



# AFAN IN ACTION

## June 2024 Update

June is such a beautiful month in Nebraska. Crops are emerging, pastures are green and lush, and sweet-smelling alfalfa is starting to be put up. It is optimism at its finest!

This past month we have been busy with some new developments and planning for upcoming events. We co-hosted our annual golf tournament with the Nebraska State Dairy Association at Indian Trails near Beemer, NE. We had 23 teams and a great day on the links. This is such a fun course and a relaxed environment. We will be back here in June of 2025.

There continues to be opportunities in poultry in southeast Nebraska and possibly some emerging ones in western Nebraska. There are two opportunities in this area, 1) to build broiler barns and be a grower, or 2) to partner with a company that would build and manage barns, while providing you the opportunity to access manure. Both are good options, just depends on your individual needs.

In western Nebraska, there is a company investigating small egg-laying operations. This would include partnering with farmers to build and operate the barns and the company selling shell eggs in grocery stores. This is very new so it may take a little time to develop but it could be a good opportunity to add another enterprise.

Dairy is another area in which we continue to see opportunities. Milk Specialties Global in Norfolk has been expanding its facility and will need more milk in the next year. New dairy farms are most likely to be somewhere in the 2,000 to 10,000 head range. Those sizes hit key economies of scale.

To support the growth in dairy we have participated in several events this past month. We hosted a dairy farmer from California who would move here to build a dairy farm. We co-hosted a "Nebraska Dinner" in Fresno, CA with the Nebraska Corn Board. This event put California dairy farmers at the same table as Nebraska farmers as part of a presentation and peer-to-peer conversations.

We partnered with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture on a planning and zoning working group in Northeast Nebraska to discuss the Livestock Siting Matrix. The matrix was developed several years ago as a tool to help counties in siting livestock facilities. There is growing interest in how this can be incorporated into county zoning regulations as it is simply a scorecard that provides an objective score and evaluation

of a particular site. The tool is available on the NDA website. After the matrix discussion, we toured a 2,000-head dairy farm near Wayne. Standing on a farm is a great way to answer a lot of questions about what a modern dairy farm looks like.


At the end of June, we will host our mid-year meetings in Grand Island and Columbus. This is an opportunity for us to visit with our partners in a casual setting to give an update but also just to talk about things that are happening. More information and RSVPs can be found on our website.




## WE'RE HITTING THE ROAD FOR OUR MIDEAR UPDATE!



### **RSVP INFO** Due June 20th

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### **WHERE TO FIND US**



#### **GRAND ISLAND**

June 25th  
Kinkaiders Brewing Company (316 N Pine)  
3:00- 5:00 PM  
Happy Hour & Hors d'oeuvres



#### **COLUMBUS**

June 26th  
Dusters (2804 13th St)  
3:00-5:00 PM  
Happy Hour & Hors d'oeuvres

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## Upcoming



2024  
**NEBRASKA  
PORK EXPO**

JULY 17, 2024  
Holthus Convention Center  
York, Nebraska

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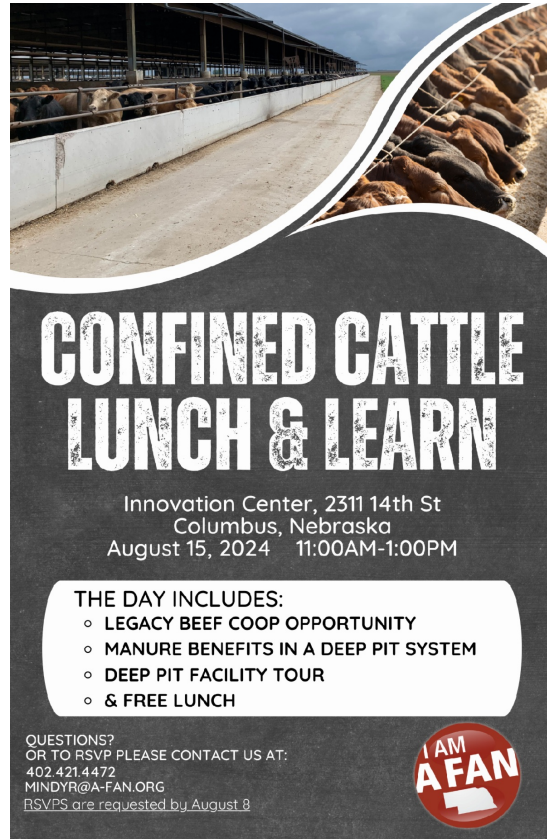
   

### WHAT TO EXPECT...

- An exciting conversation around gene editing & CRISPR technology
- Educational Breakout Sessions for anyone currently in the hog industry OR thinking about adding swine to their operation
- Vendor Show (40+ Vendors!)
- Door Prizes
- **FREE** Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks
- **FREE** to attend

**The Nebraska Pork Expo is a day of education, innovation, and networking!**

more information can be found at [www.becomeafan.org](http://www.becomeafan.org)




**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



## Save the Date

### June

25: Midyear Update, Grand Island

26: Midyear Update, Columbus

### July

17: 2024 Nebraska Pork Expo

### August

15: Confined Cattle Lunch and Learn, Columbus

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