



AFAN IN ACTION

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Directors Update

Nebraska continues to see interest in growth in all livestock sectors, including aquaculture! While interest rates and inflation have slowed things down there is still a lot of groundwork being done for expansion when the time is right.

AFAN has worked on swine, poultry, beef, salmon, and dairy projects this past year....and yes, I did say salmon. These projects range from small egg laying operations to broiler production to milk processing and building new dairy farms. The common denominator is that livestock creates on-farm opportunities for Nebraskans and improves the economy in Nebraska.

Livestock consumes Nebraska feedstuffs, including distiller's grains from ethanol which creates more demand on our corn and soybean resources. This improves the price farmers receive. All the ancillary businesses (feed, veterinary care, medicine, machinery and equipment, fencing and supplies, even plumbers and HVAC folks) see increased demand for what they sell. It all adds up to increased opportunities for all Nebraskans and it gives us a way to attract more people to the state. Livestock; it is what will grow Nebraska.

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!

2024 Stats

**Total 2024 Capital Investment:
\$110,040,000**

 **Increased corn consumption by
4.8 million bushels**

 **Increased soybean consumption by
842,000 bushels**



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 two meetings; one in Grand Island and one in Columbus 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 2025, ensuring that our collaboration with partners remains a cornerstone of our work.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

We recently celebrated our 4th Annual Golf Tournament in the scenic town of Beemer, Nebraska, with an impressive turnout of 22 participating teams. The day was marked by beautiful weather and spirited competition. Mark your calendars for June 12, 2025, 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 265 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 16, 2025, and can't wait to bring together our community once again for another fantastic day of learning and connection.

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- Agri-King (1 Star)
- All-Flex (1 Star)
- Grain States SOYA Inc. (1 Star)
- Merck Animal Health (1 Star)
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- Pitcharger (1 Star)
- The Seed Source (1 Star)
- Ward Laboratories (1 Star)

ASSOCIATIONS

- Nebraska Cattlemen (5 Star)
- Nebraska Corn Board (5 Star)
- Nebraska Farm Bureau (5 Star)
- Nebraska Soybean Board (5 Star)
- Nebraska Pork Producers (5 Star)
- Nebraska Poultry Industries (5 Star)
- Midwest Dairy (5 Star)
- Nebraska Corn Growers Association (4 Star)
- Nebraska State Dairy Association (3 Star)
- Nebraska Soybean Association (2 Star)
- Adams County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- Adams/Webster County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- Buffalo County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce (1 Star)
- Hall County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- Nebraska Bankers Association (1 Star)

- Nebraska Cooperative Council (1 Star)
- Lancaster County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- Nebraska Ethanol Board (1 Star)
- Phelps County Development Corp. (1 Star)
- Madison County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- Fremont Chamber (1 Star)
- Dawes County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- Dawson County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- Harlan County Cattlemen (1 Star)
- Harlan-Furnas County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- Howard County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- Lincoln County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- Polk County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- Sheridan County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- South Central Cattlemen (1 Star)
- York County Farm Bureau (1 Star)
- NE Holstein Association (1 Star)
- Kearney Franklin Co. Cattlemen (1 Star)
- Merrick County Farm Bureau (1 Star)

PRODUCERS

- Double Dutch Dairy (5 Star)
- Reigle Cattle Co. (2 Star)
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December

25: Merry Christmas!

January

26-29: IDFA Dairy Forum

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