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Two Center Pivot Irrigation Management Short Courses have been planned to enhancing the value of water through advanced irrigation management practices. Short courses have been planned for Feb. 6 at the Monsanto Water Utilization Learning Center near Gothenburg and for Feb. 8 at the Cornerstone Ag & Event Center on the York County Fairgrounds in York.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the welcome at 9:30 a.m.

The Planned Program Topics will include: Performance of center pivots; soil water management; matching sprinklers to soils; sprinkler package selection; minimizing pumping costs; estimating crop water use; water balance, consumptive use/limited irrigation; center pivot technology and variable rate irrigation; and center pivot management.

The meetings will close with keynote speakers at 2:20 p.m. Feb. 6th – Chandler Mazour, Monsanto Learning Center Manager, Gothenburg Water Utilization Learning Center Feb. 8th – Ronnie Green, NU Vice President and IANR Harlan Vice Chancellor, Lincoln

These two short courses are sponsored by the University of Nebraska Lincoln Extension, Reinke, Valley, T-L Irrigation, Lindsay, and the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund.

No cost to attend, however participants are asked to register so that adequate materials and meals will be available.

For the Feb. 6 Gothenburg meeting call 308-995-4222 or email:cburr1@unl.edu

For the Feb. 8 York meeting call (402)-362-5508 or email:gzoubek1@unl.edu

Additional information can be found at: http://water.unl.edu/web/cropswater/home.