The 2013 UNL WCREC Crops and Cattle Short Course: Cornstalk Grazing and Baling is planned for March 12 and 13.

Each spring, researchers at UNL's West Central Research and Extension Center identify topics and issues that are currently of great importance to crop and cattle producers and conduct this short course to address producer's needs in these areas.

For 2013 the topic is corn stalk grazing and baling. Recent drought conditions have increased the importance of this management practice.

The Crops & Cattle Short Course is unique in that it does not treat crop or beef production and individual entities. Instead it focuses on their integration and treats them as equally important parts of the same overall business enterprise.

Topics covered will be:

2013 weather forecast

Economics of grazing and baling

Cattle performance and supplementation

Stocking rate considerations

Drought and forage production

Grazing and baling effects on soil properties

Water resources and management

The course will be held in North Platte at the West Central Research and Extension Center on March 12 and 13 with an optional field day at the UNL West Central Water Laboratory near Brule on March 21.

The fee is $150 for the first person, $50 for each additional person. The fee includes educational materials and meals. Deadline for sign-up March 8.

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