

Veteran Farmer Project Agenda

UNL Ag Research Center, Ithaca NE

March 22, 2012

Time	Activity and Presenters
9:00-9:15 a.m.	Welcome /introduce partners Kathie Starkweather and Graham Christensen
9:15-10:00 a.m.	Financing: FSA, BFTC, NIFA, local banks, vet loans Business planning panel
10:00-10:30 a.m.	Land Access: Land Link, NCTA, work-in agreements, rental agreements Virginia Wolking and Scott Mickelson
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45-11:15 a.m.	Farm Bill Programs; other information/education resources Traci Bruckner
11:15-11:45 a.m.	AgrAbility: resources for disabled veterans & other farmers Sharry Neilsen
11:45-12:30 p.m.	Lunch /networking/exhibit visits
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Farm advising /veteran resources Michael O’Gorman
1:30-1:45 p.m.	Break
1:45-2:30 p.m.	High Value Crops/Marketing: organics, local Dave Welsch and Everett Lunquist
2:30 -3:00 p.m.	Crop insurance basics Mark Kavan
3:00-4:00 p.m.	ARDC tour
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Networking

Presenter Information:

Introduction: Kathie Starkweather, CFRA; Graham Christiansen, NE Farmers Union

Financing Panel: Terri Post, FSA; Karla Baum, NDA BFTC; Wyatt Fraas, CFRA

Land Access Panel: Scott Mickelson, NCTA; Virginia Wolking, CFRA

Farm Bill/Resources: NRCS; Traci Bruckner, CFRA

AgrAbility: Sharry Nielsen, UNL

Farm Advising: Michael O’Gorman, Farmer Veteran Coalition

Livestock Production/Marketing: Dave Welsch, West Blue Farm; Everett Lunquist, Common Good Farm

Crop Insurance: Mark Kavan, Farmers Union Insurance, Lincoln