



# AFAN IN ACTION

## June 2022 Monthly Update

Livestock is important to Nebraska's rural economy for a number of reasons. It adds value to locally grown feedstuffs, which means more dollars in the local economy. It provides jobs in working with animals and in all sorts of businesses that buy, sell, or service livestock or livestock facilities. And then there is the investment that creates a tax base. A new 2,400 head swine finishing building will cost around \$900,000, a new dairy farm around \$10,000 per cow, and a new poultry complex will be in the millions.

Earlier this month, the Dundy County Commissioners approved a permit for a new feed yard called Blackshirt Feeders. This new, state-of-the-art facility will see an investment of around \$65 million in rural Dundy County. It will require around 75 employees with an annual payroll of over \$4 million. A lot of those investment dollars will get paid to local contractors who will build the facility. The payroll dollars will stay in the local community like housing, groceries, gas, and other daily living expenses. Plus, the county and school districts will see increases in the tax base to support their schools and local services. The investment in livestock truly is what generates wealth creation for a county.

As AFAN celebrates and enjoys June as Dairy month, we also have a lot of upcoming events. We have our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament in Beemer (June 23), our first-ever Mid-Year update in Grand Island (June 29), and our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Nebraska Pork Expo in York (July 20). These events will offer opportunities to have some fun, connect with other folks in agriculture and learn more about what AFAN has been doing this year. We hope to see you at one, or all, of these events!

Steve Martin  
AFAN Executive Director

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## Looking Ahead

The 2nd Annual NSDA/AFAN Golf Tournament will be held in Beemer, Nebraska on June 23rd. Teams will tee off at 10am and we would love to have you join us! For more information you can visit our website, [www.becomeafan.org](http://www.becomeafan.org).

We are also hosting a midyear update in Grand Island on June 29th from 3-5pm at Kinkaiders Brewing Company. This is an opportunity for those in the ag industry to come learn more about AFAN, what we have accomplished this year, and what we have coming up.

Lastly, July 20th is the Nebraska Pork Expo in York, NE at 9:00 AM. The NPPA annual meeting will also be held during this time. Be sure to join us for some great speakers and amazing food! More information about all of these events can be found [here](#).

We look forward to seeing our partners and our ag industry friends in the coming months!

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## Save the Date

### June

23: [AFAN & NSDA Golf Tournament, Beemer, NE](#)

29: [Mid Year Meeting, Grand Island, NE](#)

### July

20: [Nebraska Pork Expo](#)

### August

8-9: Central Confinement Services Confined Cattle Symposium, Columbus, NE

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