

NET Television Will Tape "Backyard Farmer" Episode at UNL's Maxwell Arboretum

LINCOLN, Neb. (June 30, 2010) -- NET Television's "Backyard Farmer" series is heeding the advice of its own experts to get some sunshine. The entire cast and crew is leaving the studio and making its way to the Maxwell Arboretum on the East Campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) to videotape an episode of the popular lawn and garden series.

Videotaping is scheduled for the week of July 5, and the special episode will air on Thursday, July 8, at 7 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD.

Series host and UNL Extension landscape horticultural specialist Kim Todd, as well as other panelists from UNL Extension, will tour the gardens, plus answer lawn and garden questions from viewers. Because this episode of "Backyard Farmer" is videotaped, viewers may only submit questions via e-mail at byf@unl.edu. No viewer phone calls will be answered during the July 8 broadcast.

Dedicated in 1969 and named for former State Extension Forester Earl G. Maxwell, the arboretum was one of the first sites of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. Growing out of experimental plantings by Maxwell in the 1940s, the arboretum is UNL's premier green space, providing collections of individual tree and shrub species, herbaceous gardens, a native prairie and vine arbor.

In addition to its regular Thursday evening broadcasts at 7 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD, "Backyard Farmer" can also be seen on NET2 on Fridays at 8 p.m. CT and Sundays at noon CT, as well as on NET3's Create channel on Fridays at 7 p.m. CT. In addition, viewers can see segments from the program in high definition on YouTube, as well as on the "Backyard Farmer" website (byf.unl.edu). The program's website features gardening tips and a database of viewer questions which covers a variety of lawn and garden topics. And, "Backyard Farmer" is available on iTunes as a video podcast after the initial Thursday evening broadcast. Viewers must download iTunes to access the podcasts.

"Backyard Farmer" is funded in part by Earl May Nursery and Garden Centers. The program is a co-production of NET Television and University of Nebraska Extension. NET1, NET2, NET3 and NET-HD are part of NET Television, a service of NET. For a complete program schedule, visit NET's website at netNebraska.org/television.

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