

# Water and Cropping Systems Impact At-A-Glance



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Collaboration celebrates 25 years of providing Nebraska soybean growers with the latest in research-based information on soybean production, management, and marketing.

Nebraska Extension has partnered with the Nebraska Soybean Board since 1999, to provide Soybean Management Field Days across Nebraska. These events engage attendees with presentations and interactive discussions about soybean production and profitability covering both local and global issues. There have been changes and challenges over 25 years of field days, but the goal has remained the same—to help soybean growers maximize productivity and profitability through smart decisions and efficient use of resources. Attendees comments include “I really appreciate there being an option locally for trainings,” and “Very good program. Covers a lot of topics related to soybean production.”

*“SMFDs provide a valuable opportunity to spend time in the field alongside growers. We get to learn from growers first-hand about the problems and successes they are having on their farms.” -Dylan Mangel, Extension Plant Pathologist*

**10,464**

Total attendees since program started in 1999

**\$8.32**

Average value per acre of knowledge gained or practice changes

**100**

Field days held across Nebraska since 1999

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**Strengthen Nebraska Agriculture & Food Systems** Nebraska Extension is the go-to resource as ag producers seek unbiased research, proven science and just plain good advice on a wide range of critical issues: Incorporating new technologies. Improving water quality and reducing water usage. Evaluating the effectiveness of crop inputs. Managing pests, disease, and weather extremes. Exploring the viability of diverse crops. Protecting public lands and waterways. Nebraska Extension brings University resources to bear on millions of acres across the state, helping advance the knowledge, efficiency, and success of producers statewide.

**75%**  
of participants competing in UNL-TAPS have adopted new technology on their farm.

## 2023 Water and Cropping Systems Highlights

- 1,739,111 CropWatch page views, 558 Nebraska CropWatch articles published, and 26 CropWatch podcasts with over 1,500 views
- Youth from five Midwest states competed at the 8th Annual Regional Youth Crop Scouting Competition where they learned useful knowledge and skills related to crop production.
- 70 individuals attended the First Annual Drones in Ag Conference to learn from FAA Leaders and Nebraska Businesses.
- "It's vitally important to look at the overall results of research prior to making decisions to change practices."  
-from participant at OFR update meetings."



Nebraska Extension partnered with the NDEE and eight NRDs in 2022 & 2023, to implement a Highboy Cover Crop Interseeding Project (HiCCIP). The project addresses barriers to adopting cover crops and investigates water quality impacts of cover crops on 57 demonstration farms, covering almost 6,500 acres.



**10,044**  
Private and commercial pesticide applicators certified.