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Twin Creeks Extension District Agronomy & Natural Resources

K-State Research and Extension will host the 21st annual <u>Cover Your Acres Winter Conference</u> for crop producers and consultants on January 16 and 17. The conference will take place in the traditional in-person format at the Gateway Civic Center in Oberlin, KS.

Cover Your Acres is a producer-driven meeting focused on new ideas and research-based updates in crop production in northwest Kansas and the Central High Plains region.

The conference, which typically draws more than 400 attendees from Kansas and other states, highlights the latest technology, methods, and conservation practices to improve crop production in the region. This year's conference will feature university specialists and industry representatives discussing what's driving profitability in northwest Kansas farms. **Confirmed session topics** will include economic drivers on northwest Kansas farms, weed resistance management, cropping systems, and soil fertility management. Additional session topics and speakers are still being finalized and will be announced in an upcoming eUpdate article and on the conference website (link included below).

The same programs will be offered on both days of the conference. Participants attending both days will find catching most or all of the programs easier. The sessions are followed by a social on Tuesday evening, where attendees can visit with industry representatives and conference speakers while enjoying appetizers.

Online registration is open. The fee is \$55 for Tuesday, January 16, \$60 for Wednesday, January 17, or \$80 for both days. After January 10th, and for walk-ins, the cost is \$80 per day. The conference fee includes lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments and educational materials. The program will offer continuing education unit (CEU) credits for Certified Crop Advisors and 1A for Commercial Applicators credit.

To view the preliminary conference details, lodging accommodations, and online registration, visit <u>www.northwest.ksu.edu/coveryouracres</u>. For questions, call 785-462-6281.