**Agriculture Industry Symposium**

**Objectives:**

* + Build a network for collaboration on projects to address habitat, water management, and nutrient concerns.
	+ Explore tools and opportunities for integrated conservation solutions.
	+ Engagement between industry leaders and conservation professionals to identify programmatic bottlenecks and solutions.
	+ Roundtable discussions to address key resource concerns

**Continuing Education Credits:**

A sign-in sheet will be available on-site. Event organizers will complete paperwork submission for all attendees.

Soil/Water Management: 0.5 hrs |Crop Management: 0.5 hrs |Professional Development: 0.5 hrs |Sustainability: 0.5hrs.

**Conservation Practitioner Symposium Agenda**

*8:30* – Registration/coffee social

*9:00* – Welcome - Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations

* Economically viable working farm and ranch operations
* Voluntary Incentive Based
* Avoid regulatory mandates
* Gain understanding of different perspectives
	+ Alignment of opportunity
	+ Areas of misalignment
* Where do we go from here

*9:15* – Ice Breakers and Introductions

*10:00* – Plenary Session 1 - Finding the Balance Between Ag Productions and Natural Resource Conservation by Dr. Andrew Little (UNL Extension)

*10:30*- Plenary Session 2 - Nebraska Strategic Ag Coalition by Alexa Davis (Nebraska Department of Natural Resources)

*11:00* - Plenary Session 3 - Economics of Playa Wetland Conservation Programs by Dr. Ron Seymore (UNL Extension)

*11:30* – Lunch

*12:30* – Breakout Roundtable #1 – facilitated discussion.

1:15 – Breakout Roundtable #2 – facilitated discussion

2:05 – Breakout Roundtable #3 - facilitated discussion

*3:00* - Closing: Where do we go from here? What will you take with you today?

*3:30* – Adjourn

 