

AFAN IN ACTION

September 2022 Monthly Update

Sometimes a lull is not the lull before a storm; just a lull and a chance to take a breath and reflect. The end of August and the first part of September were like that for AFAN. Oh, not that we didn't have plenty of projects and meetings. It just wasn't as crazy as the spring and summer. And there is definitely plenty of work ahead during the fall and winter months!

The state fair and Husker Harvest Days were great events to celebrate agriculture and showcase our industry. It is also a great time to connect before we all get busy with harvest. These events always remind me that while Zoom and tech meetings might have a place, face-to-face conversations will always be the best way to develop relationships and accomplish goals.

AFAN is always looking for opportunities to connect with groups. This month we presented at Thayer and Lancaster counties Farm Bureau annual meetings to talk about our accomplishments and opportunities. We also attended and presented at the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association annual meeting. This event is a great way to connect with county officials and talk about livestock and how it is regulated at both the county and state levels. Our goal with all our communications is to be factual and informative so that we are a trusted source of information. That is extremely valuable when hearings become emotional.

Another part of reflecting is that we will soon have the chance to fully reflect on the year we've had at the AFAN annual meeting. It will be held on November 21 in Lincoln, so be sure to check your calendar and make plans to join us. This is a time we get to share our successes and challenges from the past year with our partner members. It is because of you that we can do the things we do, and we appreciate our partners! For a full list of AFAN partners, visit the partner page on our website. Thank you for your support and we hope to see you in November if not before!

Steve Martin Executive Director

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Looking Ahead



Save the Date

November 21: AFAN Annual Meeting

December 7-9: Nebraska Cattlemen Annual Meeting 14-16: NACO Annual Meeting

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