

THE VOICE OF

*Agriculture.*



**2025** Annual Report



# THE VALUE OF VOICES

**A**s we look back on 2025, one thing is clear: when we bring our voices together, we are stronger, more effective, and better equipped to serve Nebraska's farm and ranch families.

Together, we've advocated for policies that protect and strengthen agriculture, expanded opportunities for members to engage and lead, and continued to share the story of Nebraska agriculture with communities across the state and nation. These successes are not the result of any one person or effort, but of thousands of members working side by side with a shared purpose.

Nebraska Farm Bureau exists because of you — our members, partners, and friends. Your commitment

ensures that agriculture has a strong and united voice at the local, state, and national levels. It is that unity which allows us to face challenges, seize opportunities, and build a brighter future for the families who feed, fuel, and clothe the world.

As we turn the page to a new year, we are encouraged by what lies ahead. With your continued involvement, Nebraska Farm Bureau will remain a place where voices come together, solutions are found, and agriculture thrives.

With gratitude,



**Mark McHargue**  
President



**Rob Robertson**  
Chief Administrator

*One membership.  
Thousands of Voices.  
Profound Impact.*



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*Becoming a member of the Nebraska Farm Bureau is more than joining an organization, it's making an investment in the future of agriculture. You're not only strengthening your own operation, but you're also helping to build a stronger, more sustainable future for all of Nebraska's farm and ranch families.*

The Kovarik Family  
Sherman/Valley County Farm Bureau



**54,024** Members

**4,387** New Members

*"Speaking up as a member means agriculture always has a seat at the table."*

Brock Elsen | Buffalo County Farm Bureau

**Nebraska Farm Bureau Health Plans**

**531** Lives Covered

Scan the QR Code to get a quote!



*"I was previously on a Marketplace plan, but it was expensive, and I couldn't get a good rate. Nebraska Farm Bureau offered a plan that cost less compared to what I was paying on Marketplace; it was an easy choice. Switching to Farm Bureau was a no-brainer."*

Levi Arens | Cedar County Farm Bureau

**Advocacy in Action**

**Biofuels**

Advanced efforts to secure year-round E15 sales, boosting ethanol production and corn markets.

**Federal Tax Extension**

Pushed to extend the many provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to stop a massive tax hike.

**Farm Bill**

Supported passage of the "One Big Beautiful Bill," which strengthened key programs including commodity support, conservation, crop insurance, and trade.

**Work in Progress**

**Livestock Development**

Streamline livestock siting rules and give producers a voice in the Nebraska Livestock Brand Act.

**Expanding Global Markets**

Break non-tariff trade barriers and open new doors for Nebraska ag exports.

**Property Tax Relief**

Continue commitment to lower overall property tax burdens; secured \$246 million in property tax relief – despite state budget cuts.

**Nebraska Farm Bureau Political Action Committee**

**\$100,000+** Raised

Scan the QR Code to donate!



*"When you support the NEFB-PAC, you join an engaged community of farm and ranch families working to ensure leaders are elected who truly understand and value agriculture."*

Katie Olson | Holt County Farm Bureau  
NEFB-PAC Chair

**Nebraska Farm Bureau Text Alert Service**

**1,616** Actions Taken

Scan the QR Code to sign up for alerts.



*"When farmers and ranchers speak together, people listen!"*

Gage Hoegermeyer  
Washington County Farm Bureau



**Boone**



**Keith**



**Antelope**



**Washington**

*"County Farm Bureau hosted events are a great opportunity to engage with your community. Go into the event with the mindset that something is better than nothing. Try it, evaluate after, make improvements, and try again. Don't be afraid to ask other counties to help and lean on your regional managers."*

Brady Revels | Douglas County Farm Bureau



**Howard**



**Douglas**



**Kearney/Franklin**



**Clay**



**Cedar**



**Boyd**



**Sheridan**



**Lincoln**



**Merrick**



**Adams/Webster**



**Dawson**



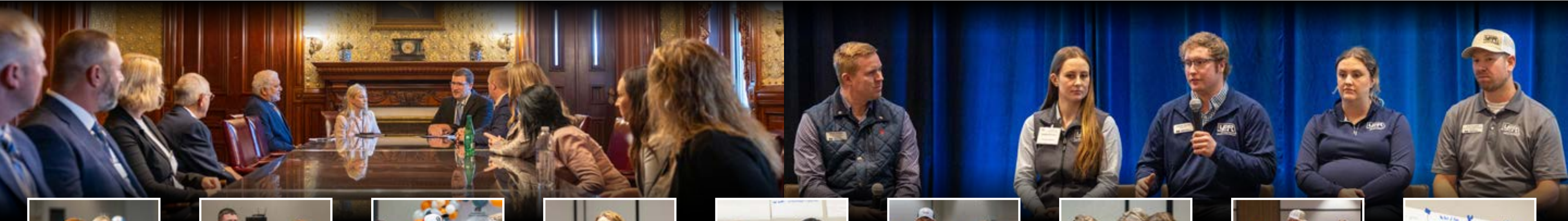
**Loup**



**Frontier**



**Dixon**



**287** Student Members  
**186** Leadership Academy Alum  
**166** YF&R Conference Attendees  
**10K+** Reach from P&E Committee

*"I am thankful that Farm Bureau continues to invest in me and other students as leaders. Because of them, I know I am equipped to make a difference in agriculture."*

Addy Doneslon | Platte County Farm Bureau  
UNL Collegiate Farm Bureau President

**Achievement in Agriculture Winner** – Grant Jones, Chase County Farm Bureau

**Excellence in Agriculture Winner** – Jordon Harms, Clay County Farm Bureau

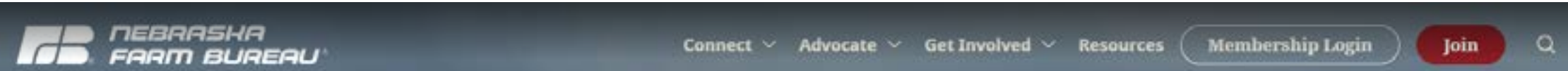
**Discussion Meet Winner** – David Schuler, Morrill County Farm Bureau

**Collegiate Discussion Meet Winner** – Cody Maricle, Boone County Farm Bureau

**Silver Eagle Award Winner** – Dr. Chris R. Calkins

*"Leadership Academy has given me the skills to advocate for agriculture in my community. To top it off, I've gained lifelong friends and connections."*

Halie Groth | Buffalo County Farm Bureau  
Leadership Academy Class of 2025



# Working for Farm and Ranch Families and Nebraska Agriculture

Join Now

Our Work

New Website Launched



**NEFB News**

6 Issues  
89,568 Copies

**Newsire**

8,401 Subscribers  
43% Open Rate

**Media**

2.8K+ Interviews,  
Mentions & Articles



**Instagram**

4.2K+ Followers  
161.9K Impressions

**X**

10.5K+ Followers  
79K Impressions

**Facebook**

21K+ Followers  
6.6M Impressions



**Here We Grow – National Agriculture Week**

Awarded Best Public Relations Campaign by American Farm Bureau Federation in 2025



**Agriculture in the Classroom**

**832** Classroom Visits

**14,848** Student Interactions

**83** FFA Chapters Completed the Connecting Chapters Programs Professional Development Provided to

**443** Teachers

**Promotion and Engagement**

**4** Community Events Across Nebraska

Connecting the Public to Agriculture

**Scholarships**

**\$60,000+** Awarded in Scholarships

**60** Recipients from **26** Counties



*"Agriculture connects every family, every classroom, and every community. Sharing that connection today secures a thriving tomorrow for us all."*

Stan Garbacz | Lancaster County Farm Bureau



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Nebraska Farm Bureau

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Past Silver Eagle Award Winner,  
Lancaster County

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Nebraska Farm Bureau

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Farm Credit Services of America

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Valley Irrigation

**Teresa Ibach**  
Farmer and Rancher in  
Dawson County

**Andra Smith**  
Chair of NEFB Promotion and  
Education Committee

**Dawn Kucera**  
NEFB Board of  
Directors Representative

*Whether you are a farmer, rancher, agribusiness professional, or simply someone who loves to eat, YOU are a part of agriculture. No matter where you are in Nebraska, your story deserves to be told. When we share our story, our voice grows louder and stronger! Nebraska Farm Bureau has a place for everyone, and we invite you to join our community and find out how Nebraska Farm Bureau fits into your story!*

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**MAKE IT YOURS**  
*share your story*

