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While preparing to interview for the role of Nebraska Cattlemen (NC) executive vice president, I came across the following on the NC website, “In any business you have responsibilities. In the cattle business, belonging to Nebraska Cattlemen is one of them.”

As I begin this incredible opportunity working with members of Nebraska's dynamic cattle industry, these words are printed on my desk and in my notebook that goes with me to meetings and discussions. I am so very humbled at the responsibility and eager to begin working with Nebraska's cattlemen and cattlemen.

I have spent my whole life loving the cattle industry. My legacy in this business began many generations ago. Both of my parents were raised by ranching families, and they are still actively ranching today. My sisters, brother and I grew

As I start this new role with Nebraska Cattlemen, I promise to serve with integrity and with open ears, open eyes and an open mind. I promise that, together, we will face challenges and opportunities head-on, roll up our sleeves and work hard on your behalf.

up bumping around pastures while checking calves with our dad, watching and helping our mom cook and keep the records as part of the branding crew, and summer vacations were in whatever warm-weather town the summer cattle show was happening. I learned a great deal about cattle during those formative years, but I learned even more about the people. I heard stories, shared laughter and tears in times of both fun and hardship, and many of those whose paths I was so very lucky to cross are the reason I am who I am today.

Many doors opened for me to learn leadership and interpersonal skills. My parents instilled in me a sense of pride in not just raising cattle but telling the story and giving honor to those who made it possible. I studied agriculture in college and always knew it would be part of my past, present and future. I was a member of clubs and teams that opened my eyes to aspects of the beef industry I had never seen, and my interests and perspectives grew and changed.

I am also very blessed that my husband Tom's ranching roots run deep. We are raising our children to appreciate and know where food comes from and the responsibility of being a part of raising cattle. Our children participate in 4-H and have ownership in a small cattle herd on our family's ranch on Colorado's Western Slope.

We came to Nebraska 11 years ago, and we joined Nebraska Cattlemen as members within months of arriving. An incredible opportunity and unique chance to work with college students pursuing a passion for entrepreneurship brought us here. We plugged into agriculture immediately, and I quickly met so many difference makers. We were anxious to be a part of the momentum.

Nebraska is a unique and incredible state. I remember driving across the vast open spaces when I was on a judging team in college and marveling at the number

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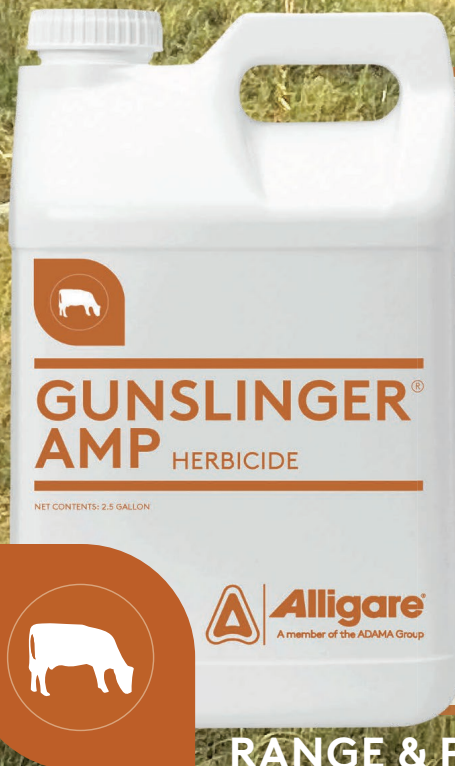


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Every great Midyear Meeting starts with the NC Golf Tournament and ends with great steaks! River's Edge Golf Course will host this year's golf tournament and welcome reception. If golfing isn't your thing, do not worry; we have you covered. Join your fellow cattle producers for a one-of-a-kind tour of North Platte. From soaking in the rich history of the Golden Spike Tower and

learning from agriculture researchers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's West Central Research, Extension and Education Center, to witnessing the innovative conservation practices of the North Platte Fish Hatchery, participants will get a front-row seat to some of the best attractions Nebraska offers! Following a day of golfing and touring, NC invites you to the Midyear Meeting Welcome Reception for a delicious steak dinner and socializing.

On Thursday, June 8, NC members will meet at Mid-Plains Community College (North Platte's South Campus) to hear from industry-leading experts

and shape policy at one of NC's policy committee and council meetings. The Nebraska Cattlemen Research and Education Foundation Luncheon will be hosted in the gymnasium between policy committee meetings to recognize this year's scholarship recipients and Retail Value Steer Challenge winners, and celebrate another year of advancing the future of Nebraska's beef industry.

Watch for more information and registration materials in the *NC Insider* and on the Nebraska Cattlemen website at [nebrascacattlemen.org](http://nebrascacattlemen.org). If you are interested in sponsoring the NC Midyear Meeting, please contact Libby Schroeder at [lschroeder@necattlemen.org](mailto:lschroeder@necattlemen.org). ■ NC ■

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### **Wednesday, June 7**

11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Golf Tournament (tee off at 11:30 a.m.)
12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Area Tours
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Nebraska Beef Ambassador Contest
5:30 p.m.	Social Hour Begins
6:30 p.m.	Steak Dinner

### **Thursday, June 8**

7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m.	<b>Session I</b> <i>Brand and Property Rights Committee</i> <i>Natural Resources and Environment Committee</i>
9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	<b>Session II</b> <i>Member Services and Revenue Development Committee</i> <i>Allied Industries Council</i>
10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	<b>Session III</b> <i>Taxation Committee</i> <i>Animal Health and Nutrition Committee</i>
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	NCW Consumer Education and Promotion Committee
12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m.	Foundation Luncheon
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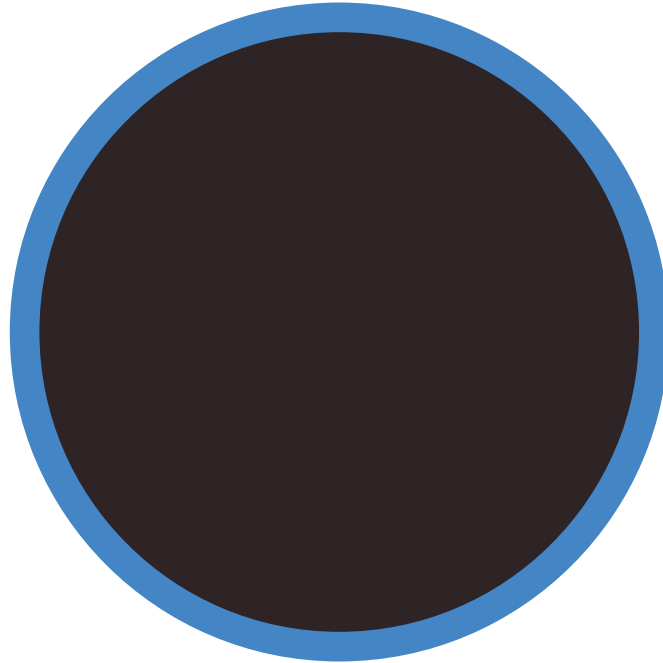
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# Composite Cattle Benefit Dairy Farmers, Beef Supply Chain

By Macey Mueller, Contributing Writer

**T**he practice of crossbreeding dairy cows with beef genetics is a growing trend among dairy farmers. With tight milk margins, the management and economic benefits of beef-on-dairy calves can create an increased revenue stream for producers and help offset rising input and heifer replacement costs. As a result, industry leaders estimate between 2.5 million and 5 million of these composite calves are expected to hit the ground this year.

Because dairy steers have historically been fed for beef production, the trend is not significantly changing the number of calves and feeders in the feedyard, according to a Beef Checkoff report. However, the use of quality beef sire genetics is replacing a previously low-value product – a Holstein bull calf – with a product worth more in the

marketplace – a beef-cross calf – and creating higher quality beef products for consumers, both domestically and abroad.

At Temme Agribusiness, an 850-head dairy farm near Wayne, Doug Temme and his family have been using artificial insemination for years to improve the performance of their cow herd. The northeast Nebraska dairyman, who joined the family dairy with his wife, Mary, in 1980, says the operation has traditionally bred all of their females to dairy bulls, raising the heifers as replacements for the herd and sending the steers into the beef supply chain after feeding them at the dairy or in a custom feedyard.

More recently, Temme Agribusiness has harnessed advancements in modern dairy farming technology to

produce genetically superior replacement heifers and improve efficiency and production in their milking string, while also leveraging the power of beef genetics to create a more desirable and more profitable calf.

Combined with genomics testing for targeted production and reproductive traits, the dairy uses electronic identification and digital milk meters that measure the volume of milk each cow gives to identify their most productive cows. About five years ago, they began inseminating those top females with sexed dairy semen to produce ideal replacement heifers for their milking string.

“As sexed semen has become more commercially available in the dairy industry, it’s become easier to increase

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Raising beef-on-dairy composite calves generates a \$200 to \$300 bonus per head over straight-bred Holstein calves and creates a more desirable product for the beef supply chain.

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selection intensity and speed up the genetic progress we make in our herd,” Temme says. “We are able to use technology to identify our really superior cows and ensure those are the genetics that are carried through to the next generations.”

With a more efficient replacement strategy in place, Temme and his son, John, then turned their attention to the lower genetic cows that were still good

enough to stay in the string but were not necessarily suited for producing replacement-worthy offspring.

“We realized there was no need to breed everything Holstein, so we began to breed the lower performing cows to high-quality beef sires to produce nice, black-hided calves that better fit the mold for the feeders and the packers,” Temme says. “Not every heifer we have needs to audition in the parlor because

if it turns out that she’s not genetically capable of staying in the string, we’ve just wasted the cost of raising her and we take a significantly lower price than if we would have just fattened her in the first place.

“By using the beef genetics, we can avoid that costly risk and, instead, generate increased revenue with the more marketable calves.”

Today, based on the average number of heifer replacements needed, Temme Agribusiness is breeding about two-thirds of their Holstein cows to beef genetics.

“We try to plan out two or three years in advance, and we don’t want to raise any more Holstein heifers than what we need for our own replacements,” he says. “With the high cost of feed and raising a Holstein heifer to get to the milking string, it might almost be cheaper sometimes to buy them rather than raise them, but we do see value in producing our own replacements and knowing the genetics in our herd.”

Currently, Temme Agribusiness sells their crossbred calves soon after birth to calf ranches in Nebraska and typically garners a \$200 to \$300 bonus per head over straight Holstein calves.

While selling the calves early reduces labor and risk, the Temmes have also seen success in retaining ownership of the crossbred calves, sending them first to a backgrounder and then on to Diamond 6 Feeders near West Point. After finishing them at Diamond 6, Temme says some of his Holstein crosses beat the grid by \$15 per hundredweight (cwt.) compared to some black-hided conventional beef cattle in the same pen that beat it by just \$10 per cwt.

“Working with our semen salesman, we have been able to use some high-quality beef cattle genetics that complement the limitations of straight-bred Holstein feeder cattle to increase carcass value and compete well on the rail,” Temme says.

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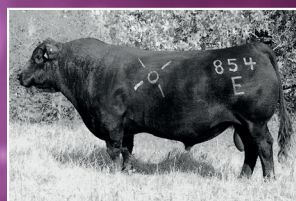


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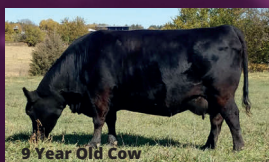


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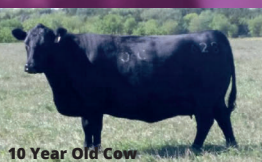
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one of the first herdsmen to feed dairy crossbreds at his facility. Presently, Diamond 6 feeds about 4,000 head of beef-on-dairy cattle a year, primarily from two different ranches under the same management.

Stowater, who served as Nebraska Cattlemen president in 2017 and has been feeding cattle for more than 20 years, says the beef-on-dairy crossbred

is an important part of both the dairy industry and the beef production chain.

“For several years now, it’s been very difficult to find a packinghouse that wanted to kill a straight Holstein. Many are just not equipped to handle the large carcass size, which can create issues with dragging and excess trim,” he says. “As we see these dairy crossbred cattle entering the supply chain with

a more moderate frame and overall better carcass quality, we now have a bigger outlet in the packing sector.”

Most of the beef-on-dairy calves at Diamond 6 arrive weighing 550 to 700 pounds and leave weighing 1,400 to 1,425 pounds. Stowater says there has been a learning curve to effectively managing the crossbreds, including making adjustments to their implant program. While their average daily gain is very similar to that of conventional beef cattle and is quite predictable, he says, their feed conversion is slightly poorer.

“They typically come to us pretty light and then often need an additional 30 days on feed, so we have to take into account that they’re going to be at the feedyard for a significant period of time,” he says.

Stowater says he’s been especially impressed with the health of the crossbred calves they receive. Most of the calves have never been grazed, so he has even been able to modify their health protocols to account for the lack of worm load.

Despite a few challenges – like the occasional wet udder on the kill floor – and a slight decrease in overall performance compared to conventional beef cattle, Stowater says he’s seen a growing number of beef-on-dairy feeders in his area and across the state, and with more industry research, he expects continued genetic progress in growth, efficiency, carcass quality and yield.

“There is still room for improvement when it comes to overall feeding and carcass performance and consistency, but I think most industry professionals would agree we’re headed in the right direction when comparing these crossbreds to a straight Holstein or Jersey animal,” he says. “Technology has allowed the dairy farmer to produce superior replacement heifers, and now they’re starting to make positive strides to meet the needs of cattle feeders and packers, and the quality demands of consumers.” ■ **NC** ■



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# MOLDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF BEEF LEADERS

By Natalie Jones, Contributing Writer

**A**s Nebraska Cattlemen (NC) works to keep the future of the industry innovative and knowledgeable, the Young Cattlemen's Connections (YCC) is a longstanding tradition of their efforts. The YCC class of 2023 kicked off their two-year program Jan. 16-19 in Lincoln as 10 emerging leaders from across Nebraska and all segments of the beef industry came together to strengthen their industry knowledge and leadership ability.

The 2023 YCC Class includes:

- Austin Aksamit, Denton
- Connor Biehler, Lincoln
- Catie Blessin, Kenesaw
- Jon Caraway, Lexington
- Rachel Eickman, Chester
- Devin Jakub, Dwight
- Tanner Justesen, Mitchell, S.D.
- Natalie Jones, Stapleton
- Christina Lammers, Hartington
- Morgan Rhea, Blair

The class of 2023 got right to work the first day for a tour of Cargill Protein at Schuyler, which is one of more than 30 protein processing locations across

the United States and Canada. Cargill leadership shared with the group that out of these locations, Schuyler remains the highest grading. In large part that is due to a heavy percentage of northern cattle, the majority of which are sourced within a 150-mile radius of the plant. For a few class members, the visit to Schuyler marked their first experience at a packing plant.

"During my first week with YCC, I experienced a true passion for agriculture that I had not been exposed to before," says Catie Blessin, a 2023 YCC class member and purebred Hereford producer.

"The tours to meat processing facilities such as Cargill Protein taught me what consumers know about beef production and what is needed in that consumer realm as far as education," Blessin says. "We were able to see new technologies used in beef processing, what restaurants are looking for in our beef and what we, as producers, can do to improve beef production at the root level on our farms and ranches."

The group then headed east for a tour of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Eastern Nebraska Research and Extension Center (ENREC) at Mead. Due to the scope and diversity of livestock and cropping research taking place, ENREC is one of the most unique research facilities in the United States. Its nearly 10,000 acres offers a plethora of research and education opportunities, hosting nearly 5,000 visitors and life-long learners annually. The YCC class got a glimpse of the cow-calf herd and existing feedyard, as well as an overview of plans for the new \$7.2 million Klosterman Family Feedlot Innovation Center.

The Klosterman Family Feedlot Innovation Center will pave the way for world-class research projects, teaching and Extension opportunities in a commercial-scale, state-of-the-art feedlot. In addition, the facility will serve as a one-of-a-kind testbed where industry partners can see how new and emerging technologies work.

Midweek began with a tour of Cargill Solutions in Nebraska City as well as a tour of Great Plains Beef at Lone Creek Cattle, a family-owned and operated company that recently announced their Certified Piedmontese private-label program for grass-fed, grass-finished and all-natural cattle.

A new startup on the UNL Innovation Campus caught the eye of the group and was a natural segue after touring Cargill earlier in the week. Marble Technologies works to combine intelligent software with food-grade hardware to build technology platforms for the processing facility of the future.

The class was fortunate to witness Marble Technologies' automated pack-off system in action. By integrating the power of artificial intelligence, next-

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The 2023 YCC class at Sysco Lincoln for beef cuts tasting. Pictured, front row, left to right, are Christina Lammers, Natalie Jones, Connor Biehler, Tanner Justesen, Morgan Rhea. Standing, left to right, are Chris Akers (Sysco), Jon Caraway, Rachel Eickman, Austin Aksamit, Devin Jakub, Lane Rosenberry (Sysco), Catie Blessin, Bryant Frederick (Sysco) and NC Director of Producer Education Bonita Lederer.







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Rounding out the week, the YCC class saw the beef industry come full circle from pasture to plate at Sysco Lincoln. The team at Lincoln specializes in marketing and delivering high-quality beef, among other foods, to customers across the central United States. The class of 2023 connected the dots for a

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YCC members, left to right, Christina Lammers, Natalie Jones, Connor Biehler, Rachel Eickman, Jon Caraway and Morgan Rhea learn how Sysco Lincoln team members market and deliver high-quality beef cuts to Midwestern customers.



Members of the 2022 YCC class stand with Gov. Pillen. Pictured, left to right, are Chance McLean, Stromsburg; Aksel Wiseman, Hershey; Jake Pullen, Aurora; LaCaylla Fink, Elsmere; Gage Baker, Deshler; Gov. Jim Pillen; T.L. Meyer, Thedford; Justin Conner, Arnold; Teyvyn Baldwin, Mitchell; Allan Louthan, Stanton; and David Schuler, Bridgeport. The 2022 YCC Class will finish their program at the 2023 Nebraska Cattlemen convention in December.

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The fun doesn't stop there as Cattlemen's Ball attendees can partake in more sights and sounds throughout the weekend. On Friday night, country music star Wade Hayes will perform, and on Saturday afternoon, Double S Bull Company will hold an Extreme Bull Riding event. Throughout the weekend, ticket holders will also have an opportunity to take in an array of activities, including the cancer survival style show, wine tasting, an art show, shopping at the general store tent, and visiting the beef experience, history and Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center/Health and Wellness tents. A 5K and 1-mile run/walk event and golf tournament will also be held off-site to support the event.

Cattlemen's Ball tickets are available for purchase at [www.cattlemensball.com](http://www.cattlemensball.com). Of the two types of tickets, one has already sold out. The remaining Top Hand tickets cost \$150 per person and grant ticket holders access to all Saturday activities, beginning at 12:30 p.m., including the Saturday evening meal and concert. ■■

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"As someone who works in the live production side of the industry, it is fascinating to step back and learn more about the food production facet of our industry," says Connor Biehler, 2023 YCC class member and beef systems educator with Nebraska Extension.

"The logistical and quality assurance aspect of all they do for the beef industry provides a safe, high-quality product for consumers, promoting beef production to aid in stimulating the economy in rural Nebraska," Biehler adds.

The class of 2023 also spent an evening at the NC office in Lincoln, sharing a meal with Nebraska Director of

Agriculture Sherry Vinton, as well as Farm Credit Services representatives, recently retired NC Executive Vice President Pete McClymont and other beef industry leaders.

The class of 2023 marks Bonita Lederer's 10th year leading the program. In 2017, Lederer extended the experience from one to two years in order to help emerging leaders more fully understand the industry structure, issues management, product research and marketing taking place in the industry. Alongside a summer and fall meeting each year, the class of 2023 will have meetings in Lincoln, Jan. 23-26, 2024. Thank you to Farm Credit Services of America and the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation whose sponsorship makes YCC possible. ■■

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# PAVING CATTLE AREAS WITH ROLLER-COMPACTED CONCRETE

## *Will the Interest in RCC Outlast the Pavement?*

By Rick Stowell, Ph.D., Extension Specialist in Animal Environment, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**A**fter dealing with muddy conditions in holding areas, walk lanes, feedyard pens and other high-traffic locations – and the challenges these conditions raise – a handful of feedlot operations in Nebraska have stepped onto roller-compacted concrete (RCC) as a solution. While certainly not a magic bullet, RCC does offer potential to improve conditions for both the cattle and feedyard workers.

As a starting point, RCC is concrete – a mixture of primarily aggregates (like sand and gravel), water and cement (usually Portland cement or Portland cement and fly ash), so conversations can begin with “What benefits could I expect with a concrete surface?” The main expected benefits include:

- Cattle having a firmer, drier surface on which to stand, walk and/or rest, which could lead to improved animal performance and foot health; and
- Less time spent scraping manure, transporting soil with manure and maintaining eroded soil surfaces.

These and/or other potential benefits need to be reasonable expectations for a given site to justify further discussion, since concrete is comparably expensive and it does present some potential downsides. Concerns that have been raised for cattle include poor traction on wet or soiled concrete and long-term leg health of animals kept on concrete. For management, questions exist as to how much bedding is required, if any, and how much additional runoff would need to be handled. Research on potential benefits and concerns of paved cattle surfaces is needed. Research on beef cattle finished in soil-based pens has shown that when cattle are standing in 4 to 8 inches of mud, gain can decrease by nearly 15 percent, and a feedlot with mud that is belly deep can depress gain by nearly 25 percent. So, whenever open feedlots experience extended wet and muddy conditions, feedyard operators are going to have some interest in exploring alternatives, which brings us back to concrete and RCC.

## What Is RCC?

The main difference between roller-compacted and conventional poured concrete is that RCC has less water and air in the mix and more fine aggregate (sand), which makes it stiffer. In practice, RCC is typically transported in a dump truck, spread using construction or farm earth-moving equipment and compacted in place using a vibrating-drum roller, making the process more like paving with asphalt than with poured concrete. As a result, there is a reduction in cost for using RCC in pavement applications.

Costs of construction materials vary widely these days, but a 15 to 40 percent savings over poured concrete is reasonable, depending on complexity of the pad and local factors. A pad thickness of 6 inches is typical for most feedyard applications that accommodate regular animal or feed truck traffic. With a well-constructed base and at least 6 inches of concrete, lack of rebar

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or other reinforcement should not be a concern. Grooving for crack control has not been shown thus far to be needed, although grooving for animal and/or vehicle traction may be beneficial in some situations.

Presently, there are only a few concrete companies in the region actively


looking to pave feedyard surfaces with RCC, and a couple of Nebraska feedyards have contracted with companies out of Alberta, Canada, where the practice has seen a few more years of use. I advise using caution in dealing with a contractor that only has experience with residential or commercial pavement,

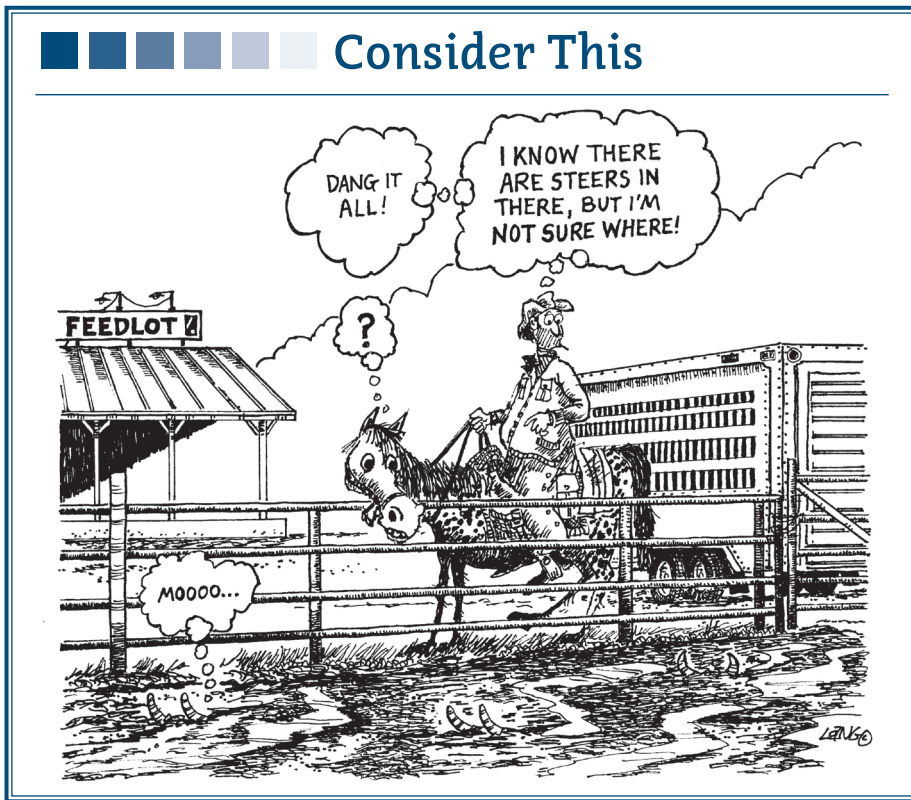
since there may not be recognition that surfaces being too smooth or rough for livestock is a major concern.

## How to Evaluate Paving Feedyard Surfaces?

In terms of maximizing benefits, since ground having little slope is more prone to collect moisture and become muddy, relatively flat, low-lying areas that have high animal and/or vehicle traffic are typically top candidates for paving. Steeper slopes generally drain readily and, while paving these areas may reduce facility maintenance expenses, it also exposes cattle to greater risk of slips and falls, which can lead to split-out or lame animals.

The Great Plains have become a destination for feedlot cattle largely due to the generally accommodating climate for maintaining drylot conditions in soil-based pens. No one knows with certainty what the future holds for our climate or changes in our weather patterns, which, along with long-term data on RCC performance in feedyards being very limited, currently makes doing economic evaluations difficult. A few recent years with very wet winter feed-out periods, though, have demonstrated the large negative effects mud can have in open feedlot settings, and one can expect RCC to initially be evaluated as a risk-management tool – like occurred with early adoption of irrigation for crops and shade for cattle.

Researchers at the University of Nebraska are anxiously awaiting construction of new facilities at the Klosterman Feedlot Innovation Center near Mead, which will include several RCC-paved pens. The addition of paved outdoor pens and cattle buildings is anticipated to greatly increase the knowledge base about cattle performance and well-being under various weather conditions and housing environments, among other research opportunities. To stay abreast of beef research and Nebraska Extension recommendations, refer to [beef.unl.edu](http://beef.unl.edu). ■  ■



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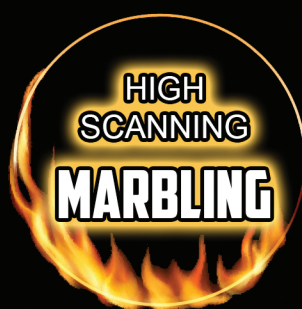
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# From 'Total Devotion' to Hall of Fame

## Recognizing Terry Wegner of Drinnin West Cattle Co.

By Callie Curley, Contributing Writer

On the multiple occasions that Terry Wegner of Drinnin Cattle Co., in Palmer, saw inclement weather in the forecast and decided to sleep at work – sometimes for several nights in a row as snow piled up between the feedyard and home – he didn't think it was award-worthy work.

"It's just whatever was needed at the time," Wegner says, reflecting on the times he's pulled his pickup into a heated garage at the feedyard to stay overnight, just to ensure the cattle were cared for no matter the weather. "I knew someone needed to be there, and for me, the cattle take priority."

As a 25-year feedyard employee who has worked for Drinnin West Cattle Co., since 2010 and who has spent a lifetime in agriculture, cattle have always been a priority for Wegner. That commitment earned him a spot in the Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame (CFHOF), as he was named the 2023 Arturo Armendariz Distinguished Service Award recipient

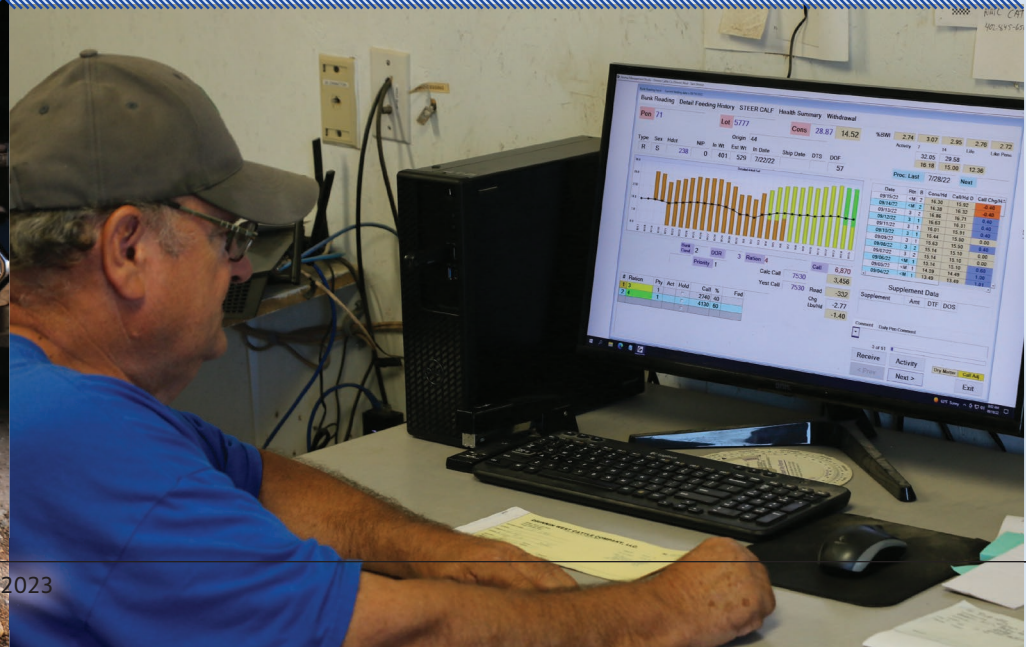
at the CFHOF banquet during the Cattle Industry Convention in New Orleans.

The award, named for a long-time employee of Poky Feeders, recognizes feedyard employees who go above and beyond to improve the cattle feeding industry and the beef they provide to American families. Feedlot employees from across the country are nominated for the award.

"I've been to the Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame numerous times over the years, and always thought this award of distinguished service was something really special," says Mike Drinnin, Drinnin West Cattle Co., owner. "I have a whole new appreciation for it since we've seen how much it has meant to Terry."

Mike's son, Sam, who manages operations at the Palmer feedyard where Wegner works, nominated him for the award. The father-son team are glad to see Wegner receive some much-deserved recognition.

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"Terry ... he's got this ability to fine tune the cattle," Sam says. "He knows what to do on the bunk reading to make sure they gain at their full potential. He cares about them, loves what he does and truly enjoys feeding them. Terry's most common phrase is 'get 'em fat, get 'em gone and get some more.' He just goes above and beyond in every way."

Reflecting on their first weeks and months owning the feedyard, where Wegner had worked for 12 years prior, the Drinnins saw his commitment early on as he worked through the initial frustration of learning new technologies, and today sees the benefit of technology in visualizing data to make better management decisions.

"Terry works hard, he digs in to learn more, he is here every day," Sam says. "We never have to question if he'll be late or not show up. He's here at 5:30 a.m., opens the gates and gets things going. I think he's been sick once in 12 years."

"His total devotion to his cattle and to the people around him are really what makes Terry shine," Mike says.

Wegner's work ethic and deep love for working with cattle started early in life.

"I grew up on a dairy farm and went into partnership with my dad as a senior in high school," Wegner says. "First in partnership with my dad and then with my wife. At times we milked as many as 130 cows."

In the years he worked at the feedyard while still milking cows, Wegner's days started early with 4 a.m. milkings and then pulling into the feedyard by 7 a.m. to start his day.

Wegner and his wife, Janet, continued the dairy until 2002. He credits their strong partnership as being key to their success balancing their farm and family and his work at the feedyard.

"Janny has been by my side all the time," he says. "I don't know where I'd be if she hadn't married me to begin with. Every decision we've made has been made by us together. I just can never say enough about her."

After selling their dairy herd, the Wegners continued to raise dairy heifers for a while, and now their farm is home to a few Jerseys, which are used for 4-H project animals and the simple joy of seeing cows in the pasture.

When it comes to the feedyard, Wegner still loves his work and appreciates the Drinnins' management, especially the value they place on family. Receiving this recognition has been a meaningful experience.

"It's not often that I am at a loss for words," Wegner says. "But truly this is still unbelievable for me. It's a great honor to know they see me in that way. I still don't quite know what to say." ■



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By Kyle Stohs  
NC Controller

## A Look Back NC Disaster Relief Fund



Think back to March 2019. Nebraska is facing blizzard warnings in the west, freeze warnings in the central part of the state and flood warnings across the north and east. Nobody could have predicted the devastation that was about to ensue. Within days, Nebraska Cattlemen staff and leadership had developed a Disaster Relief Fund to collect monies to distribute to those affected. The outpouring of support was astonishing.

Fast-forward to the spring of 2022. Nearly the entire state is facing drought conditions. Many liken it to that of 2012. With drought comes fear of fire; however, no one could have predicted the number of people who would be affected. Fires began popping up across much of the state, though the prominent spring fires included the Road 739 and 702 fires. These fires were large and fast moving due to high wind speeds and plenty of debris to burn. Firefighters from across the region and those with large farm equipment were summoned to the scene, doing anything they could to try to slow down the spread, though the fire seemed to swallow anything in its path. Unfortunately, one of the fires brought realization of our greatest fear – the loss of a hero doing anything he could to tame the blaze.

Fortunately, most animals were spared from the fires. With fences scorched, grazing plans already in place and much of the winter feed gone, many producers were left wondering where to go or what to do next. As most farmers and ranchers do, many put their hats on and went to work figuring things out day by day. At the Nebraska Cattlemen (NC) office, phones started ringing off the hook with folks wondering how or where to donate supplies and money to help those affected. Many folks were guided to local communities, as they have the knowledge and resources to direct supplies directly to those affected in the most efficient manner. Due to the specificity of the NC Disaster Relief Fund bylaws, the fund could not be enacted immediately, although it was shortly thereafter. Funds were collected from folks across six states and distributed equitably among the applicants requesting relief.

As the spring and summer progressed, the number and severity of fires seemed to slow, though the drought did not. On Oct. 2, 2022, we heard the words again, another wildfire. The Bovee Fire began in the Halsey National Forest, burning everything in its path including the lodge, 4-H camp and the Scott Lookout Tower. The fire also scorched private lands between the forest and Highway 2 before jumping nearly a mile over the highway, railroad tracks and other flammable debris and lighting a tree and burning thousands more acres. Unfortunately, another hero was lost fighting to protect land, livestock and others. Though most livestock were spared from the fire, winter grazing and feed stockpiles were lost, in addition to miles of fence line scorched and the ever-so-delicate land of the Sandhills burned to nothing. Nebraska Cattlemen reenacted the Disaster Relief Fund and, thanks to some hard-working local leaders, many funds were raised locally.

The NC Disaster Relief Fund staff and leadership send a sincere thank you to those who were able to provide financial assistance for those affected. To those affected, though we were not able to make you whole on your losses, we hope

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The McCook event will take place June 15 at the Red Willow Fairgrounds at 8 a.m.

The cost of each event is \$50. To learn more and to register for these events, visit [www.stockmanshipand-stewardship.org](http://www.stockmanshipand-stewardship.org). If you have any further questions, contact me (Jesse Fulton) at (308) 633-0158. ■■

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# NCBA Defends Nebraska Producers From WOTUS Rule

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) has filed a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) challenging the Biden administration's final Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule that will be implemented in April 2023. NCBA has taken legal action to defend farmers and ranchers from the negative impacts of this regulation.

While NCBA is able to achieve many of its policy priorities without ever going to court, utilizing the judicial branch is an important tool in our toolbox to ensure that cattle producers are treated fairly under the law.

The EPA unveiled an incredibly vague definition of WOTUS in December 2022 and the final rule was published in January 2023. NCBA then joined a coalition of 13 other national trade as-

sociations in filing a lawsuit seeking to block the rule from going into effect. NCBA has long advocated for a WOTUS definition that excludes ephemeral and isolated water features from federal jurisdiction while providing exclusions for water features commonly found on farms and ranches, such as stock ponds, prior converted cropland and drainage ditches.

Prior to filing a lawsuit, NCBA submitted technical comments on the Biden administration's proposed WOTUS rule, highlighting the importance of maintaining bipartisan agricultural exclusions for isolated features like prairie potholes, vernal pools and ephemeral features that only flow during periods of rainfall but remain dry throughout the rest of the year. Regulating these features at the federal level disrupts

normal agricultural operations and interferes with cattle producers' abilities to make improvements to their land.

Under this rule, many cattle producers in Nebraska have water features that could face federal scrutiny and hinder normal management practices. Being one of the top cattle producing states, Nebraska is home to many feedlots, stocker and backgrounding operations that are subject to regulation under the Clean Water Act. The Clean Water Act requires management practices to control runoff on these operations. Under the guise of controlling runoff, this latest WOTUS rule could significantly increase the number of cattle operations that are required to obtain Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permits under the Clean Water Act.

The state of Nebraska is also dense with isolated and ephemeral streams, canals and ditches that could be regulated federally under this WOTUS ruling. Of the 119,000 miles of streams in Nebraska, 84 percent are classified as ephemeral or intermittent. Even though these features do not have continuous flow of water and are often located on private property, they could still be scrutinized under the Biden Administration's WOTUS definition.

On average, the federal government has changed the definition of WOTUS every 3.8 years since the Clean Water Act passed in 1972, leading to decades of confusion for cattle producers. NCBA is hopeful that some clarity will be granted by reaching a decision in the ongoing Supreme Court case *Sackett v. EPA*.

While NCBA is suing to halt the final WOTUS rule, the association also filed an amicus brief before the Supreme Court in the *Sackett* case. This case challenges the federal government's authority of isolated wetlands and those features that are adjacent to traditional navigable waters.

The *Sackett* case will clarify the scope of the EPA's regulatory powers under the Clean Water Act. At stake is whether the EPA can expand the definition of

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By Jana Jensen  
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# Charitable Gift Planning Helps You Give Back

Charitable gift planning allows people to provide for the future of their family and their community. Many of you are familiar with Chuck Hibberd, former dean of Nebraska Extension. The following article, "Charitable Gift Planning Helps You Give Back" by Jon Vanderford, originally appeared on *1101Now.com* (reprinted with permission) and shares what Chuck and his wife, Janel, have done to give back to the things they have deep passions for. Planning now has allowed them peace of mind and assured that they will be contributing to programs that are near and dear to their hearts. We want to share this article in the hope that you might consider the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation (NCF) in your planning as an avenue to give back to the Nebraska beef industry. If you are interested in having a conversation on charitable gift planning, contact Jana Jensen, Nebraska Community Foundation and NCF fundraising coordinator, at [janajensen@nebcommfound.org](mailto:janajensen@nebcommfound.org) or (308) 588-6299.

A Lincoln couple says they've chosen to give 20 percent of their estate back to charitable causes. Others are being encouraged to make charitable gift planning a priority to support greater Nebraska.

For Chuck and Janel Hibberd, deciding to do some charitable gift planning just

made sense. "We both come from families of parents who are engaged in the community and active in philanthropy," Chuck said. "They set a tone for us in terms of the way we see the world."

Chuck and Janel have always been active in their communities. Chuck is an emeritus professor at the University

of Nebraska-Lincoln. He held several positions, including dean of Nebraska Extension. Janel spent many years in public schools working in areas of early childhood education. "It's all been about family and serving small communities," Janel said.

When it came to planning the future, the couple wanted to give back. "As we were revisiting our estate plan, one of the things we realized was, our estate plan did not reflect our values in terms of philanthropy and supporting issues and projects that we are passionate about," Chuck said.

The couple decided to take another look at their will, and that was the beginning of the conversation. "What we really did next is, we said if we are going to do this, we started talking about what kinds of things were important to us, and what kinds of things reflect our values that we'd like to support longer term," Chuck said.

One area they chose to support is early childhood development. "Our children are the future," Janel said. "I always worked with kids. We both worked with kids and their creativity and passion in the way they problem-solve. We've just always invested in young minds."

4-H youth development is another area where Chuck and Janel want their charitable giving to go, as they both have a fond appreciation for their hometown areas. "Janel was born in Loup City, and grew up in Chadron, Norfolk and Fremont," Chuck said. "I grew up in Cozad and Lexington. So, the Nebraska Community Foundation was a logical place to think about a way to invest some of our estate to help support rural communities across Nebraska."

Chuck and Janel decided to use the tools available through NCF to help them make decisions. They approached the now-retired Director of Advancement and Gift Planning Jim Gustafson to discuss those tools. "We talked about what is the nature of philanthropy, in terms of how you do the work," Chuck said. "Is it a charitable remainder trust? Is it a charitable fund? What is the vehicle, and what choices do we have? Jim

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also really helped us think about the tax consequences of the choices we were making. He helped us understand that using our tax-deferred funds to support this charitable work was an advantage to us, so that was incredibly valuable.”

NCF also helped Chuck and Janel find key experts to get the ball rolling. “As we got to the point where we knew what we wanted to do, we found people who knew how to do it,” Chuck said. “We

didn’t have to worry about the legal language, so we could focus on our priorities and values, and what we wanted to accomplish.”

“It wasn’t hard, it just took some time, because we were very deliberate in what we were doing,” Janel said. “All along the way, we visited with our kids and let them know what we were trying to do, and we updated them.”

Now, Chuck and Janel Hibberd have a plan. “We decided to commit 20 percent of our estate to charity,” Chuck said. “That 20 percent will go to the Nebraska Community Foundation, and they will manage the Hibberd Charitable Fund for us. Once we are deceased, 50 percent of the annual earnings of that fund will stay with NCF for their priorities. Twenty-five percent will go to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation to support 4-H youth development, and 25 percent will go to the 4-H Youth Foundation to support the early childhood development program at the University of Nebraska.”

Chuck and Janel hope others will consider charitable gift planning. “I think the big thing is to spend some time talking about what is important to you,” Chuck said. “Certainly, you want to take care of your family, and you want to take care of your kids. But are there other priorities you want to focus on? Spend some time, dig in and find some people who know about those areas who can help you learn more. If you actually do this, how would the money be used?”

Both Chuck and Janel say Nebraska Community Foundation is a good place to get your questions answered and start the conversation. ■NC■



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“navigable waters” – which limits their authority – to include any small, isolated water features on privately owned land. The decision of this case will be a good indicator of where NCBA’s WOTUS lawsuit is heading.

Through this lawsuit, NCBA is working to ensure that the voice of cattle producers in Nebraska and across the nation is heard in the courtroom and that they are treated fairly under the law. For more information on our efforts, please visit [www.ncba.org](http://www.ncba.org).

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By Todd Bartek  
FNIC Nebraska State Director, Director of Ag



## Hello, Spring (Storms)!

Welcome springtime – the sense of renewal, the return of color to our brown landscape – but I’m not a fan of tornado season or storms that produce tornado-like damage. Spring weather in Nebraska can be unpredictable, and it’s not uncommon for us to experience severe storms with high winds, hail and heavy rain. These storms can cause significant damage to our homes, property and livestock. It’s important for us to be prepared for stormy weather and to understand how our insurance policies will respond in the unfortunate event that we have a claim.

Damage from wind and hail is generally covered by your property and homeowner’s policies, but it’s always a good idea to review your insurance policy. A couple common situations that are not covered include:

**Flood Damage:** Flooding from heavy rain or overflowing bodies of water are typically not covered by your property or homeowner’s insurance policies and require a separate flood insurance policy.

**Lack of Maintenance:** If a property owner fails to properly maintain their property and it results in wind or hail

damage, the damage may not be covered.

It’s important for us to be prepared for stormy weather and to understand how our insurance policies will respond in the unfortunate event that we have a claim.

**Livestock:** Most package policies include coverage for the unexpected death of your livestock from events like a hailstorm. However, coverage for livestock may vary depending on the policy and the specific circumstances of the loss. Some insurance policies may have specific exclusions or limitations for livestock losses. For example, death due to contaminated water or overflow of water are usually excluded and require additional coverage.

A few common situations that are typically covered include:

- Roof damage caused by strong winds, such as missing or damaged shingles or tiles.
- Broken windows due to hail stones.
- Damage to siding, gutters or exterior walls from hail or high winds.
- Damage to vehicles or equipment, such as dents or broken windows, caused by hail.
- Destruction of outdoor structures, such as sheds or fences, from high winds.
- Interior water damage from rain that entered the home through broken windows or damaged roofs.
- Damage to landscaping from wind or hail.

It is also common for insurance carriers to have specific deductibles for wind and hail claims. Wind and hail deductibles are the amount of money you must pay out-of-pocket before the insurance policy pays. There are multiple types of wind and hail deductibles: dollar-amount deductibles, percentage

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claimer: when this article was written we were in a "filibuster-every-bill" pace.)

The speaker of the legislature warned they may only pass 20 bills this session if the filibuster-every-bill pace continues. Incessant filibustering puts more pressure on the prioritizing and packaging of bills before the priority deadline. The remainder of the session will be focused on senator priorities, the governor's tax and education packages and social issues.

Nebraska Cattlemen staff remains committed to meeting and conversing daily with legislators and Gov. Pillen's policy research office to help ensure hardworking Nebraska property taxpayers are first in line to receive additional tax relief this legislative session. We look forward to our next legislative update, which will share the results of our efforts to further expand property tax relief and other items of importance to our members.

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- 1 Boone Nance Cattlemen Banquet, Albion
- 1 Elkhorn Valley Cattlemen Banquet, Stanton
- 1 Kraye Angus Ranch Annual Sale, Mullen
- 1 MGM Angus Private Treaty Sale, Johnson
- 1 Washington Co. Cattlemen Banquet, Washington
- 2 Hassebrook Charolais Farms Production Sale, Albion
- 4 Northern Panhandle Cattlemen Meeting, Chadron
- 4 Webbo Angus Bull Sale, Lusk, Wyo.
- 5-6 Leachman Grass Time Sale, *SmartAuctions.co*
- 6 A&B Cattle Angus Bull & Heifer Sale, Bassett
- 6 Herbster Angus Farms Bull & Female Sale, Beatrice
- 6 Wulf Cattle Bull & Heifer Sale, *DVAuction.com*
- 7 Springlake Angus Sale, Lynch
- 8 Dybdal Charolais Bull Sale, Laurel
- 8 UNL Bull Sale, Lincoln
- 13 BQA/BQAT Certification, Hemingford
- 13 McClun's Lazy JM Ranch Angus & Polled Hereford Bull Sale, Torrington, Wyo.

- 13 Sonderup Charolais Ranch Bull Sale, Fullerton
- 14 Sellman Ranch Production Bull Sale, Crawford
- 15 Seevers Angus Field Day, Sargent
- 17 Ohlde Cattle Co., Bull & Female Sale, Palmer, Kan.
- 19 Keller Windchime Angus Bull & Female Sale, Dunlap, Iowa
- 19 Tielke's S5 Ranch Angus Production Sale, Bassett
- 21 Canaday Bull Sale, Yankton, S.D.
- 21-23 7 Triangle 7 Cattle Co. AI Training, Akron, Colo.
- 26 Walter Angus Farms Bull Sale, Ogallala

### May

- 18 BQA/BQAT Certification, Scottsbluff
- 19-21 7 Triangle 7 Cattle Co. AI Training, Akron, Colo.
- 30 BQA/BQAT Certification, Hastings
- 21 BQA/BQAT Certification, Bloomfield

### June

- 1 BQA/BQAT Certification, Ithaca
- 2 BQA/BQAT Certification, Broken Bow
- 2-3 Cattlemen's Ball of Nebraska, Pender
- 7 Nebraska Beef Ambassador Contest/Beef Advocacy Training, North Platte

- 7-8 NC Midyear Meeting, North Platte
- 13 Nebraska Stockmanship & Stewardship Program, Norfolk
- 14-16 7 Triangle 7 Cattle Co. AI Training, Akron, Colo.
- 15 Nebraska Stockmanship & Stewardship Program, McCook
- 21-22 Sandhills Ranch Expo, Bassett

### July

- 26-Aug. 4 NC Scotland Journey Tour

### October

- 23 BQA/BQAT Certification, Bridgeport
- 24 BQA/BQAT Certification, Hyannis
- 25 BQA/BQAT Certification, Lexington
- 26 BQA/BQAT Certification, O'Neill

### December

- 6-8 NC Annual Convention & Trade Show, Kearney
- 12 BQA/BQAT Certification, Beatrice
- 12 BQA/BQAT Certification, Norfolk
- 13 BQA/BQAT Certification, St. Paul
- 14 BQA/BQAT Certification, McCook
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# Nebraska Cattlemen in Action

## NCBA Vice President Speaks at Dodge County Cattlemen



Dodge County Cattlemen proudly hosts National Cattlemen's Beef Association Vice President and NC member Buck Wehrbein on Feb. 28. Wehrbein provided an update about federal policies that affect the livelihood of producers.

## South Central Cattlemen



South Central Cattlemen President Keith Hemberger, left, presents Mollie Taylor, right, with the 2022 Young Member of the Year award during their banquet on Feb. 11.

## Rep. Bacon Likes Beef



Rep. Don Bacon (R-Neb.), right, fills out his NC membership form on Feb. 15 while at lunch with NC's former Executive Vice President Pete McClymont, left. NC is proud to welcome Rep. Bacon as a member.

## Burt Co. Cattlemen Raises \$24,000 for Scholarships



Burt Co. Cattlemen hosts their membership meeting in Oakland on Feb. 8. During their auction, they raised \$24,000 for their scholarship fund, which has dispersed \$109,000 in scholarships since it began in 2004. Thank you to all the donors and bidders who made the auction a success.

## Thayer County Livestock Feeders



NC President Steve Hanson, standing, speaks at the Thayer County Livestock Feeders Banquet on Feb. 11 in Deshler about his trip to the Cattle Industry Convention. More than 200 people attended this year's banquet where they also heard from comedian Bob Zany.

## Eastern Nebraska Cattle Conference



Merck representative Bobby Marchy presents to more than 50 producers and business representatives attending the Eastern Nebraska Cattle Conference hosted by Cass-Otoe Cattlemen on Feb. 8.

## Northeast Nebraska Cattlemen



Northeast Nebraska Cattlemen meets in Wayne on Feb. 13 to hear from Allen Kampschnieder with Nutrient Advisors, standing, and Alfredo DiCostanzo with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Beef Systems, sitting. Doug Temme with the Nebraska Beef Council also made a presentation to the more than 55 people in attendance.

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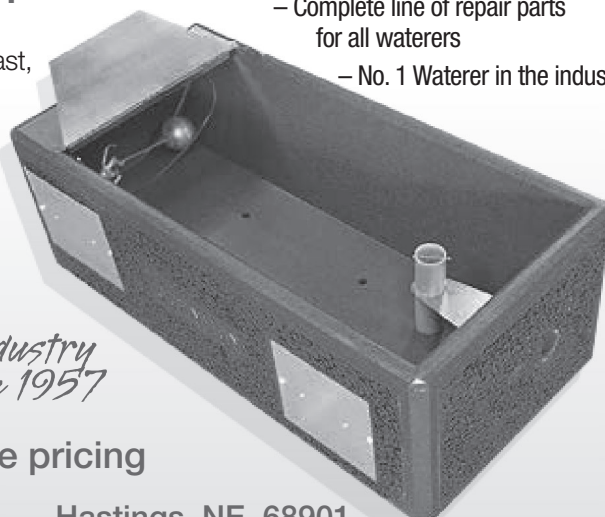
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### McClymont's Last Bow at NCBA



On Jan. 31, Colin Woodall joins the NCBA Region 7 meeting to give a policy update and to thank former NC Executive Vice President Pete McClymont for 25 years of service. Pictured from left to right are NC President Steve Hanson, NCBA Immediate Past President Don

Schiefelbein, NC former Executive Vice President Pete McClymont and NCBA CEO Colin Woodall.

### UNL Students Attend NC Reception



UNL Animal Science students attend the Nebraska Cattlemen reception in New Orleans on Feb. 1 at the Cattle Industry Convention.

### Jaclyn Wilson Takes the Stage



Jaclyn Wilson, chair of the NCBA International Trade Committee, starts off day two of policy committee meetings on Feb. 2 at the Cattle Industry Convention.

### Live Cattle Marketing



A whole row of Nebraska Cattlemen members votes at the NCBA Live Cattle Marketing Committee meeting on Feb. 1. Pictured from left to right are NC President Steve Hanson, NC President-Elect Jerry Keunning, Chance McLean and Stephen Sunderman.

### Biking Through New Orleans



NC President Steve Hanson, left, and Vice President Dick Pierce, right, catch a bike taxi outside the New Orleans convention center to get ready for a fun afternoon at the Cattle Industry Convention on Feb. 2.

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## Cattlemen Testify at the Capitol



NC President Steve Hanson, left, and NC Brand and Property Rights Committee Vice Chair Rob Star, right, stand in front of the Nebraska Capitol before testifying on behalf of NC members later that day. Hanson testified before the Education Committee in support of LB583, which would give all schools additional resources to use when planning their individual budgets while reducing pressure on their property tax payers. Star testified before the Agriculture Committee to support the appointment of NC members Marie Farr and Steve Stroup to the Nebraska Brand Committee on Feb. 7.

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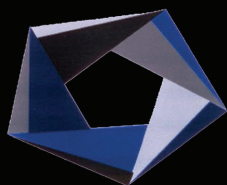
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