



## Farming With Beneficial Insects for Pest Control

Learn a science-based strategy that seeks to integrate  
beneficial insects for natural pest control!

**Thursday, March 23rd, 2017**

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Agricultural Research and Development Center  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Ithaca, NE

Pre-registration is required by March 16th

**Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/xerces-NE>**

### Topics covered include:

- Importance of beneficial insects
- Overview of conservation biological control
- Assessing on-farm habitat needs and habitat deficiencies for beneficial insects
- Designing and implementing on-farm habitat
- Minimizing impacts of pesticides and other farm practices to beneficial insects
- USDA programs that support beneficial insect conservation

### Cost:

Registration is \$45 per person.

Lunch is **not** included. Please plan on bringing a sack lunch with you to the course.

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### About the Course

Beneficial insects contribute to natural pest suppression, potentially saving \$4.5 billion annually in pesticide costs. Conservation biological control is a science-based pest management strategy that seeks to integrate beneficial insects back into cropping systems for natural pest control.

Course participants will receive the Xerces Society's Conservation Biological Control Toolkit which includes Xerces' book, *Farming With Native Beneficial Insects*, as well as habitat management guidelines and relevant USDA-NRCS and extension publications.

### About the Xerces Society

The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation is an international nonprofit organization that protects wildlife through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitat. The Society's Pollinator Conservation Program was launched in 1996 and works with leading native pollinator ecologists to translate the latest research findings into on-the-ground conservation. More information about the Xerces Society is available at [www.xerces.org](http://www.xerces.org).

### Contact/Questions

For additional information about the course, feel free to email [thelma.heidel-baker@xerces.org](mailto:thelma.heidel-baker@xerces.org).