

The 2009 Nebraska Dry Edible Bean Day will feature practical advice for producers, reports on cutting-edge research, updates on marketing and wind energy, a bean cook-off and trade show.

Dry Edible Bean Day is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Scotts Bluff County Event Center at Mitchell. Registration and the trade show begin at 9 a.m., and the program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Staff from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the dry bean industry will provide updates and share advice about alternative harvest demonstrations, producing beans for seed, developing new dry bean varieties and keeping costs in line.

The Nebraska Dry Bean Growers Association will hold its annual meeting, with business including an association update and election of directors. An update from the U.S. Dry Bean Council and a report on wind energy development in Nebraska will round out the agenda.

At the trade show, attendees can tour booths and displays sponsored by industry, government and UNL representatives. And cooks can showcase their recipes in the sixth annual cookoff sponsored by the Nebraska Dry Bean Commission.

A complete schedule of the day's events:

9 a.m.—Registration and display area opens

9:30 a.m.—Welcome, Craig Henkel, President, NDBGA, and Linda Boeckner, Director, Panhandle Research & Extension Center

9:45 a.m.—Update on alternative harvest systems used in western Nebraska; 9:45

a.m.—Results from alternative harvest demonstrations in 2008—John Smith, UNL; 10

a.m.—Use of stripper header in dry edible beans—Daniel Morris, Shelbourne Reynolds; 10:15

a.m.—Use of Pickett Double Master combine in dry edible beans—Steve Pickett, Pickett Equipment Co.

10:30 a.m.— Producing dry edible beans for seed; 10:30 a.m.—Factors to consider growing bean seed in Nebraska—Bob Harveson, UNL; 10:45 a.m.—What do you have to do to produce bean seed?—Randy Mattson, Treasure Valley Seed Co.

11 a.m.—Break for trade show — Industry booths and equipment displays. Break sponsored by Gowan Company

11:30 a.m.—Nebraska Dry Bean Growers Association annual meeting; Association Update; Election of directors

11:45 a.m.—Nebraska Dry Bean Commission update

Noon—Lunch—Sponsored by Northern Feed and Bean, the Farm Credit Services of America and Pepsi

12:30 p.m.—U.S. Dry Bean Council update—Jeane Wharton, U.S. Dry Bean Council

1 p.m.—Wind energy development in Nebraska—Graham Christensen, Nebraska Farmers Union

1:30 p.m.—Progress on development of new dry bean varieties, including 'Coyne'—Carlos Urrea, UNL

1:45 p.m.—Opportunities to reduce dry bean production costs; 1:45 p.m.— Breakeven prices for regional crops—Paul Burgener, UNL; 2 p.m.—Ways to reduce fertilizer costs—Gary Hergert, UNL; 2:15 p.m.—Using deficit irrigation to reduce production costs—Dean Yonts, UNL

2:30 p.m.—Trade show and sixth annual cookoff sponsored by Nebraska Dry Bean Commission