producers who don't submit their forms by the deadline will receive a Cease & Desist letter from NRD staff following the April board of directors meeting. The following samples are required with the Crop Report:

- Water Samples Groundwater analysis for nitrogen content should be taken on each field. Water sample bottles are provided by your agronomist, crop consultant or laboratory.
- Soil Samples Deep soils analysis for residual nitrogen (NO₃-N) must be taken on each field or 80-acre tract. The composite sample must consist of a mixture from no less than one three-foot probe every five acres. The report from the lab must be attached to the annual report.

Violations will be enforced prior to the 2023 irrigation season. SUBMIT FORMS at <http://cpnrd.gisworkshop.com/>

Requirements to Chemigate

The Nebraska Chemigation Act rules are administered by Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) and the Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy (402) 473-2186. The law requires a person directly involved in calibrating and monitoring a chemigation system to be certified to help ensure that ground and surface waters are not contaminated by backflow of chemicals from irrigation water application systems used to apply crop nutrients and pesticides (chemigation).

To become a certified applicator, the person applying the chemicals must attend a training session and pass a written exam to verify their knowledge of the Chemigation Act requirements. UNL Extension provides training and results of the exam. NDEE issues the chemigation applicator certifications to persons who pass the written test. Central Platte NRD certification is valid for four years, after which renewals are required. For more information on whether you need to attend a Chemigation Training contact Tricia Dudley at (308) 385-6282.

2023 Chemigation Training Dates

Hastings	January 25	Adams County Fairgrounds	Ron Seymour	(402) 461-7209	ron.seymour@unl.edu
Blue Hill	January 26	Community Center	Ron Seymour	(402) 461-7209	ron.seymour@unl.edu
Davenport	January 26	Community Center	Steve Melvin	(308) 946-3843	steve.melvin@unl.edu
York	January 27	Fairgrounds	Steve Melvin	(308) 946-3843	steve.melvin@unl.edu
Minden	February 1	Kearney County Fairgrounds	Ron Seymour	(402) 461-7209	ron.seymour@unl.edu
Aurora	February 1	Ag Auditorium/Fairgrounds	Steve Melvin	(402) 694-6174	steve.melvin@unl.edu
Central City	February 2	Fairgrounds	Steve Melvin	(308) 946-3843	steve.melvin@unl.edu
Kearney	February 7	Buffalo Co. Extension Office	Sarah Sivits	(308) 236-1235	sarah.sivits@unl.edu
St. Paul	February 8	St. Paul Civic Center	Doug Anderson	(308) 745-1518	danderson3@unl.edu
Holdrege	February 9	Ag Center - Fairgrounds	Todd Whitney	(308) 995-4222	twhitney3@unl.edu
Columbus	February 14	Ag Park	Bruno Lena	(402) 563-4901	bpatiaslena2@unl.edu
Loup City	February 15	Loup City Community Bldg.	Doug Anderson	(308) 745-1518	danderson3@unl.edu
Grand Island	February 21	Hall Co. Extension Office	Sarah Sivits	(308) 385-5088	sarah.sivits@unl.edu
Central City	March 2	Fairgrounds	Steve Melvin	(308) 946-3843	steve.melvin@unl.edu
Lexington	March 7	Dawson Co. Extension Office	Sarah Sivits	(308) 324-5501	sarah.sivits@unl.edu
Holdrege	March 7	Ag Center - Fairgrounds	Todd Whitney	(308) 995-4222	twhitney3@unl.edu
McCook	March 9	Fairgrounds	Todd Whitney	(308) 995-4222	twhitney3@unl.edu
Columbus	March 9	Ag Park	Bruno Lena	(402) 563-4901	bpatiaslena2@unl.edu