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Agronomy Youth Field Day is July 7 at NCTA

CURTIS, Neb. - Youth can get a new perspective of crops grown in fields around Curtis on July 7 through the eyes of an aerial drone.

That will be just one of the highlights at the 5th annual Agronomy Youth Field Day sponsored by Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

Crop science topics at the NCTA farm and campus will also include weed control, planter technology, soil health, plant diseases and disease identification, and more.

NCTA Agronomy Professor Brad Ramsdale will join researchers and educators from University of Nebraska Extension for the free, daylong workshop geared toward youth, ages 9 to 18.

“Agronomy and agricultural mechanics professors will help youth to get excited about careers in agronomy, weed science, irrigation, mechanized agriculture,” Ramsdale said.

“We share knowledge in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and demonstrate the fun aspects of STEM in producing Nebraska crops,” he added.

Hands-on activities in two age tracts (ages 9-11 and 12-18) will include opportunity to pilot a drone through an obstacle course. A signed, parental release form must be submitted for youth to participate.

Sessions include field, laboratory and classroom activities, said Kathy Burr of Nebraska Extension Frontier County. Parents and adults are welcome to attend. Activities are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nebraska Agriculture Industry Education Center at NCTA.

The field day is free and includes a noon lunch. However, for meal counts and materials, online advance registration is requested by Friday (July 2) to <https://go.unl.edu/agronomyyouthfieldday> .

For more information, call Frontier County Extension at 308-367-4424 or email kathy.burr@unl.edu.



A file photo shows Aggie students learning to operate an aerial crop drone at the NCTA farm. (Craig Chandler / University Communication)