

ARD RESEARCH DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025



EAST CAMPUS UNION, GREAT PLAINS B & C

- 8:30 AM** **Registration Opens**
- 9:00 AM** **Welcome & ARD Highlights**
Derek McLean, *Dean & Director of the Agricultural Research Division*
- 9:30 AM** **Food, Agriculture & Environmental Security Overview**
Meghan Jackson, *Director*
- 10:00 AM** **Rural Poll Update**
Mary Emery, *Director of Rural Prosperity Nebraska*
L.J. McElravy, *Associate Professor, Ag Leadership, Education & Communications*
- 10:30 AM** **Office of Research & Innovation - UNL's Research Identity**
Jennifer Nelson, *Interim Vice Chancellor*
- 11:00 AM** **NUTech Updates - Private Sector/IP Partnerships**
Cheryl Horst, *Interim Executive Director*
- 11:30 AM** **Working Lunch - Early Career Excellence in Research Award Highlights**
Amy Desaulniers, *Associate Professor, School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences*
Yijie Xiong, *Assistant Professor, Animal Science*
- 1:00 PM** **Food, Agriculture & Environmental Security Panel**
Seth Mitchell, *Executive Director, Nebraska Pork Producers Association*
Mark McHargue, *President, Nebraska Farm Bureau*
Wade Greening, *Federal Bureau of Investigation - Omaha Field Office*
Roger Dudley, *State Veterinarian, Nebraska Department of Agriculture*
Matt Allen, *Director of Operations and Research Services, National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education (NCITE) Center, University of Nebraska at Omaha*
- 2:00 PM** **Faculty Flash Talks**
Clemencia Rojas, *Plant Pathology*
Mike Boehm, *Plant Pathology*
Georgina Bingham, *Entomology*
Scott McVey, *School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences*
Jennifer Clarke, *Statistics & Food Science*
Loren Giesler, *Plant Pathology*
- 3:15 PM** **Networking for Group Discussions and Ideation for the Biosecurity OSI**
- 4:00 PM** **Conclusion**