



AFAN IN ACTION

October 2022 Monthly Update

Seeing new things come to life is a big part of agricultural life. From calves and piglets being born to a new crop rising from the soil, farmers and ranchers see the beginning of the life cycle on a regular basis. This past month AFAN was there to witness the “birth” of several new agriculture businesses.

We were excited to see our friends in the North Platte area announce the commencement of construction of the new Sustainable Beef operation. This operation will harvest and process 1,500 cattle per day and is majority owned by Nebraska beef producers. This is a risk for those producers but it gives them an opportunity to take control over their business and long-term make their operations more sustainable.

We also got a look at North Platte’s new rail park. The rail park will provide access to the rail lines and attract businesses that need that access into one area. The rail park is also applying for inland port authority which means that they can ship and receive sealed loads for import and export markets. This has the potential to bring a lot of business and growth to the North Platte area.

AFAN was in Seward County to support a Lincoln Premium Poultry grower who is taking the composted litter from chicken broiler barns and making a fertilizer product. They are already selling the product, called Geocharged Biochar (find it on Amazon), across the nation but they needed a larger facility. The county approved the permit and now they can provide the product through large retail stores. This is a family operation that is making a significant investment in their community.

Finally, AFAN has been helping a group of dairy farmers to start a new cooperative. The farmer-members met and voted to establish the coop making the Nebraska Milk Producers Nonstock Cooperative official! The new marketing arrangement will give them the opportunity to grow their farms as well as take control of their marketing. Like the producers at Sustainable Beef, they are taking control of their future. Again, it is Nebraskans growing the rural economy of Nebraska.

AFAN is proud of the entrepreneurial spirit of Nebraska’s farmers and ranchers! Congratulations to all these new businesses!

Steve Martin
Executive Director



Looking Ahead

AFAN PARTNERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT OUR
2022 ANNUAL MEETING

CORNHUSKER MARRIOTT HOTEL • LINCOLN

NOVEMBER 21, 2022

8:30AM COFFEE • 9:00AM MEETING • LUNCH TO FOLLOW

RSVP to mindyr@a-fan.org or by calling 402.421.4472 by November 9th



***NEW PATTERNS OF
TRADE INTEGRATION***
2022 Symposium

November 2, 2022 | 9:00am - 1:30pm CT

**Nebraska Innovation Campus, Lincoln, NE
IN-PERSON | LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE**



WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Save the Date

November

2: 2022 Yeutter Institute Trade Symposium

21: 2022 Annual Meeting for AFAN Partners

December

7-9: Nebraska Cattlemen Annual Meeting

14-16: NACO Annual Meeting

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AFAN's mission is to grow the livestock industry statewide. This would be nearly impossible without the support we receive from our partners so, THANK YOU!

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