

Fall 2005

NAC Helps Sponsor 2005 Ag Adventure Tour

NAC was a financial contributor to the 2005 Ag Adventure Tour, which was organized and sponsored by the Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association. The annual three-day tour takes members of the Omaha and Lincoln leadership development programs on a bus trip to learn about Nebraska outside of the two cities. This year's tour, "Gazing to Grazing," helped participants learn about the challenges distance presents to agriculture in the Sandhills and the

economy of the state. Tour topics included water issues, ranching, economic development, distance learning and conservation.

The tour began in Madison County, traveled to Cherry County, and concluded in Howard County. Highlights included Affiliated Foods in Norfolk, the Seven Springs water bottling plant in Long Pine, Smith Falls State Park and Heartland Elk Ranch in Valentine, Goose Creek Class 1 School at Brownlee, Finney

Ranch in Seneca, Fire Hall and Double R Ranch in Mullen, Sandhills Spirit of the West barbeque in Nenzel, Fort Hartstuff in Elyria, and the Danish Bakery in Dannebrog.

Nancy Eberle, LEAD Alumni association executive director and NAC board member, and other LEAD alumni planned the tour. NAC President Craig Buescher, also a LEAD alumni, was among NAC members who participated in the tour.

Nebraska Ag Classic

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8:00 am – 8:30 am – Welcome – Gov. Dave Heineman

8:30 am – 10:00 am – General Session — Greg Page, CEO, Cargill

10:15 am – 11:00 am - Breakout Session I • New Generation Contracting - Steve Johnson • v-Fluence – Jay Byrne • Flatwater Megaplex Study - Cecil Steward

11:10 am – 11:55 am – Breakout Session II • New Generation Contracting – Steve Johnson (repeat) • Economic Development — Linda Fettig • Estate Financial Planning, Transfer of Wealth

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm – Lunch – Rep. Tom Osborne and Chuck Schroeder

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm – Breakout Session III • Estate Financial Planning, Transfer of Wealth (repeat) • Flatwater Megaplex Study - Cecil Steward (repeat) • Water Optimizer Model - Derrel Martin

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm – Break – Trade Show Floor

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm – Breakout Session IV • Water Optimizer - Derrel Martin (repeat) • Conservation Security Program - Mike Moorman/

Tom Franti • Renewable Fuels, Farm Bill, Political - John Campbell (tentative)

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm – Nebraska Wheat Growers Association Annual Meeting

Need NAC Board Member Candidates

NAC's new bylaws provide for up to nine elected directors; currently six are serving. Duane Eversoll, NAC nominating committee chair, is looking for candidates to fill the three additional positions. The NAC board conducts much of its business via email and works hard to use board members' time effectively in its face-to-face meetings. NAC has many terrific projects in progress. Please volunteer to help. The NAC board would especially like to have additional members from north central and western Nebraska. If you are interested, please contact Duane at: deversoll2@unl.edu.

NAC Leadership

Craig Buescher, Deweese...president

Cheryl Stubbendieck, Lincoln...president-elect

Ted Hartung, Lincoln...executive secretary

Larry Bitney, Lincoln...treasurer

Nancy Eberle, Bradshaw...communications

Larry Hudkins, Malcom...awards

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Duane Eversoll, Lincoln...ex officio

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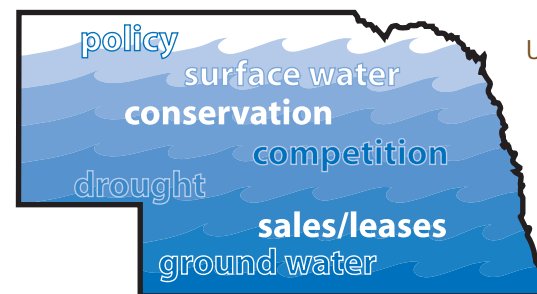
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Presented by
Nebraska AgRelations Council
and
UNL Department of Agricultural Economics



November 3, 2005
UNL East Campus Union
Lincoln, NE

NEBRASKA WATER ISSUES

Ag at the Crossroads – See You There!

Water is a precious resource, second only to the most precious, people. This is why NAC and the UNL Department of Agricultural Economics have chosen water issues as the theme for the 2005 Ag at the Crossroads Conference. A host of speakers will give insights on water issues in Nebraska, from both rural and urban points of view. They include Jim Goeke, Steve Huggenberger, Dave Sands, Frank Kwapnioski, Jim Cook, John Turnbull, Dave Cookson, Don Wilhite, John Owens, Charles Lamphear, Derrel Martin, Ray Supalla and Dave Aiken. (See the enclosed brochure for details of the conference and a registration form.)

"Our objective is to create a forum for discussion, realizing that we all need to work together to focus on current water problems and future water needs," NAC President Craig Buescher said. "We believe you will come away with a better understanding of rural and urban water issues in Nebraska, and we hope to be able to add your ideas to develop solutions to insure water for future generations."

Pre-Conference 'CASNR' Breakfast

Plan to arrive early for Ag at the Crossroads to attend a pre-conference breakfast focused on the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources – and how NAC members can help with CASNR's recruiting program. The breakfast is free to conference participants. See details in the Ag at the Crossroads brochure.

Official Notice
2006 Annual Meeting
Nebraska AgRelations Council
Dec. 14, 2005 – 10 a.m.
Kearney Holiday Inn
and Convention Center

The meeting will be part of the Ag Classic.

NAC Calendar

Oct. 30 – Nomination Deadline for 2006 AgRelations Award

Nov. 3 – Ag at the Crossroads Conference East Campus Union, Lincoln

Dec. 14 & 15 – Nebraska Ag Classic Holiday Inn Convention Center, Kearney Joint Conference of 11 Ag Organizations

Looking Back –

NAC President Craig Buescher staffed NAC's display at the Sept. 17 CASNR Alumni Reunion prior to the NU football game. The event had excellence attendance and Craig visited with many potential NAC members.

NAC Executive Secretary Ted Hartung addressed the new Nebraska LEAD fellows on Sept. 18 at a gathering in Lincoln. He explained NAC's mission and encouraged the fellows to participate in NAC events. All graduating LEAD fellows receive a complimentary one-year membership in NAC following completion of the LEAD program.

President's Message

With harvest in full swing, I hope you have "made plans" to make safety part of your harvest plans this season. We all make plans to service, fuel and maintain equipment, but we all should be aware of the safety plans we need to make to insure a safe harvest. Remember that none of us can harvest from a hospital bed!

This year's Ag at the Crossroads Conference will focus on water issues in both rural and urban Nebraska. The conference is a joint project of NAC and the UNL College of Agricultural Economics. It's set for Nov. 3 in the East Campus Union in Lincoln. We have an outstanding slate of speakers who will bring you up-to-date about the water concerns we now face, along with potential water needs and uses that we may face in the future. My thanks to the conference planning committee, headed by NAC Executive Secretary Ted Hartung. We hope you will join in the discussion on how we can be proactive and how we can insure water availability for future generations.

Please plan to come in early on Nov. 3 for a 7 a.m. buffet breakfast prior to the start of the conference. Nebraska Farm Bureau is hosting the breakfast and there is no additional charge for those attending "Crossroads." The breakfast will focus on the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) and how NAC members can assist in recruiting students. IANR Vice Chancellor John Owens, CASNR Dean Steve Waller and others will brief us on new developments and the majors CASNR offers prospective students. I hope you will be able get your chores done early and come in to see what we can do to help promote the "Ag College."

And don't forget the First Annual Ag Classic at the Kearney Holiday Inn on Dec. 14 and 15. (See article on next page.) We will have the NAC 2006 Annual meeting on Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. You will receive a separate mailing from the Ag Classic which will contain registration materials.

Be sure to fill out the enclosed registration form for the Ag at the Crossroads Conference and make plans to attend the Ag Classic. I will hope to see you at both events.

— *Craig Buescher*

WANTED

★ **SPEAKERS TO TELL THE STORY** ★
Of the Importance of Agriculture in Nebraska

I'd like to invite you to become part of the AgRelations Council's Speakers Bureau. Reestablishing this project is one of our goals for 2005.

We want to communicate the story that agriculture fuels the state's economy, with a specific emphasis on livestock production in the state.

We have copies of the 12-minute "We're All Shareholders...in Nebraska Livestock" video in VHS and DVD format that we will send to you if you would like to incorporate it into your presentation.

We plan to distribute our list to such organizations as civic groups, chambers of commerce and visitors bureaus throughout Nebraska. Interested groups will contact you and you can work out the details. If you would like to help, please complete and return the enclosed form and we will then send you some more information about our economy that you will be able to use. If you would like more information, feel free to call me at 402/262-2311.

Craig Buescher,
NAC President



NAC members enjoy some pre-dinner conversation Sept. 14 prior to the NAC Banquet in Grand Island. Pictured clockwise are Bryce Neidig of Madison (back to camera) past president of Nebraska Farm Bureau; Ken Rahjes of Lexington, KRVN; Dayle Williamson of Lincoln. Sen. Ben Nelson's office; Richard Hahn of Omaha, retired from Farmers National Company; and Lloyd Young of Lincoln, retired from UNL/IANR.

Nebraska Ag Classic: 'Building Partnerships – 2005'

The Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center in Kearney will be the location of the first-ever Nebraska Ag Classic, Dec. 14 & 15, 2005. This new conference will combine the 52nd Nebraska Wheat Growers Association Annual Convention with the 20th annual Husker Feed Grains and Soybean Conference, the 109th Nebraska Grain and Feed Association Annual Meeting, and the annual conventions/meetings of the LEAD Alumni Association and the Nebraska AgRelations Council. Following is the tentative schedule; NAC members will receive a conference brochure in a separate mailing.

Registration fee is \$95 or \$50 for either Dec. 14 or 15.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Nebraska LEAD Alumni Annual Meeting

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Nebraska LEAD Alumni Dinner with Social following

10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Nebraska AgRelations Council Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 14th

7:00 am – 6:00 pm – Registration Open

8:30 am – 4:00 pm – Nebraska Grain & Feed Association Fumigation Workshop

9:30 am – 12:30 am – Nebraska Grain & Feed Association Board of Directors meeting/luncheon

8:30 am – 12:30 pm – Nebraska Corn Growers Association Annual Meeting

11:00 am – 6:00 pm – Trade Show Open

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Nebraska LEAD Alumni/Nebraska AgRelations Council Joint Luncheon

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm – Nebraska Wheat Growers Association Meeting

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Nebraska Grain & Feed Association Dealers Program

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers Association Annual Meeting

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Nebraska Soybean Association Annual Meeting

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm – Cocktail Hour on Trade Show floor

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Banquet - Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns (invited) Awards Presentations

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Hilarity Therapy - *John Irvin*

Thursday, Dec. 15

6:30 am – 12:00 pm – Trade Show Open

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

6:30 am – 8:00 am – Continental Breakfast – Trade Show Floor



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AgRelations Award

Names Due Oct. 30

Oct. 30 is the deadline for nominations for the Nebraska AgRelations Council's 2006 AgRelations Award. The award is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to Nebraska agriculture. Use the enclosed form or contact Awards Chairman Larry Hudkins, 402/796-2254, for more information.

For the first time, the AgRelations Award will be presented as part of the Nebraska Ag Classic conference. Plans call for awards from the various participating organizations to be presented at the banquet on Dec. 14.



State Sen. Ed Schrock of Elm Creek (center) was the featured speaker at the NAC Banquet Sept. 14 in Grand Island, in conjunction with Husker Harvest Days. Schrock discussed Nebraska water issues and LB 962. The Honorable Graham Gunn (right), a member of the Australian Parliament and a longtime friend of Schrock's, also spoke. Gunn represents a rural district in South Australia. He noted similarities between water issues and politics in South Australia and Nebraska. Pictured at left is NAC President Craig Buescher. Photos by Eddie Biber