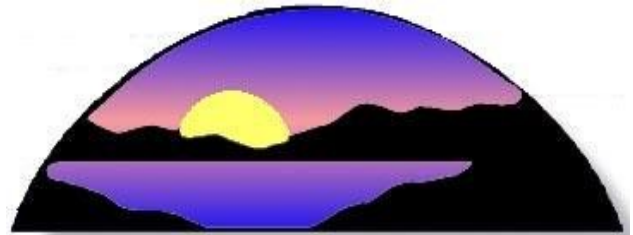


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Loup Basin RC&D Organic Agriculture Workshop



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A successful Organic Agriculture Workshop was held at the Loup Basin RC&D Office on Monday January 25, 2010. The Loup Basin RC&D and the Trailblazer RC&D on January 26, 2010, each hosted an organic workshop that was held in Red Cloud and Ord focusing on organic production on cropland & livestock, certification, marketing and USDA programs. A third meeting is planned in Doniphan with the South Central Nebraska RC&D on February 16th to focus on record keeping for the producers with a special invitation to existing Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contract producers. Guest speakers included Tom Schwarz of Bertrand, Dave Vetter of Marquette, and Joe Roberts of Axtell. NRCS employees Judith Blunk (Hebron), Michael Perry (Minden) and Mark Sintek (Ord) all did an excellent job of presenting an overview of the NRCS programs available for organic producers through Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Service Program (CSP).

The interest in organic farming continues to expand significantly in Nebraska.

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