



AFAN IN ACTION

July 2024 Update

Part of AFAN's mission to grow the livestock industry includes holding educational events focusing on a particular species or particular system. These events focus on new and emerging opportunities or are educational for existing producers and sometimes they are both.

We recently put the wraps on the 3^d Annual Nebraska Pork Expo in York, NE. Every year this event grows in attendance and exhibitors. There were approximately 265 people in attendance this year with vendors, farmers, industry, and academia represented; basically, the swine industry from farm to fork.

Our educational sessions reflected that variety of attendees. We had many sessions geared towards farmers but also plenty of opportunities for anyone in attendance to learn. Including a lot of time with the exhibitors to hear about new and innovative products and services to help improve their operations.

The main session and topic this year was about CRISPR technology. This technology allows for genes to be edited to address an issue. In this instance, we were talking about removing a certain gene to make the pigs resistant to PRRS. PRRS has caused a lot of problems and heartaches in the swine industry for 30+ years. If a pig's genome can be edited so they don't have to suffer through or die from this virus that is a plus on the animal welfare and sustainability fronts. The panel discussion around gene editing included presentations about the technology, the process, transparency, and consideration of unintended consequences. It was a very robust conversation!

If you are in any way involved in the swine industry or want to learn more about this growing and vibrant industry, put July 16th, 2025, in York, NE on your calendar. We will be there for the 4th year and the sessions, conversations, and networking will be worth your time.

The next opportunity to learn is a Confined Cattle Lunch and Learn on August 15th. Full details are on our website. This short session will include presentations about manure management and focus on a new Co-op opportunity with Legacy Beef. If you are a cattle producer looking for new ways to market cattle, you will not want to miss this lunch meeting.

The livestock industry continues to grow in Nebraska often in new ways with new opportunities. AFAN is here to make sure farmers and ranchers know about the opportunities and are positioned to take advantage when the time is right for them.

Upcoming



CONFINED CATTLE LUNCH & LEARN

Innovation Center, 2311 14th St
Columbus, Nebraska
August 15, 2024 11:00AM-1:00PM

THE DAY INCLUDES:

- LEGACY BEEF COOP OPPORTUNITY
- MANURE BENEFITS IN A DEEP PIT SYSTEM
- DEEP PIT FACILITY TOUR
- & FREE LUNCH

QUESTIONS?
OR TO RSVP PLEASE CONTACT US AT:
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RSVPS are requested by August 8



RSVP for Confined Cattle

Save the Date

August
[15: Confined Cattle Lunch and Learn, Columbus](#)

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