

Spatial variability in soils is the topic of a one-day workshop Jan. 29 in Grand Island.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln workshop, at the Midtown Holiday Inn, is designed to help agronomists, crop consultants, producers and other agribusiness professionals understand the importance of spatial variability in today's precision agriculture environment.

Topics include an introduction to quantifying variability; sources and scales of variability; spatial information resources, public and self-generated; and spatial tools, such as GPS and GIS.

Workshop presenters are UNL soil scientists Richard Ferguson and Gary Hergert.

The workshop is available for graduate academic credit, noncredit professional development, and CEU credit. The workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Workshop related materials, lunch and additional course materials available online following the workshop are included in the registration fee for noncredit and CEU credit participants.

More information is available at

<http://www.agronomy.unl.edu/newprospective/distanceed/agro896-1.html>, or by contacting Cathy Dickinson, cdickinson2@unl.edu, (402) 472-1730. Individuals interested in registering for the workshop for noncredit or CEU credit can purchase the registration online through UNL's Center for Applied Rural Innovation <http://go.unl.edu/spatialworkshop> or by calling (800) 328-2851.

The workshop is sponsored by UNL's Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, a part of the university's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.