



AFAN IN ACTION

July 2023 Monthly Update

This past month the AFAN team traveled the state doing Mid-Year Update meetings. We were in North Platte, Grand Island, and Norfolk. It is fun to be out and about meeting with AFAN members and getting a chance to tell what we've been doing and hear what's happening around the state.

In North Platte, we drove past the Sustainable Beef plant and the walls are going up! This will be a 1,500-head-per-day cattle slaughter facility. Sustainable Beef is the brainchild of several Nebraska beef producers and will give them an opportunity to grow and remain viable long into the future.

We have long worked towards growing the dairy industry and in Norfolk, we are seeing the fruits of that labor. The Milk Specialties Global facility is undergoing an expansion as they work to install a new product line. The new dryer is installed and hopefully, by this fall they will be running the line. This will mean an increased demand for milk and has created an opportunity for Nebraska dairy farmers to grow their operations.

Besides the mid-year meetings, we helped organize an open house for a new swine finishing barn. This 2,500-head facility is part of a farrow-to-finish operation owned by the Damme family in Southeast Nebraska. This is another example of a young family investing in their future for themselves and creating opportunities for the next generation to return to the farm.

Lastly, we will hold our 3rd annual Nebraska Pork Expo on July 19th in York, NE. Details are on our website. AFAN created the NE Pork Expo along with our partners at the Nebraska Pork Producers Association, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, and the York Chamber and Development Corporation to provide educational sessions and promote pork production in the state. There are a lot of opportunities in pork production and at the expo, attendees can hear about them and learn how pork production might fit in their operation. Even those folks not actively raising swine can come out, listen, learn, and get a delicious free lunch!



Highlights

- Hosted AFAN Midyear updates in North Platte, Grand Island, & Norfolk
- Assisted with an open house for a 2,500 hd finisher barn
- Participated in a nutrient management panel
- Presented an update at the Nebraska Poultry Industries meeting
- Presented an update at the Nebraska Soybean Board meeting

Looking Ahead

2023 NEBRASKA PORK EXPO

July 19, 2023
Holthus Convention Center



Save the Date

August

8-9: Governors Ag & Economic Summit
25: Nebraska State Fair Starts

September

7: AFAN County Official Tour
12-14: Husker Harvest Days

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