



# AFAN IN ACTION

## March 2024 Update

The theme of “traveling road show” continued this month but with a Nebraska-based theme. We attended, presented, and helped with several conferences including the Women in Ag, Nebraska State Dairy Association, Nebraska Poultry Industries, AKRS Expos, Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association, Nebraska Corn Board, and two sessions of the Nebraska County Officials Associations.

At all of these meetings, we are talking about how livestock adds value to Nebraska crops and how it drives local economies. There are so many ways to participate in livestock production that often get overlooked. The builders, contractors, service providers, equipment dealers, and repair specialists all play a role in a successful operation without even working with the livestock.

Then there are all the livestock specialists and the farmers and ranchers who are doing the day-to-day activities. It is an intense and active industry.

When you boil it all down to the farm level, there are four main ways that livestock benefits the producer. 1) cash flow – either from the sale of producer-owned animals or through contract production. 2) depreciation – buildings and breeding stock are depreciable assets which reduces your tax liability. 3) Builds equity – livestock operations have a shorter payback than land purchases, so the equity build happens faster. 4) Manure -either to offset your own fertilizer needs or to sell to someone looking to utilize manure.

Manure has an additional benefit to the farmer and the greater community. That is that it improves soil health which results in improved water quality. Manure as an organic material is held by the soil and the things that live in the soil. This reduces the likelihood of nutrient leaching and runoff, and it does other things like improving water infiltration and sequestering more carbon.

Working with and presenting to all of these groups and many more throughout the year, our message is clear. Growing the livestock industry grows in Nebraska. The AFAN mission is to support that growth and it is what we will continue to do.



# DO YOU WANT MANURE TO USE ON YOUR FIELDS??

**BUT DON'T WANT TO RAISE  
LIVESTOCK?**



## How does it work?

- Sell 5-20 Acres (pivot corner, or marginally productive land)
- Barn is built & managed by another company
- You get all the manure from barns built on the land you sold



Contact AFAN For More Information  
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*\*Opportunity is located in Southeast Nebraska\**

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## Save the Date

April

3-5: State FFA Convention

16-18: Cheese Expo

28-30: ADPI Annual Conference

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# THANK YOU

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