



AFAN IN ACTION

April 2023 Monthly Update

The month of April is the time for one of my favorite jokes (cue the groans!). If April showers bring May flowers, what do May Flowers bring? Pilgrims! 😊

This past month we have continued to see growth opportunities in all the livestock species. Almost all of it is in-state local farms that are growing their operations. We know that the feed, water, and open space will (and has) attract outside growers but it is really cool to see local folks taking advantage of opportunities to diversify their operations.

There are several opportunities for Nebraska farmers to know about. The first one is in poultry production. There is an opportunity to raise broilers in southeast Nebraska. This is a contract arrangement with the farmer building the barns and responsible for chores. The company will supply birds and feed. The farmer gets a cash payment, the litter, can depreciate the barns to save on taxes, and builds equity.

There is also an opportunity to work with a swine company. The swine company is interested in buying roughly five acres of land, either a pivot corner or a marginal piece of land. They would build the building, have the hogs and do the chores. The farmer gets the manure for the life of the barn without ever being responsible for the hogs.

Finally, as dairy farmers start looking around the state, they too are looking for row-crop farmers to partner with. They would want to buy 80 to 160 acres of land for the dairy and surrounding buildings and some buffer space. Then they would purchase silage and forages from area farmers. Additionally, the dairy would need to de-water lagoons in the summer, which provides some nitrogen to a growing crop and water and after harvest the dairy would look to spread solid manure on corn fields. Overall there is a lot of value to the row-crop farmer!

If you want to know more about any of these opportunities, please contact us.

Looking Ahead

AFAN & NSDA GOLF

-Tournament-

JUNE 15, 2023

Indian Trails Country Club, Beemer



2023 NEBRASKA PORK EXPO

July 19, 2023

Holthus Convention Center



Save the Date

April

4-5: NBA's Spring Agribusiness Conference

20: AFAN County Official Tour

26: NECC Livestock Field Day

June

15: [AFAN/ NSDA Golf Tournament](#)

July

19: [Nebraska Pork Expo](#)

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