



Cover crops, no-till day in Curtis

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CURTIS, Neb. (July 14, 2022) - Crop and livestock producers will learn about cover crops for forage production and livestock grazing during a Cover Cropping and Conservation Field Day in Curtis on July 26.

The Nebraska College of Technical is partnering with the Center for Rural Affairs and Nebraska Extension and in offering the program and field demonstrations, said Brad Ramsdale, NCTA agronomy professor.

Attendees will receive instruction and guidance on:

- Fitting cover crops into dryland and irrigated production for soil health and weed control
- Cover crops for grazing and forages
- Cover crop selection tool
- USDA programs that offer conservation incentives

Speakers will be Ramsdale, Jerry Volesky and Chuck Burr of the West Central Research, Education and Extension Center in North Platte, Gary Lesoing, Extension Educator Nemaha County and Nebraska SARE Coordinator, Justin Carter of the Center for Rural Affairs, and Rich Russell of Arrow Seed.

Participants will meet at 10 a.m. at NCTA's Nebraska Agriculture Industry Education Center, Siminoe and University Streets in Curtis.

The field day is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through Nebraska's Natural Resources and Conservation Service. Meals are provided by the Sustainable Agriculture Resource Education (SARE) North Central.

Registrations are requested for materials and the free meal. Register at <https://www.cfra.org/events>. For information, contact Justin Carter at justinc@cfra.org.



Gary Lesoing examines a tillage radish, used in a cover crop to reduce soil compaction. (SARE photo)