

Strategy in the Works

In 2011, the club completed a strategic planning session that helped outline short term and long term needs, directions, and priorities for the Club. Five themes emerged and priority action items were identified. Many have worked diligently to implement the themes and action items into the work of the Club. Below is a summary that demonstrates the effective work done by the Club in regard to the strategic plan.

Membership – The membership committee is developing a plan, which will launch in November. The plan will include changes to meetings for education and networking, membership benefits and dues structure, will identify potential/new members, and will encourage existing members to renew membership in 2013. Finally, a membership brochure will be developed to help member recruitment/renewal efforts.

Governance – The club will soon be up to code, so to speak, by completing the necessary paperwork to file for nonprofit status. Club members and officers have been working to complete roles/responsibility descriptions for officers and committees, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for the Club, as well as recruiting volunteers to serve as a Board of Directors for the Club.

Program Development – A member survey was conducted in October. Suggestions from members to improve the Club's programs will be implemented in 2013. Additional changes could include: new locations, times and menu options for programs and to better accommodate the member interest in educational programs or social/networking meeting after hours.

Public Relations/Communications – Creating an online presence through the blog as well as Facebook and YouTube have improved internal member communications, as well as external communications with our world-wide-web audience. Taking to heart the mission of the Club, "to promote the value of agriculture to the Lincoln business community and consumers," the club kicked off National Agriculture week with club officers doing live radio interviews. Officers shared important information about Nebraska agriculture and the club, plus gave away prize packages for callers to call in and win! On National Agriculture Day we celebrated in a BIG way — with a LIVE radio remote at Super Saver on 48th and O St., complete with games, fun ag activities, prizes and shoppers even took pictures with a dairy calf!

Resource Utilization – A year of exciting changes allowed many opportunities for club members to volunteer in different capacities. One amazing benefit has been the surfacing of committee leaders. Also, for the first time according to record and memory, the club will operate based off of a calendar-year budget. This budget will provide a clear financial plan for both income and expenses and will allow the club to function in the most fiscally responsible manner.

**Without continual growth and progress,
such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.**

--- Benjamin Franklin

**Cheers to many, many years of growth and progress!
--- Kyla Wize, 2012 President, Nebraska Agribusiness Club**



2012

NEBRASKA AGRIBUSINESS CLUB 46TH ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS BANQUET

HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
9401 O STREET, LINCOLN, NE

5:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 1, 2012

The Nebraska Agribusiness Club's Year in Review:

November 2011

Nebraska Agribusiness Club launched its blog! The blog has been useful for members and others to find information about upcoming meeting and events, updates from past meetings, award recipient information and more.

December 2011

Club members opened their hearts and wallets to help fellow citizens in the Lincoln area during the Christmas season. Members collected \$360 and over 50 pounds of food to donate to people in the community. The money helped a family that was referred to the club by CEDARS. Toys, clothes, diapers and kitchen items were purchased for a 19-year-old single mother and her two children, a 2-year-old boy and an 18-month-old girl. The 50 pounds of food was given to the Lincoln Food Bank.

January 2012

The Club hosted Sean A. Minahan, a partner in the Lamson, Dugan and Murray Law Firm's Litigation Department. Sean discussed "Child Labor and Agriculture." He explained that the new discussions about the child labor laws have not been updated since 1970 and were originally authorized by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) of 1938. They were enacted to ensure that when young people work, the work is safe and does not jeopardize their health, well-being or educational opportunities. These provisions were revised in 1970 and also provide limited exemptions.

February 2012

Craig Head, Assistant Director of Governmental Relations of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, brought forward a few broad, key issues that the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation had their eye on during the 102nd legislative session in Nebraska. One specific issue to pay attention to is term limits. Currently, Senators may serve two, four-year terms before being term limited out. In 2014, there will be 22 open seats (of 49 total senators in our Unicameral) and a number of those 22 open seats are committee chairs. Many districts may struggle to find good candidates willing and able to serve.

March 2012

Featured speaker Dr. Ronnie Green, NU Vice President and IANR Harlan Vice Chancellor, said, "Ag is Sexy and You Know It!" What a way to start a meeting! Dr. Ronnie Green was sincere when he started his presentation about the future of agriculture because the future of agriculture is looking so good. Yet, he did talk about the challenges we have, like the expected growth of world population and producing enough food, staying on the cutting edge of technology, and focusing on food, fuel and water. A four part video series is available on our YouTube page.

April 2012

Michael Irons, commercial manager within ADM's Oilseed Division, discussed 2012 crop numbers for Nebraska. He began his presentation with a background of ADM and their

position in Nebraska. Currently, ADM is consuming about 85 million bushels of soybeans per year, 209 million bushels of corn per year and 19 million bushels of wheat per year in Nebraska. Irons shared some numbers important to the U.S. and Nebraska in terms of stocks and acreage reports, according to USDA/NASS. Looking forward to 2012-2013, highlights include: corn supply tight nearby, soybean supply sufficient nearby, and possibly more production in South America.

May 2012

Jamie Bauman and Aaron Raymond, LEAD XXX Fellows, spoke about their LEAD Study/Travel Seminar to Ireland, Scotland and England. While on seminar, they toured grain and livestock farms, dairies, distilleries and had time for some tourist activities like visiting castles, libraries and old cities. A two part video series is available on our YouTube page.

June 2012

E Energy Adams, LLC, was organized in 2005 for the purpose of developing, building, and operating a dry mill ethanol plant in southeast Nebraska. The group toured and learned about the local economy and corn production, got to see and taste distillers grains and view the inner workings of the plant. E Energy runs seven days a week, but is most busy during harvest. Per year, the plant produces 60 million gallons of ethanol. They sell wet, modified (partially dried) and dried distillers grains as livestock feed, as well as CO₂ for the food & beverage industry – all as co-products from ethanol production. The final stop was at WunderRosa Winery. The winery opened in 2009, offering four wines and have added new wines every year since. The group toured the vineyard, wine-making facility and wine tasting facility. It was a great day learning about the diversities of Nebraska Agriculture.

August 2012

The Food Bank of Lincoln, a 30-year-old non-profit organization works to distribute food to 16 counties in Southeast Nebraska. According to Executive Director, Scott Young, the Food Bank helps to extend income, and help families move forward, out of poverty. In 2011, the group distributed over 8.2 million pounds of food. The programs they discussed focused on childhood hunger programs – mobile/emergency pantries and the back pack program. A few surprising facts: Lincoln High and North Star High Schools in Lincoln have approximately 60% of the students receiving free and reduced lunches. Within the next five years, 50% of all students in Lincoln Public Schools will receive free and reduced lunches.

October 2012

Mycotoxin, aflatoxin, ear & stalk rots, Goss's Wilt and drought were the main discussion points given by Dr. Tamra Jackson-Ziems. This discussion was especially timely as the heat and drought of the growing season this year spurred the growth of many mycotoxins which affect corn in Nebraska. However, Dr. Jackson-Ziems assured the club that we have mycotoxins every year, but the talk of aflatoxin has gotten many people worried. Dr. Jackson-Ziems and a colleague collected samples of corn in a 100 mile radius of Lincoln and found that 42% of those samples had no detectable aflatoxin at all. In 80% of the samples, the corn showed less than 20 ppb of aflatoxin – which is completely safe levels. In 99% of the samples, aflatoxin was less than 100 ppb which is perfectly safe for livestock feeding. So even though there are rumors and concerns about aflatoxin in this drought year, this study has confirmed the safety of the Nebraska corn crop.

PREVIOUS HONOREES

1967 Col. Charles Corkle John Edward Eidam Dr. Keith Gregory Hubert J. Hughes	1978 George David Dr. Philip Henderson Jack Maddux Ted Regier	1988 Julian Canaday Marshall Faith Martin Leibbrandt Floyd Wahlgren	1998 Robert Crosby Louis Goossen Jane Keller Dean Large Daniel B. Lutz	2007 Neal Harlan (posthumous) Steven L. Wright Elbert C. Dickey
1968 Milton Fricke Sen. Maurice Kremer Stan Matzke, Jr. Marion Morgan	1979 Jerry Barger Marx Koehnke Gene Shaver Rep. Virginia Smith	1989 Lloyd Bevans Dr. Elvin F. Frolik Ted Tietjen Robert Weber	1999 Robert L. Bishop Jerry Kuenning Faith Parde Hubert Simonsen	2008 Dr. Richard L. Fleming Jerry Stahr
1969 Robert Raun Ralph Raikes John R. Cooper W.J. "Buck" Grant	1980 Merlyn Carlson Eugene Glock Glenn LeDioyt Sen. Roger Wehrbein	1990 Joe Claybaugh & Twila Claybaugh (posthumous) Robert D. Fritschen Frank & Tootie Johanssen Rex Kirchhoff	2000 Charles R. Fenster Dean Knaub (posthumous) Mike Meier Gale Phlmann Dr. Loyd L. Young	2009 Charles H. Adams (posthumous) Ivan G. Rush Dayle E. Williamson
1970 Marvin Russell Melvin Kuska Mrs. Ruth Gard Raymond Davis	1981 Dwight Baltensperger Tom Kenton Wayne Hanson Arnold Peterson	1991 Richard Armstrong, Sr. Dr. Robert Bohlender Dr. Allen Blezek Paul Sindt	2001 Don Hutchens Dr. Irvin Omtvedt Lee Klein Rodney Schroeder	2010 P. Stephen Baenziger Keith R. Olsen
1971 John R. Jirton John Martin Dorothy Switzer Joseph R. Watson	1982 Lois Jean Hartmann Betty Majors Carson Rogers Ralston J. Graham	1992 Bryce P. Neidig R. LaDene Rutt Max Waldo Jim Wolf	2002 Gregory Ervin David Howe Mike Malena Rex Messersmith	2011 Rodney Gangwish Larry E. Sitzman
1972 Claire R. Porter Forest Lee Max Brown Edward Andersen	1983 Dr. Donald G. Hanway James Roberts Sen. Lorán Schmit Lyle Stock	1993 Randy Cruise John Klosterman Hollis B. Miller Bill & Tom Olson	2003 Jack Aschwege (posthumous) Sallie Atkins Sen. Curt Bromm Larry Hudkins Dale Vanderholm	2012 Dawn Caldwell Lisa Lunz Alan Tiemann
1973 Robert J. McPherrin Rex Lathen William B. Krejci Elton Berck	1984 Robert Gingery H. Eugene Schroeder Dr. Leslie Sheffield Melvin Todd, Jr.	1994 Paul R. Johnston Robert R. Rauner Kenneth L. Regier Elaine Stuhr	2004 Douglas Gibson Jon Holzfafter Mark Jagels Jerry Warner	
1974 Gerald Beattie E. W. Janike Theodore King Willard Waldo	1985 Wendell Gangwish (posthumous) Ray Cruise James Dickinson Dr. Martin A. Mas-sengale George S. Round	1995 Richard H. Gooding Mike Bauerle Daniel W. Gardner Duane D. Jones	2005 Dr. Mark Gustafson Robert Dickey Dr. Gene White Doug Boisen Paul Grabouski (posthumous)	
1975 Lawrence Condon Dr. A. W. Epp Bill Minarik Stanley Dobson	1986 Allen Kreuscher Warren Nielson Don Steen Dr. Virgil A. Johnson Dr. John W. Schmidt	1996 Frank Bartek Cyril Bish Jerome Gabriel Charles (Eddie) Nichols	2006 Eric Brown B. Keith Heuermann Alan Moeller Joy Philippi	
1976 Howard W. Elm Raymond Burke Clifford Ashburn Wesley Hansen	1987 Sen. Ed Zorinsky (posthumous) Vince Dreeszen Verner Magnuson Ralph Holzfafter Harold Stevens	1997 Robert C. Andersen Dick Mercer Dr. Warren Sahs Ted Wehrbein		
1977 Jules Burback Gilbert W. Erickson Dr. Anne Vidaver Dan Seibold				

Agribusiness Club Awards Program

Welcome.....*Mat Habrock*
 Invocation.....*Tom Jasnoch*
 Dinner
 Jim Williamson Trio
 Recognition of Past Honorees*Mat Habrock*
 Presentation of Awards..... *Mat Habrock*

Nebraska Agribusiness Club Officers

Kyla Wize*President*
Mat Habrock *President-Elect*
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Stacey Agnew
Allen Blezek
Kim Clark
Doug Gibson
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Doug Jose
Jeff Monhollon
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Larry Sitzman

2012 Public Service to Agriculture Honorees



Lisa Lunz, and her husband Jim, farm north of Wakefield, Nebraska raising no-till corn and soybeans. Lisa is a graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and a member of LEAD XVII. Lisa is serving her final term on the Nebraska Soybean Board with a total of 12 years served. She has served as the research committee chairman, secretary and the Board chairman from 2010-2011. In addition, Lunz is the Soybean Board representative to U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance and the Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska (A-FAN) communications committee. She has served as her community 4-H leader and is involved with the Soybean educators, Ag Sack Lunch program, UNL Soybean research projects, CommonGround, and Ag Pen Pals. In addition, Lisa is very involved with the Wakefield School Board and her church. Lisa and Jim are also the proud parents of three children: Kristina, a recent graduate of Doane College; Keri, a sophomore at Midland College; and Jacob, a senior at Wakefield High School.

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Alan Tiemann, and his wife Lori, became the second generation to return to production agriculture when he began farming with his parents in 1978. Alan is fortunate to have their son, Dan, and his wife Casey, return to the farm making it three active generations of Tiemann's farming together. Their operation is a row crop farm raising corn and soybeans. Alan began his career in public service to agriculture serving on the Seward Farmers Cooperative and Ruby Farmers Cooperative Board of Directors from 1986 to 1994. He has also served on the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board, serving

as president from 2001 and 2002. Tiemann also represented the Board on the U.S. Grains Council Executive Committee. In 2003, he began his current tenure on the Nebraska Corn Board. Alan was elected by his peers to serve an unprecedented three terms as Chairman of the Board. Alan again returned to activity on the U.S. Grains Council's action teams, and was elected to serve on the Board of Directors from 2006 to 2012. In addition to their son Dan, Alan and Lori also have a son, Brian, who is employed as an architect in Chicago.

2012 New Horizon Honoree



Dawn Caldwell, her husband Matt and two children farm in Edgar, Nebraska on the family farm passed down from Matt's grandfather. Half of their farm is devoted to row crops and farmed with Matt's brother, and the other half is to pasture for their cattle. Dawn received an Animal Science Degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1994, and is a member of LEAD CLASS XXIV. Currently, Dawn works as the communications manager for the Aurora Coop, previously holding the position of livestock specialist for the Coop. Prior to her time at the Coop, Dawn worked for the University of Nebraska Extension service for three years before taking a job with an independent feed company. Dawn is involved in the Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska, a CommonGround Nebraska spokeswoman and volunteer, a member of the Nebraska Beef Council Board of Directors and active in the Red Angus Association of America.

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