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**(Neb.)- Irrigation And Water Workshops Planned For Panhandle Sites**



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(Panhandle)-A series of No-Till Deficit Irrigation and Water Optimizer Workshops are planned in Sidney, Alliance and Scottsbluff in late February for Ag producers who expect to have limited irrigation water supplies this year.

The workshops will address water-limiting issues and low-water-use crop options for producers facing these challenges. Other topics will include the benefits of no-till practices and annual forage utilization in producer operations with cattle. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension personnel will also introduce and review the Water Optimizer decision management tool, which can help producers determine what crops to grow, how many acres to irrigate and what their potential profitability would be under limited water-supply situations.

The workshop dates and times and contact numbers for RSVP:

Tuesday, Feb. 26, Sidney: 8:30 a.m.-noon, South Platte NRD Meeting Room, 551 Parkland Drive. Call 308-254-2377 (South Platte NRD) or 308-254-4455 (CheyenneCounty Extension).

Wednesday, Feb. 27, Alliance: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Alliance Public Library (WNCC Meeting Room), 1750 Sweetwater Ave. Call 308- 432-6190 (UNWNRD) or 308-762-5616 (Box Butte County Extension).

Thursday, Feb. 28, Scottsbluff: 8:30 a.m.-noon, North Platte NRD Meeting Room, 100547 Airport Road. Call 308-632-2749 (North Platte NRD) or 308-632-1276 (Panhandle Research and ExtensionCenter).

Please RSVP by Feb. 22 if you plan to attend one of these workshops by calling the appropriate phone number for the workshop location. There is no charge to attend these workshops.

Follow-up workshops will be held several weeks later for producers to come in and get one-on-one instruction in the use of Water Optimizer. Those dates, times and meeting places will be announced later.