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### Drought Seminar Planned In January

More than 15 experts in the fields of irrigation, range management, climatology, and drought planning are scheduled to speak at a one-day workshop Jan. 9 in Garden City, Kan., on managing drought on the farm and ranch.

Producers can register now ([www.drought.unl.edu/ranchplan](http://www.drought.unl.edu/ranchplan)) for the free workshop, which will be held at the 4-H building on the Finney County Fairgrounds. Registration and coffee begin at 8 a.m.

The workshop will feature morning sessions on climate forecasts and aquifer management. Separate afternoon tracks will target the specific needs of ranchers and irrigated-crop producers.

Speakers will include range, climate, water and irrigation specialists from New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Colorado, areas that have experienced recent droughts. The workshop will also feature farmers and ranchers from across the Great Plains, who will share their experiences and ideas for managing through long-term and extreme drought.

Speakers include: Joel Brown, New Mexico U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resource Conservation Service rangeland ecologist; Gary McManus, associate state climatologist with the Oklahoma Climatological Survey; Susan Stover, manager of High Plains Issues at the Kansas Water Office; Julie Elliott, range specialist for the NRCS based in Wray, Colo.; John Maddux, crop and livestock producer from southwest Nebraska; Dwayne Rice, NRCS range management specialist based in Lincoln, Kan.; Bill Golden, K-State Research and Extension agricultural economist; Lynn Myers, western Nebraska rancher; Ted Alexander, rancher from south-central Kan.; Jonathan Aguilar, K-State water resource engineer; Jay Winner, general manager of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District; Klaus Wolter, NOAA meteorologist; Jim Faulstich, South Dakota crop and livestock producer; Freddie Lamm, irrigation engineer at the K-State Northwest Research-Extension Center in Colby, Kan.; and Dale Mauch, crop producer from Lamar, Colo. Additional speakers will be announced at [www.drought.unl.edu/ranchplan](http://www.drought.unl.edu/ranchplan).

The workshop is a joint effort by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, K-State Research and Extension Finney County, and the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The workshop is open to the public. The only charge is an at-the-door \$10 fee for a brisket or pulled pork lunch. Space is limited and participants are asked to pre-register by Jan. 3. A full agenda and registration can be found at [www.drought.unl.edu/ranchplan](http://www.drought.unl.edu/ranchplan). For more information, contact the National Drought Mitigation Center at [ranchplan@unl.edu](mailto:ranchplan@unl.edu) or (402) 472-6776.

