

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

Directors Update

The Nebraska livestock industry continues to grow! What's really exciting is that there is growth within all species and mainly existing producers expanding their operations. There was new construction in swine (farrowing and finishing), poultry (broilers and layers), beef (deep pits and feedlots), and dairy (processing and farm expansions). We even saw a first-for-Nebraska confined sheep facility go online!

It has been said over and over that livestock creates an opportunity for the next generation to come back to a farm or ranch. This statement is still true and the growth we saw this year exemplified that truth. Every project that we worked on included the next generation or it was creating an opportunity for the current generation to farm full-time. We are very proud of this and see that livestock can be and is that conduit that creates long-term viability on Nebraska farms and ranches.

Looking ahead to 2024, I believe there will be more of this activity. The economic benefits of livestock include the value of the manure, and the depreciation which offsets tax liability, and helps build equity. Even just looking at the value of the manure, livestock makes a lot of sense to add to an operation. The future is bright for Nebraska agriculture!

2023 Stats

- Supported 38 unique projects resulting in \$68 million in capital investment
- Increased corn consumption by 1.7 million bushels
- Increased soybean consumption by 442,000 bushels



Return On Investment

Investment in AFAN helps grow the livestock industry in Nebraska. It creates business opportunities in rural and urban communities and grows the economy of the state.

Thank you for your investment in us!

DAIRY GROWTH IN NEBRASKA



AFAN was vital in helping producers establish a new milk marketing co-op that will feed into Milk Specialties Global in Norfolk. Milk Specialties Global is expanding their processing facility from 400,000 pounds of milk per day to over 1.5 million. This expansion has enabled AFAN to help establish more dairy farms, which creates more demand for grain products across Nebraska. AFAN and the Grow Nebraska Dairy Team continue to collaborate on increased interest from businesses looking to build new dairy processing facilities in our state.

COUNTY OFFICIAL TOURS

Our County Official Tours continue to be a pivotal event, providing county decision-makers with a firsthand look at modern livestock facilities. With two successful tours held across the state this year and over 25 engaged attendees, we're proud to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and insights that help these officials make informed decisions when it comes to zoning in their own counties. This hands-on experience is a valuable asset in fostering better understanding and more informed choices in our communities.



MID-YEAR UPDATE

In June, we successfully hosted three meetings spanning the entire state, with a primary objective of fostering stronger connections with our partners. These gatherings served as a platform to update them on our ongoing initiatives and projects. We're committed to maintaining this momentum as we move into 2024, ensuring that our collaboration with partners remains a cornerstone of our work.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

We recently celebrated our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament in the scenic town of Beemer, Nebraska, with an impressive turnout of 24 participating teams. The day was marked by beautiful weather and spirited competition. Mark your calendars for June 13, 2024, and make plans to join us for what promises to be another unforgettable event next year!



PORK EXPO

Our Annual Pork Expo in York, Nebraska was a success this year, with approximately 250 attendees joining us for a day filled with valuable networking opportunities and engaging educational breakouts. The event also featured a bustling trade show that showcased the latest in the industry. We're already eagerly anticipating next year's gathering, scheduled for July 17, 2024, and can't wait to bring together our community once again for another fantastic day of learning and connection.



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