

Ranchers can learn a totally unique approach to drought management that has never been available before by attending a workshop Dec. 11-12 in Wray, Colo. Register for this free workshop by Dec. 5 to insure a meal.

Meet Matt Stockton, an economist with UNL at 2 p.m. at city hall for a presentation on thought processes of drought and the value of understanding the impact of the different choices on the ranch business using a tool known as the "Calf Cost Cow-Q-Lator".

After a provided dinner, the workshop series will continue at 6:30 p.m. at the USDA Service Center with an introduction to various web resources led by Pat Reece who is a highly sought after speaker who was a research scientist and range specialist for many years with the University of Nebraska Panhandle Research and Extension Center.

He will explain why ranchers should know how to use website resources to gain information vital to making informed drought plan decisions. Attendees will have hands on opportunity with available computers or bring a laptop. The Service Center is located near the Sandhiller Motel just north of the railroad tracks off of Hwy 385.

On Wednesday, register at city hall at 8:30 and enjoy rolls and coffee. The workshop is from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Pat Reese will teach about drought indicators, plant drought response, and drought planning.

For information or to register, visit www.ycconservation.com, email Julie.Elliott@co.usda.gov or call 970-332-3173.