

2012 ANNUAL CONVENTION

GRAND ISLAND, NE

TUESDAY, February 28th

7:00 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Trade Show Set Up – Big Equipment Only - including fuel trailers or any trailers going into 10 x 10/20 booths requiring the use of a truck, pickup or forklift to move into space.

WEDNESDAY, February 29th

12:15 p.m.

Depart Heartland Event Center for New Holland Plant Tour

1:00 p.m.

Claas of Omaha tour – 8401 S 132nd St, Omaha, NE

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Trade Show Set Up Vendor Booths

1:00 p.m. –

USCHI Pre-Convention/March 2012 Board of Directors Meeting – Midtown Board Room

1:45 p.m.

Depart Heartland Event Center for New Holland Plant Tour

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Registration – South Entrance Heartland Event Center

THURSDAY, March 1st

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration & Sales Table Open – South Entrance Heartland Event Center

7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

BOD & State Chairman Breakfast, Past Presidents, Past Board Members (Invitation Only) – Midtown Holiday Inn

8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Combine Clinics

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. – New Holland – Room 5 – Heartland Event Center

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. – AGCO - Room 5 Heartland Event Center - 2012 Gleaner changes and improvements

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – John Deere –Room 1- 2 Heartland Event Center

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – AGCO– Room 5 Heartland Event Center – New C2100

terminal layout and navigation Auto-Guide/Telemetry/Classroom simulator

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – CASE IH – Room 1- 2 Heartland Event Center

Forage Clinics

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Krone North America – Trade Show Floor

8:40 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. – New Holland Forage – Trade Show Floor

9:20 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. – John Deere Forage – Trade Show Floor

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Class of America – Trade Show Floor

8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Trade Show Exhibit Hall

8:15 a.m.

Depart Heartland Event Center for New Holland Plant Tour

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Ladies Harvest Happenings & Luncheon – Exhibit Hall – Sponsored by Bronze Sponsor – Scherrer Design Engineering

10:15 a.m.

Depart Heartland Event Center for New Holland Plant Tour

10:40 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

All classes of Forage Equipment classroom meeting – Room 4 Heartland Event Center

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch – Sponsored by USCHI Platinum Sponsor – Claas of America- Bob Armstong, Vice President of Product and Marketing North America – Speaker

12:15 p.m.

Depart Heartland Event Center for New Holland Plant Tour

1:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Combine Clinics Exhibit Hall

1:15 – 1:45 pm – New Holland – Trade Show Floor

1:55 – 2:25 pm – AGCO– Trade Show Floor – Adjustments and troubleshooting-S Series GL 9250 DynaFlex draper header

2:35 – 3:05 pm – John Deere – Trade Show Floor

3:15 – 3:45 pm – CASE IH – Trade Show Floor

3:55 – 4:25 pm AGCO– Trade Show Floor – Adjustments and troubleshooting-S Series GL 9250 DynaFlex draper header

1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Gary Sipiorski, Dairy Development Manager – Vita Plus – How Current Economics Affect the World –

Mike Hutjens, Professor of Animal Sciences Emeritus, University of IL – Making the Perfect Forage for Dairy Cows –

1:45 p.m. Nate Dudenhoeffer, Dudenhoeffer Agricultural Technology Acumen LLC – On Farm Evaluation of Forage Harvesting Practices - Room 4– Heartland Event Center
 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Depart Heartland Event Center for New Holland Plant Tour
 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Trade Show Exhibit Hall
 Safety & Regulations – Kyle Zimmer, Special Agent, Nebraska Division
 USDOT/FMCSA – Room 1 – Heartland Event Center
 3:50 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. 2011 CHAMP participant only meeting – Room C – Heartland Event Center – Kevin Dhuyvetter and Terry Kastens – AgAnalysis+
 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. “Doorite” Border Crossing – Roger Sammons – Room 5 – Heartland Event Center
 4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Hospitality – Sponsored by USCHI Platinum Sponsors – Trade Show – Exhibit Hall
 6:30 p.m. – Sharp Dinner – Sponsored by USCHI Platinum Sponsor – AGCO – Kevin Bien, Brand Marketing Manager, Gleaner - Speaker
 7:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Entertainment – Jay Hendren – Comedian – West Auditorium Heartland Event Center – Sponsored by MacDon
 9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Live Band – High Valley - West Auditorium Heartland Event Center – Sponsored by Grouser Products
 Thursday evening Hospitality Sponsored by Degelman

FRIDAY, March 2nd

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet – Heartland Events Center
 General Assembly (Introduce Candidates)
 Participating State Law Enforcement
 Open Forum (Members Only)
 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. State Meetings
 Colorado & Nebraska – Room 5 – Heartland Event Center
 Montana & Minnesota – Room C – Heartland Event Center
 Kansas – Room 1 - Heartland Event Center
 North/South Dakota & Iowa – Room 4 - Heartland Center
 Oklahoma – Room 2– Heartland Event Center
 Texas – Room 3 – Heartland Event Center
 All Other States – Room A – Heartland Event Center
 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration & Sales Table Open – South Entrance Heartland Event Center
 8:45 a.m. – Noon Trade Show Exhibit Hall
 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Grain Bagging Seminar – Glen Gulley – Ipesa USA – Room 4 – Heartland Event Center
 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Dianne Walbrecker – Train the Trainer – Room 1-3 - Heartland Event Center
 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break
 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Dianne Walbrecker – Train the Trainer – Room 1-3 - Heartland Event Center
 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Frank Gasperini – NCAE & Kerry Scott – MAS Labor H2-A, LLC – H2-A Presentation Room 5
 11:00a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Strategies for Dealing with Mycotoxins in Silages and High Moisture Grains –Rick Goodall PhD – Nova Microbial specialist – Room 4 – Heartland Event Center
 12:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. Lunch – Sponsored by USCHI Platinum Sponsor – New Holland
 Introduction of Legislative visitors
 Ag Connect forum – question and answer period
 1:45 p.m. – ? Business Meeting – Election of Officers (Members Only) – Room 1, 2 & 3- Heartland Event Center
 1:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Trade Show
 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Hospitality – Sponsored by USCHI Silver Sponsors – Grouser & Degelman
 5:30 p.m. – Sharp Dinner – Sponsored by USCHI Platinum Sponsor — John Deere - Katie Dierker, Division Marketing Manager – John Deere Harvester Works
 AUCTION – SUPPORT YOUR ORGANIZATION – FUN! FUN! FUN!
 Hospitality sponsored by– TBA

SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Full Breakfast – Heartland Event Center
 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration & Sales Table Open
 8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting with Exhibitors – Quilt room trade show floor

9:30 a.m. –10:30 a.m. Trent Loos – West Auditorium – Heartland Events Center
 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Trade Show
 10:45a.m. – 11:45 a.m. “When Pigs Fly!” - Jolene Brown – Key note Speech – Room 1-3 – Heartland Event Center
 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch – Sponsored by USCHI Platinum Sponsors – Case IH – Nathan Weinkauf, N.A. Combine Marketing - Speaker
 Special Guest Senator Johanns
 1:00 p.m. – Trade Show Tear Down
 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 CHAMP – Terry Kastens, Kevin Dhuyvetter, K-State University, Ag Analysis + - Sponsored by John Deere– Room 5- Heartland Event Center – OPEN TO ALL
 1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. “The Facts of Life: When Family and Business Collide” -Jolene Brown – Workshop – Room 1-3 – Heartland Event Center
 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Hospitality – Sponsored by USCHI Platinum Sponsors-Atrium of Midtown Holiday Inn
 6:00 p.m. – Sharp Dinner – Sponsored by USCHI Platinum Sponsors – Heartland Event Center
 Color Guard
 Honored Guests – Past Presidents, Past Hall of Fame
 Scholarship Awards
 Quilt Drawing
 Hall of Fame Awards
 Changing of the Gavel

SUNDAY, MARCH 4th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Praise Service – Midtown Holiday Inn
 Preacher – Tim Rust – Life’s Arena Cowboy Church
 9:15 a.m. - Board of Directors Meeting – Midtown Holiday Inn Board Room

LADIES HARVEST HAPPENINGS & TOURS

THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST QUILT ROOM EXHIBIT HALL

9:10 a.m. – Welcome
 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Angela McLean (Quilter, Composer, Musician & Historian)
 9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Expo Booths open
 Noon – 1:15 p.m. – Lunch in the Beef Pit – Entertainment by Angela McLean – Quilting: Music for your ears, color for your soul
 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Expo Booths open

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND LADIES DAY OUT

Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer – Grand Island
10:00 a.m. Departure from Heartland Events Center
3:30 p.m. Return to Heartland Events Center

Praised as “one of the top ‘10’ places to relive America’s past” by *Good Housekeeping* magazine and the *Washington Post* notes “one of the top 12 living history museums in the country.”Stuhr is a world –class educational and cultural institution that tells the story of early town building on the prairie. This unique 200-acre facility features over 70,000 three-dimensional artifacts, over 60 historic structures, the Stuhr Building with permanent and changing exhibits and the Gus Fonner Rotunda which holds the largest collection of Native American and cowboy artifacts.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Victorian Secrets – shhhhhh this uncovers the delicate topic of what women wore underneath their long dresses from the mid 1800’s to the early 1900’s.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch- a true *Victorian Tea* by Meg’s Catering
 Program *Victorian Tea & Manners* – discover the art of being a proper ‘Victorian Lady’ and what constitutes a genuine Victorian Tea.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Wings Over The Platte Art Show (February-April) - browse the Stuhr Building and all genres of art celebrating the Sandhill Cranes as well as all the flora and fauna of the Platte River in Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska. Shop *Stuhr’s gift shop* featuring locally made food items, books, crafts and art.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Crane Program ‘Truth, Legends and Lore’ by local Crane expert

“Grand Island is the #1 place in the world for bird-watchers.” Forbes FYI Magazine... each spring 600,000 Sandhill cranes, more than 80% of the world’s population, gather in one place at one time... in the Platte River Valley around Grand Island. Fossils found in Nebraska, dating nine million years old, show the Sandhill cranes have changed little from their ancestors. In addition, 14-16 million ducks & geese plus hundreds of other indigenous and migratory birds visit each spring and throughout the year. Speaker will share other fascinating facts and tidbits.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD LADIES DAY OUT

All bus schedules and shopping/dining guides available at Registration area.

8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Hamilton Donald House Morning Tour– (maximum 25 people)

Fran Shaffer, author of a national award-winning book “Shortcuts To Gourmet Cooking And Family Favorites” will open her home (Hamilton Donald House) for two special USCHI tours. The Hamilton Donald House is architecturally significant as an example of the **Neo-Classic Revival Style** popular at the turn of the century. **Built in 1905** for Ellsworth D. Hamilton, sold in 1908 to John Jack Donald, a Scottish immigrant and leading citizen who operated Nebraska’s largest wholesale grocery houses. He sold it to his son Lawrence G. in 1924 for \$1.00. Dave & Fran Schaffer purchased the house in 1983. The beautiful mansion was placed on the **National Register of Historic Places** on March 13, 1986. It has also been **featured on Home & Garden Television – Bob Vila’s Restore America** in 2000. Dave and Fran have invested considerable time and money into restoring and maintaining the mansion.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Shopping Downtown – historic charm adds to the downtown shopping experience, visit eight antique stores, three art galleries, boutiques, home décor, furniture, carpet, quilt and jewelry stores.

Noon – 1:30 Lunch at Heartland Events Center

Afternoon Select ONE activity –

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Hamilton Donald House Afternoon Tour (25 people maximum)

OR

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Material Girl Fabrics, Fibers & Quilting Supplies (20 people maximum)

Named ‘A Top 10 Shop’ in Better Homes Garden “Quilt Sampler Magazine”

A special project designed just for USCHI 2012.

OR

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Shopping at Conestoga Mall featuring 70 stores and a food court. Dillard’s, Sears, JC Penny’s, Younkers, Best Buy, JoAnn Fabrics & Crafts, three jewelry stores, Victoria Secrets, Bath & Body, American Eagle, Grow Nebraska features only items created by Nebraskans, including clothes, art, crafts, food, jewelry, books, candles and more.

OR

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hy-Vee Wine Tasting (10 person minimum & 40 person maximum)

Five wines that include three award winning Nebraska wines plus two select wines. Cracker, cheese and cold cuts plus information on each wine, food and wine pairings, how to serve and store wines and more.

YOUTH EVENTS AND TOURS

THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST YOUTH TOUR (ADULT CHAPERONES NEEDED)

Edgerton Explorit Center (Aurora) Nebraska's Hands –On Science Center

Dedicated to Nebraska native Dr. Harold Edgerton, world-renowned scientist, inventor and educator. The EEC brings the mystery and the fun of learning to life for 'kids' of all ages.

Lunch provided by McDonalds

8:30 a.m. Departure from Heartland Events Center

3:30 p.m. Return to Heartland Events Center

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Science Demonstrations – Arctic Blast (super cold substances and states of matter)

Science Demonstrations – Sparks (static electricity)

Science Lab – Rube Goldberg experiment (cartoonist & engineer)

Science Lab – Straw Rocket

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND YOUTH TOUR (ADULT CHAPERONES NEEDED)

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Lunch at the Museum

9:00 a.m. Departure from Heartland Events Center

3:00 p.m. Return to Heartland Events Center

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The popular Pioneer Living Class

Children/youth participate in common chores and activities

Cook their own meal over the fire or cook stove

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD (ADULT CHAPERONES NEEDED)

Swimming, movies, games at Midtown Holiday Inn

EDUCATION BREAKOUT SESSIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST

COMBINE CLINICS – Classroom sessions on Thursday morning, then in the afternoon you will start at the New Holland combine and work your way around the trade show floor for a hands on clinic at all combines. You will spend 30 minutes at each combine and then move on to the next.

FORAGE CLINICS – Forage clinics will begin on the Tradeshow floor on Thursday morning. You will spend 30 minutes at each chopper, beginning with Krone, you will then move onto the next chopper. You will then have a classroom setting for all classes of choppers in the Heartland Event Center.

SILAGE SPEAKER – Gary Sipiorski will discuss how economic conditions around the world and U.S, affect your customers and the custom operating business.

2011 CHAMPS PARTICIPANT MEETING – This meeting is for the current participating members only. Preliminary one-on-one meeting information will be given at this time, in a group setting. This should help

lessen the amount of time needed for the one-on-one meetings scheduled throughout the day on Friday and Saturday. A meeting for anyone interested in becoming a CHAMP participant will be held on Saturday afternoon.

DOORITE BORDER CROSSING – Roger Sammons will be giving instructional and informative information regarding crossing the border into Canada to harvest.

ENTERTAINMENT – JAY HENDREN – Ohio Farmer Jay Hendren started performing stand-up comedy in 1996. He drew from his experiences working on the family farm. Just two years later, his agriculture based comedy helped him win the title “Funniest person in Columbus.” Jay’s humor is good clean fun. It can be enjoyed by all ages. You’ll get a kick from his hilarious stories about growing up in a family of farmers! “The clean, down-home humor Hendren uses to tickle the funny bones of audience members has a broad appeal that any kind of audience can laugh at.” (Matt Reese, Ohio’s Country Journal)

ENTERTAINMENT – HIGH VALLEY – This band sang and produced the video “On a Combine”. Stick around after the comedian for some live band music and possible dancing.

HOSPITALITY PROVIDED BY DEGELMAN DURING THURSDAY EVENING EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND

GRAIN BAGGING SEMINAR – This will be an informational presentation regarding grain bagging, presented by Glen Gulley with IPESA. There may also be a live demonstration again this year, but that is yet to be determined.

TRAIN THE TRAINER – Dianne Walbreker who is collaborating with Conrad Weaver and is writing the training manual and tests for our new safety video, will be going over material and explaining the best way to present the new materials to your hired hands. Dianne is the CEO of Getting It Write LLC and has trained hundreds of trainers for FEMA. This will be a split session with a 15 minute break in the middle.

H2-A PRESENTATION WITH FRANK GASPERINI AND KERRY SCOTT – This session will cover the most recent and possible up and coming changes in the foreign labor area. Frank is the Executive Vice President of the National Council of Agricultural Employers (NCAE) located in Vienna, VA.

NCAE is the national trade association for agricultural employers, mainly labor intensive agricultural growers.

Frank’s background includes over 25 years specialty and production agricultural pesticide marketing, issues-management, and lobbying state and federal legislators and regulators.

NCAE is the ONLY national association focusing exclusively on Agricultural Labor issues from the Agricultural Employer’s viewpoint. NCAE represents Agricultural Employer interests before Congress and Regulatory/Administrative bodies such as the Departments of Labor, Homeland Security, Agriculture, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency. NCAE Members are growers, associations, and other whose business interests revolve around labor intensive agriculture.

NCAE’s mission is: To advocate, promote, educate, and report on legislative and regulatory, policy, and legal issues of importance to Agricultural Employers and their critical allies and others whose business interests revolve around labor intensive agriculture.

NCAE’s vision is: NCAE will be widely recognized as the pre-eminent association leading legislative and regulatory issue prioritization, strategic planning, positioning, and advocacy efforts on behalf of U.S. Agricultural Employers.

Kerry Scott will be on hand with Frank for question. This is a MUST attend meeting for anyone who deals with hiring foreign labor!

STRATEGIES FOR DEALING WITH MYCOTOXINS IN SIALAGEA AND HIGH MOISTURE

GRAINS –Rick Goodall PhD, specialist with Nova Microbial - Molds growing in field crops or in the silo are both capable of producing mycotoxins. This is now known to occur under a variety of conditions. Mycotoxins have recently been demonstrated to occur in silage corn in the field under ideal growing conditions. Visible molds in silages or high moisture grains do not always produce mycotoxins. Conversely, no visible mold in silage or high moisture grain doesn't necessarily mean there are no mycotoxins present. All this makes managing and controlling mycotoxins a real challenge. However, there are some currently recommended management practices that can help to alleviate the mold and/or mycotoxin problem. There may also be new product technologies for both forage and grain growers as well as silage producers. Transgenic crop research into the area of mold resistance is currently under way. New silage inoculants that can prevent silo mold growth have been introduced. Mycotoxin binding feed additives traditionally relied upon by livestock producers may be partially replaced with newer mycotoxin-binding inoculants and/or direct-fed microbial technologies.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD

TRENT LOOS – HUMORIST & STORYTELLER ON RURAL AMERICA – Trent travels the country motivating and educating his audience on issues related to animal agriculture and food production. His audiences vary in age, background, mission and profession, but they all come away enthused about bridging the gap between food producers and consumers. When addressing youth groups, Trent emphasizes the importance and pride associated with being involved in U.S. food production in the future.

Trent was raised on a diversified farm near Quincy, IL. He entered the hog business at a young age and has been involved in livestock production every since. He and his wife Kelli operate a purebred Limousin and Angus herd. They enjoy working cattle, training horses and raising their three daughters on their ranch in central Nebraska.

“WHEN PIGS FLY!” – JOLENE BROWN – Especially in turbulent times, we must look for the possibilities. Opportunities abound for agriculture once we realize that the pace, the people, the process and the products have all changed. Have we? During this eye opening, fun-filled presentation, we'll celebrate who we are, what we've done...and what we can do! And by the way, Jolene really has seen a pig fly!

“THE FACTS OF LIFE: WHEN FAMILY AND BUSINESS COLLIDE” – JOLENE BROWN – There's nothing better or more frustrating than working with “genetics!” Farming with family is a challenge! Combining personalities, differing goals, and multiple generations creates a collision course. To reach an outcome of productivity, profitability and collaborative families, intentional actions must be taken. This includes communication tools in place, documents in writing, and a commitment to transition the leadership and ownership of a business. This session is for those interested in less stress, cussing and ulcers...and more interested in becoming a successful “business-first family.”

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OUR MISSION

The Mission of the US Custom Harvesters, Inc. is to advance the cause of the members of the Corporation representing and promoting the harvesting industry: to positively influence government and regulatory agencies: to enhance the relationship between custom harvesters, their clients, and service providers to the industry, and the general public: to manage the changing landscape within the industry while enhancing the profitability of custom harvesters and their customers.