

WRAP Meets at Water for Food Conference in May

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The University of Nebraska Water Resources Advisory Panel met as part of the *2011 Water for Food Conference: Paths to Solutions* to hear the latest on the university's water-related research and programming. NU Vice President and IANR Harlan Vice Chancellor Ronnie Green described progress made in the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute director search, noting candidates will be brought to Lincoln soon. Green also described a "Cluster Hire of Faculty Addressing the Efficient and Sustainable Use of Water for Food" funded by IANR and the Water for Food Institute.

When asked to describe what Nebraskans may expect to see in the next 3-5 years, Green described how the Water for Food Institute will be fully staffed with an executive director and a senior management team with expertise in research, education, and policy. The founding gift to establish the Water for Food Institute will be leveraged to attract additional funds and build programming capacity in Nebraska and around the world.

WRAP members stressed the importance of continued communication between the university, the legislature, state agencies, and other water interests in Nebraska, especially as networks are built globally.