



**NORTH PLATTE**  
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## Press Release

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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#### **No-Till Notes:**

#### **Upcoming Winter Conferences**

By Mark Watson

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As we begin the New Year I would like to take this opportunity to talk about some upcoming no till winter conferences and educational opportunities which are available to everyone in our area interested in no till farming. Attending such events has always been a worthwhile endeavor in educating myself during my years of no till farming. I always walk away from a meeting learning something about no till farming that I hadn't thought of before, reinforced ideas I had heard before but hadn't sunk in, or new concepts in no till farming other producers or researchers have discovered. Education is always money and time well spent when exploring the possibilities of no till farming.

The first of these educational opportunities will be the meetings I will be having around the Panhandle on no till farming. These meetings will be the first in a series of meetings I will be conducting throughout the winter. I encourage everyone who is interested in learning more about no till farming to attend these meetings. If you are a producer who is interested in learning more, or an experienced no till farmer, I hope to have something for everyone. Experienced no till producers are encouraged to come and share their knowledge with other producers. The purpose of these meetings is to develop a network of no till producers throughout the Panhandle who can learn from each other and share their experiences with no till farming. I hope to develop this network into an ongoing educational opportunity for all producers interested in no till farming that will last for years to come.

These meetings are also for anyone interested in no till farming other than producers. Education on no till farming is also important for lenders, equipment dealers, NRD and NRCS staff members, landlords, and anyone else involved in production agriculture.

The schedule of meetings for January and my contact information is as follows:

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**All meetings will start at 9:00 a.m.**

**Jan. 14- Rushville**

Security First Center meeting room  
110 East 2nd Street

**Jan. 15- Alliance**

Box Butte Co. extension office  
415 Black Hills Ave.

**Jan. 16- Oshkosh**

UNL Extension Office-Garden County  
611 Main Street  
Annex building

**Jan. 17- Sidney**

South Platte Natural Resource District office  
551 Parkland Drive

**Jan. 18- Scottsbluff**

North Platte Natural Resource District office  
100547 Airport Road

Another very important educational opportunity is the upcoming 12th annual winter conference held by No Till On The Plains. This event is held in Salina, Kansas on January 29, 30, 2008. This is the premier winter conference for our region on all aspects of no till farming. I have never attended this conference, but am looking forward to attending this year. I will be taking a group of interested individuals to this conference as part of our educational opportunities to producers in this area. The Nebraska No Till Cadre along with the Nebraska Environmental Trust fund will help sponsor this group trip to Salina. I will have more details at my winter meetings in January. Please plan to attend this winter conference. I am sure you will find the time and effort to go to Salina, Kansas for this meeting well worth the effort. For more information on this conference, go to [www. notill.org](http://www.notill.org).