

**Agriculture Industry Symposium
Phelps County Agricultural Center
1308 2nd St, Holdrege, NE 68949
Holdrege Nebraska
January 8, 2026**

Agenda

8:00 – Registration/coffee social
8:30 – Welcome to Tri-Basin Natural Resources District – John Thorburn – Tri-Basin Manager
8:35 – Welcome and Overview of Agriculture Industry Symposium - Jerald Kovarik – NRCS
8:45 – Ice Breaker and Introductions
9:30 – Perspective Session 1 - Finding the Balance Between Ag Production and Natural Resource Conservation. Andy Little (UNL Extension - 25 minutes presentation 5 minutes questions)
10:00 - Perspective Session 2 - Nebraska Strategic Ag Coalition, Leveraging Resources for a Sustainable and Resilient Agriculture Landscape – Nick Arneson (The Nature Conservancy).
10:30 - Perspective Session 3 – Economics of Playa Wetland Conservation Programs: A Case Study - Ron Seymour (UNL Extension).
11:00 - Perspective Session 4 – Case Studies of Conservation Programs as a Risk Management Tool for Clients - Rob Hrnchir (H & H Consulting, Inc.).
11:30 – Lunch
12:30 – Conservation Roundtable – Finding the next conservation solutions.
3:00 - Closing
3:30 – Adjourn

