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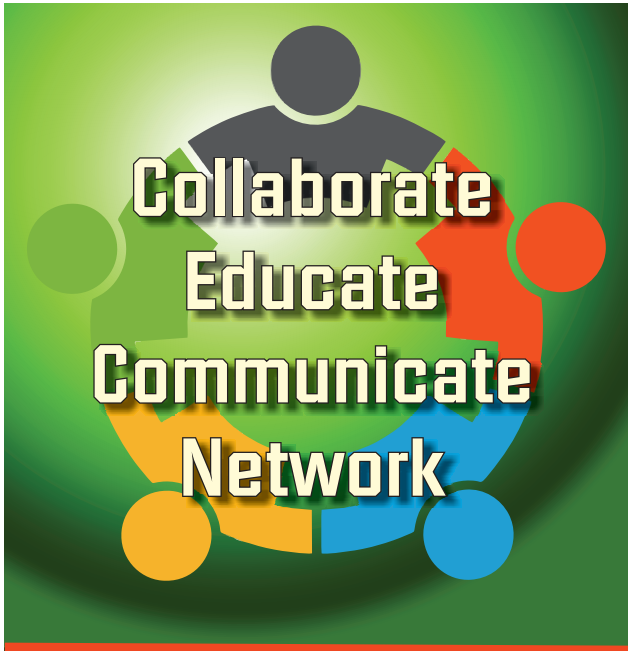
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Your Presenters



Nick Ward,
Ward Laboratories
Kearney, NE

Originally from Wamego Kansas, **Nick Ward** received his BS and MS in Agronomy from K-State in 2007 and 2010 respectively. His Masters' work focused on P fertilizer placement and fertilizer enhancement products. In August of 2015, he completed his PhD at the University of Nebraska focusing on active crop sensors for use in nitrogen management in irrigated environments. At Ward Labs, Nick focuses on day-to-day operations of the lab while working with a research team to explore new tests that would help farmers, ranchers or homeowners.



Congressman
Adrian Smith

Congressman Adrian Smith has earned praise for his leadership, hard work, and dedication to Nebraska common sense. Smith has tackled issues ranging from biofuels and other forms of domestic energy to transportation research and development to fashioning legislation promoting rural America.

Smith, who serves as a ranking member on the House Committee of Ways and Means, actively promotes access for Nebraska agriculture products in Asia, South America, and throughout the world.



Sam Pendleton
Rantizo
Friend, NE

Sam Pendleton lives in Friend, NE with his wife and daughter. Growing up in rural Nebraska he has been around farming and agriculture his whole life. Graduating from UNL with an Agribusiness degree, Sam always had an interest in agricultural technology, which ultimately lead him to his position as Sales Director for Rantizo. Prior to Rantizo, Sam worked for Junge Control, an automation company for fertilizer and chemical blending systems.



Richard Gupton
ARA
Washington, DC

Richard Gupton is Senior Vice President for Public Policy & Counsel with the Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA), a nonprofit trade association representing the interests of retailers across the U.S. on legislative and regulatory issues on Capitol Hill. As the political voice of agricultural retailers, ARA not only represents its membership but also educates members on the political process and important issues affecting the industry

Tentative Agenda

August 24, 2021

8:00 - 11:00 AM	**Tee Times for first round of two-day golf tournament (9 holes, team scores will determine flights)** – Meadowlark Hills Golf Course
11:00 - 1:00 PM	**Lunch on your own**
11:00 - 1:00 PM	**Sponsors Set-Up Tables**
1:00 PM	**Registration Opens**
1:00 - 7:00 PM	**Sponsor Tables Open for Viewing**
2:00 - 3:00 PM	**"Agricultural Drone Spraying,"** Drone technology has greatly increased over the last decade. With that technology expansion, it has opened the doors for the ability to use drones in the agriculture sector. One of the newest forms of this is an aerial application by unmanned aircraft. Drone application gives ag retailers another tool to help with a stressful and condensed spraying season. As well as giving the ability to get coverage onto acres that might be more difficult with traditional spraying methods. Presented by Sam Pendleton, Rantizo, Friend, NE – PM CEU 1 Hr
3:00 - 4:00 PM	**"Agriculture's Role in the Carbon Marketplace"** How do farmers use their land to accomplish the goal of storing carbon? Who and what is involved in confirming the CO_2 stores. Presented by Dr. Nick Ward, Ward Laboratories, Kearney, NE – SW CEU 1 Hr
4:00 - 4:30 PM	**"Association Update"** Presented by Scott Merritt, President, Nebraska Agri-Business Assn
5:00 - 7:00 PM	**Reception, Industry Awards presentation and auction**
7:00 PM	**Dinner on your own**

August 25, 2021

7:30 - 8:30 AM	**Breakfast on your own** (provided by hotel if you are a guest)
8:30 - 9:25 AM	**"Agriculture Issues in Nebraska"** Presented by Invited Guest Congressman Adrian Smith - Professional Development CEU 1 Hr
9:30 - 10:15 AM	**"DC Update"** Presented by Richard Gupton, Senior Vice President for Public Policy & Counsel, Agricultural Retailers Association- Professional Development CEU 1 Hr
10:15 - 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 - 5:00 PM	**Day Two of Golf Tournament at Awarii Dunes (18 holes, shotgun format) & Sport Shoot Tournament at Fort Kearney Shooting Sports Assn** (Pick up Box Lunches at Awarii Dunes Clubhouse)
5:00 - 6:00 PM	**Steak Dinner and Golf and Sport/Trap Shoot Awards** – Awarii Dunes Clubhouse

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