

Efficient water usage will be the emphasis of a University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Extension Water and Crops Field Day scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Big Springs with field research tours at the West Central Water Resources Field Laboratory (WRFL).

Using water efficiently for crop production will be the focus of the field day.

As water is one of the state's most valuable natural resources, the field day will help farmers and policymakers learn and see irrigation practices and cropping systems on a farm scale that maintain or increase crop production while conserving water.

The WRFL was purchased by UNL in 2007 to research, demonstrate and teach water conserving methods in cropping and livestock systems in western Nebraska. This year is the second growing season research has been conducted at the laboratory, which will be the site for tours during the event.

The event begins at 8 a.m. (MDT) with registration at the South Platte High School in Big Springs.

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