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2026 NPNRD Ag Symposium Hosted By North Platte Natural Resources District & Special Guest Presenters

The Board of Directors and Staff from the North Platte NRD are pleased to announce an amazing opportunity for all area ag producers to attend a nutrient management workshop presented by Robb Dedman from AgroTech USA, Tyler Kroupa from Midwest Laboratories, and Jesse Bell, Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Robb Dedman is Director of Agronomy at AgroTech USA, where he works with growers and corporate partners nationwide to improve fertility programs and maximize return on input investments. After earning his undergraduate degree from the University of Arkansas–Fayetteville, Robb spent 29 years as an independent crop consultant, advising producers across more than 25 states and a wide range of crops from rice, cotton, and canola to walnuts and all major row crops, including corn, soybeans, and wheat.

Tyler Kroupa grew up on a cattle ranch in White Lake, South Dakota, and graduated from South Dakota State University in 2015. With experience in agricultural retail, agronomy, regional management, and farming, he brings a broad, practical perspective to serving clients. Tyler has been with MWL for 18 months, representing the company across a five-state territory. Known for his strong work ethic, he is committed to delivering practical, result-driven solutions for customers.

Jesse Bell, Ph.D., is the Claire M. Hubbard Professor of Water, Climate, and Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, where he directs the Water, Climate and Health Program. He also serves as Director of Water, Climate and Health at the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute. Dr. Bell's research focuses on the links between climate, environmental change, and human health, and he has authored more than 80 scientific publications. Previously, he held an interagency position with NOAA and the CDC, advancing the integration of climate data into public health decision-making.

On Tuesday, February 10th, at the Gering Civic Center, Robb, Tyler, and Jesse will discuss with producers the essentials of soil testing, including how to interpret results and apply them in everyday farm management. The session will highlight proper sampling techniques, managing nutrients, and exploring the impact of nitrates on both human health and the environment. The day will also have a presentation from the North Platte NRD staff regarding nutrient management in the District, and how best management practices fit into the statutory requirements of the NRD's in the protection of groundwater quality.

The North Platte NRD Ag Symposium also highlights the Conservation Award, which recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional commitment to conservation and stewardship in agriculture. Nominations are open to the public, and additional details on eligibility and submission can be found on the North Platte NRD website.

Doors will open at 8 am, and the presentation will begin at 9. FREE lunch will be served. It is the hope of all of us here at the North Platte NRD that you can find some time to come out and spend the day with the presenters and the North Platte NRD Staff as we discuss these topics that are so important to the economic and natural resource health of our District.

Don't forget to add to your calendar the NPNRD Ag Symposium on February 10th, 2026, at the Gering Civic Center in Gering, Nebraska. For more information about the symposium, call the NPNRD office at 308-632-2749 or visit our website, www.npnrd.org.

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