A University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension television program highlighting the profession of animal manure and nutrient management will air in December on NET2.

Tune into "Modern Manure Management" Dec. 13 at 8 p.m., Dec. 16 at 2 p.m., Dec. 27 at 8:30 p.m. or Dec. 30 at 2:30 p.m. CT.

Manure is a valuable resource in Nebraska, said Leslie Johnson, UNL Extension animal manure management project coordinator.

Using manure as a fertilizer recycles nutrients, reduces contamination of natural resources and can save producers money. In order to get these benefits, manure has to be handled effectively from farm to field. "Modern Manure Management" explains the present state of the manure handling profession, Johnson said.

The program highlights the role of consultants, professional manure applicators and the growing support industry related to manure management.

The progression of the industry from the early, horse-drawn spreaders to GPS-guided modern dry spreaders, tanker injectors and towed hose systems is explored and shows the high level of technology and know-how that is used today to manage this billion-dollar "brown gold" industry. For more information, visit http://go.unl.edu/modernmanuremanagement.