

UNL Extension is teaming up with Monsanto/DEKALB and the four Natural Resource Districts (NRDs) in the Republican Basin to offer a free educational program to help producers cope with limited water supplies.

The meetings will be held at three locations: Feb. 11 at the fairgrounds in Imperial; Feb. 12 at the fairgrounds in McCook; and Feb. 13 at the Ag Center in Holdrege. All meetings start at 10 a.m. local time.

This program will discuss and share cropping system methods to maximize corn and soybean production in water short years.

Topics to be covered include an NRD Update on Water Policy and Regulations; Future of Irrigation in Republican Valley; Corn and Soybean Cropping Systems; Selecting the Right Hybrid for your Field; HydroEfficiency and Journey of Drought; Hybrid X Water Interaction Testing in the West; Residue Management Impact on Water Efficiency; Nutrient and Water Interaction; and the Impact of Terraces and Small Reservoirs on Republican River Flow.

URNRD Manager Jasper Fanning is one of the speakers scheduled at the three meetings.

The program, including noon meal (sponsored by DEKALB), is free of charge, but pre-registration is requested by Feb. 7 at the following numbers:

Feb. 11 at Imperial, call URNRD 308-882-5173.

Feb. 12 at McCook, call MRNRD 308-367-4281.

Feb. 13 at Holdrege, call LRNRD 308-928-2182 or Tri-Basin NRD 308-995-6688.