

2021 State Resolutions - Agriculture

LIVESTOCK PROCESSING (Pg. 10)

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FARM MACHINERY (Pg. 11)

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2. Manufacturers extensively use Free and Open-Source Software (FOSS) in their products. It is the policy of the NEFB that manufacturers comply with the copyright requirements of FOSS immediately. NEFB will facilitate requests of altered FOSS source code and report annually to membership the results of the requests at the annual meeting of the members. (Phelps/Gosper)

3. We support Cyber & Data Security programs and grants at the FDA/USDA and/or State level to promote good practices and education. It is important that the government protects our privacy and that farmers and ranchers understand the risks. (Loup)

4. We need more education in agribusiness to prevent more hacking. (Madison)

5. Given that recent reports on manufacture's data security have clearly demonstrated that manufacturers are not currently exercising significant due diligence to protect data; personal, machine and operational, it is the policy of the NEFB to strongly request that OEM stop collecting any agricultural data until a committee of members certifies their data exposes producers to cybersecurity and other issues. Given that agriculture is a critical infrastructure this failing is a national security issue. (Phelps/Gosper)

6. Interoperability of different equipment manufacturers products is desirable. It is the policy of the NEFB that every manufacture of agricultural equipment shall share the physical and logical (software) specifications necessary for another manufacturer to effectively integrate their products. (Phelps/Gosper)

NEW TITLE (Pg. 11)

1. Nebraska Farm Bureau works to advance policies that help and support Nebraska livestock producers, while also focusing on efforts to enhance opportunities to grown Nebraska's livestock sector and related value-added businesses. (Dodge)

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Pg. 12)

1. We support funding for new programs and tax incentives that focus on creating housing and daycare for rural communities (population 1000 or less). This would create housing and support for farm and ranch employees and improve the quality of life of farmers and ranchers and eventually increase our population. (Loup)

2. We support a tax incentive for rural communities of less than 1000 people to help fund housing and daycare development. (Garfield)

*Lapsing policy related to resolution.

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#151 Farm Machinery (Pg. 29) New 1.8

We support the right of each member to choose who shall service their equipment and the purchase of third-party parts if needed. Any method designed to enforce a tying arrangement should be reported as a crime by members and AFBF. It is the policy of AFBF that any software or other mechanism of tying shall be disabled or provided to the legal owner of the equipment free of charge upon request. (Phelps/Gosper)

#151 Farm Machinery (Pg. 29) New 1.9

We support and encourage AFBF members and staff to promptly report commercial crimes against members or AFBF. Such commercial crimes as refusal to sell products, intimidation and other issues. To support this policy, AFBF shall establish a reporting procedure, outlined on the AFBF website and assign a staff person as a liaison for the safe reporting of such crimes. Such information shall be reported to the proper authorities within two working days from receipt of a complete report. Staff will report at the member's annual meeting on the number and types of reports submitted to law enforcement. (Phelps/Gosper)

#151 Farm Machinery (Pg. 29) New 1.10

Manufacturers shall make freely available all technical support that is available to dealers and dealer staff including repair histories and solutions. Any software files or instructions that are needed to complete a repair will be freely provided to any equipment owner or assignee in a format that the equipment requires. (Phelps/Gosper)

#151 Farm Machinery (Pg. 29) New 1.11

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#151 Farm Machinery (Pg. 29) New 1.12

Given the President of the United States requires a Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) as defined in Executive Order 14028, Improving the Nation's Cybersecurity, manufacturers shall make publicly available via their website for any products that may be software or has software embedded. (Phelps/Gosper)

#151 Farm Machinery (Pg. 29) New 1.13

Manufacturers extensively use Free and Open-Source Software (FOSS) in their products. It is the policy of the AFBF that manufacturers comply with the copyright requirements of FOSS immediately. AFBF will facilitate requests of altered FOSS source code and report annually to membership the results of the requests at the annual meeting of the members. (Phelps/Gosper)

#151 Farm Machinery (Pg. 29) New 1.14

Strong, capable and independent dealerships are critical to the agricultural industry. Robust competition is the hallmark of our economy and directly contributes to implementation of new, more productive practices. Additionally, no one manufacturer can provide a full range of equipment and services needed by the AFBF membership. Therefore, it is the policy of the AFBF that legislation should be enacted in the states that forbids any manufacturer to require exclusivity of a dealer. (Phelps/Gosper)

#179 National Security (Pg. 45) New 2.9

It is the policy of the AFBF that FEMA in conjunction with the USDA, DHS-CISA and other participants should practice and prepare for cyber-attack mitigation on the nation's critical agricultural infrastructure. An annual report on the exercises should be provided AFBF members at subsequent annual meetings. (Phelps/Gosper)

#225 Risk Management (Pg. 59) New 1.2.98

We support the creation of a new permanent disaster assistance program to replace crop insurance as it exists with the request that it would serve a broader range of crops and livestock. (Loup)

#225 Risk Management (Pg. 60) New 2.1.10

We support a fix in the coverage gap for pasture flooding and loss of grazing or hay crop within the NAP program. (Loup)

#225 Risk Management (Pg. 60) New 2.1.20

Therefore, we propose to eliminate disaster payments on crops that are covered by federal crop insurance. (Phelps/Gosper)

#239 National Farm Policy (Pg. 73) New 8.1.5

We do not believe in advocating for unpaid programs that will be paid for by the taxpayer to benefit only certain industries or sectors. Subsidies such as cotton, tobacco, and ethanol which benefit a select few are ultimately paid for by the American taxpayer. (Brown)

#312 Packers and Stockyards Act Pg. 106 New 7.8

Have more small business loans, low interest available instead of subsidizing plants. (Madison)

#536 Proprietary Data (Pg. 193) New 2.8

Given that recent reports on manufacture's data security have clearly demonstrated that manufacturers are not currently exercising sufficient due diligence to protect data; personal, machine and operational, it is the policy of the AFBF to strongly request that OEM stop collecting any agricultural data until a committee of members certifies their data security procedures are sufficient. Additionally, real time collection of this data exposes producers to cybersecurity and other issues. Given that agriculture is a critical infrastructure this failing is a national security issue. (Phelps/Gosper)

#536 Proprietary Data (Pg. 193) New 2.18

We support Cyber & Data Security programs and grants at the FDA/USDA and/or State level to promote good practices and education. It is important that the government protects our privacy and that farmers and ranchers understand the risks. (Loup)

#536 Proprietary Data (Pg. 193) New 2.19

We need more education in agribusiness to prevent more hacking. (Madison)

Agriculture Reaffirmations

STATE

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (Pg. 7) REAFFIRM We support voluntary animal identification. We support efforts for affordable livestock identification for the purpose of disease control and improved food safety. We favor the continued use of legally recognized traditional methods of permanent identification of livestock for individual ownership and a bi-directional exchange of the collected information. Any new method of livestock identification should only be considered if it is proven equally practical and effective as current methods and is a legally recognized form of proof of ownership of the collected information in all states having livestock brand laws.

If the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires identification on animals crossing state borders, we would support a state-run program that requires identification and movement reporting of breeding stock only. We oppose the identification of slaughter or feeder animals crossing state borders. We support the inclusion of traditional methods of identification, as well as the incorporation of new technologies into the program. Such a program should identify and track interstate movement of animals and not track movement within the state. Funding for such a program should be provided by the federal government.

Any such program must protect producers from liability for acts of others after livestock leaves the producer's hands, including nuisance suits naming everyone who handled the particular livestock. We support efforts to clarify that livestock producers should be held to a standard of ordinary care in growing livestock. If livestock have passed state or federal slaughter inspection, there should be a presumption that the producer has met the standards of ordinary care. We support the development of uniform standards for electronic identification.

We support enactment of state law to ensure information provided by producers as part of an animal identification system, including premise identification, be considered confidential by the collecting state agency and not disclosed to the public. Access to such information from state and federal agencies outside of the collecting agency should be limited solely for disease surveillance and response purposes.

Nebraska Farm Bureau continues to support the hot-iron brand registered with the Nebraska Brand Committee identification method as a legal state recognized method of permanent identification/proof of ownership in those states that have livestock brand laws. (Arthur)

***ANIMAL WELFARE (Pg. 8) REAFFIRM** Proper animal husbandry is essential for a successful and efficient livestock business. We oppose any attempts to prevent livestock producers from providing for the health care and management of the livestock under their control. Producers should have the right to utilize animal husbandry practices deemed as appropriate best management practices.

We adamantly oppose efforts by animal rights groups that attempt to petition or legislate against science-based animal care practices. It should be a felony for anyone to trespass or enter property to release livestock or poultry or to damage property in the attempt to halt, destroy, or curtail animal production, serum production, or research. We support an aggressive public awareness campaign to promote the benefits of modern animal care practices to consumers. We continue to support the use of animals in research and oppose any legislation or regulations that restrict these practices. (Johnson)

BRAND INSPECTION (Pg. 8) REAFFIRM We support the work of the Brand Committee and believe the Committee should have the fee authority necessary to adequately fund its programs. Nebraska's brand inspection law should be broadened to encompass the entire state.

We recognize the need for a registered feedlot inspection program and believe an equitable fee structure should be developed to continue the program. We do not support an exemption from fees for feedlots participating in the program.

All female dairy animals from all farms who hold an active permit to sell milk should be exempt from Nebraska state brand laws unless they are being sold for meat production. All calves under the age of 30 days born from female dairy animals on farms who hold an active permit to sell milk in the state of Nebraska be exempt from Nebraska brand laws. (Arthur & Grant)

***DISEASE CONTROL (Pg. 8) REAFFIRM** We favor the enactment and enforcement of laws that will assure protection of the livestock industry against importation of disease from any source. We believe the Nebraska Department of Agriculture should have timely access and adequate resources to address emergency disease outbreaks. We urge the Nebraska director of agriculture to work to develop a species specific program so that a disease outbreak can be contained. We are opposed to the transportation of livestock out of quarantined areas. We urge the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to originate a program to control Johnes Disease (inhibits the uptake of nutrients in ruminant animals) similar to the programs in Ohio, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, which encourage research and testing. The Game and Parks Commission should be required to cooperate with all efforts that are necessary to maintain Nebraska's Brucellosis-free status.

Nebraska Farm Bureau should work with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture on a program related to Trichomoniasis (Trich) that would a) provide notification of neighbors when a herd has tested positive for Trich in two

days, b) all leased non-virgin bulls need to test negative for Trich before they can be “turned out,” and c) only virgin bulls or bulls which have tested negative for Trich and are accompanied by a veterinarian certificate stating such can be sold as breeding bulls.

We support changing the state definition of veterinary-client-patient relationship to allow for the use of telemedicine when making an animal health diagnosis and recommending courses of treatments. (Johnson)

***LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS (Pg. 10) REAFFIRM** Nebraska Farm Bureau supports producer quality assurance programs and recognizes the value of certification programs in assuring consumers and industry partners that food is produced under good management practices. (Johnson)

***VETERINARY CARE (Pg. 10) REAFFIRM** We support efforts to encourage food animal veterinarians to locate in underserved areas of Nebraska. We support the construction of new physical facilities for the Veterinary Diagnostic Center (VDC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with emphasis on large animals. We support establishing a loan repayment program for new large animal veterinarians. (Johnson)

***ZONING (Pg. 10) REAFFIRM** We support local control and encourage counties to zone for orderly placement of livestock facilities as part of a comprehensive county land use plan. Since most county zoning boards and county board of supervisors/commissioners do not possess scientific expertise, the requirements for environmental standards and regulations should remain with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). We encourage the Nebraska Legislature to clearly define the roles of NDEQ and county zoning authority in this issue. We encourage county zoning boards to reevaluate regulations that may hinder development of livestock facilities. Public notice and hearing requirements should be increased for the process of establishing new county zoning regulations.

We support the research and development of science-based tools to help assess odor and particulate movement from livestock operations. We strongly encourage county officials to utilize and adopt the livestock siting assessment matrix developed by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to bring sound science and expertise to the locally-controlled livestock siting process. We further encourage County Farm Bureaus to collaborate with county officials and work to utilize the assessment matrix in their respective counties. We believe the odor offset tool being developed by the University of Nebraska has tremendous potential for assisting producers in evaluating locations for livestock facilities. We believe the tool should be peer reviewed and a pilot program developed to test the application of this tool before counties incorporate the model into zoning regulations.

We oppose agriculture zoning ordinance authority for townships and support reform of state law to limit township authorities in this area. We are opposed to permanent or temporary moratoriums placed on the permitting of livestock facilities by county boards.

We support creating an appeals board for existing livestock operations who, due to the adoption and/or changes to zoning laws or encroachment of neighbors, are denied opportunities to grow their operations. (Johnson)

NATIONAL

#225 Risk Management (Pg. 54) REAFFIRM 1.2.1 We support the creation of a livestock insurance program that is similar to the safety net that row crop producers receive. (Loup)

#225 Risk Management (Pg. 54) REAFFIRM 1.2.1 We support the creation of a livestock insurance program that would be comparable to the safety net of crop insurance. (Garfield)

#225 Risk Management (Pg. 54) REAFFIRM 1.2.1 Thomas County Farm Bureau believes that current insurance programs for ranchers need to be reformed to be more helpful. Thomas County also believes government assistance should be set up similar to insurance where producers can choose to buy in and not something that the government just hands out to everyone. Thomas County believes in less government and more local control. (Thomas)

#344 Labeling (Pg. 123) REAFFIRM 10-11 We support labeling beef in the grocery store as born raised and processed in the United States. (Custer)

#536 Proprietary Data (Pg. 192) REAFFIRM Information is currently being collected from farm equipment by equipment manufacturers and farm product vendors, sometimes without the knowledge and consent of the farmer/rancher. Therefore: Farm Bureau supports requiring farm equipment manufacturers and farm product vendors to only collect data from equipment if the user of the equipment gives their consent. Farm Bureau also supports a cyber and data security policy that protects the confidentiality of information collected by equipment manufacturers and farm product vendors. Data privacy should be paramount and the transfer of the information that has been or will be collected or processed should only be allowed with the informed consent of the farmer/rancher. Third party disclosure, directly or indirectly, of permitted data exchange can only occur with the farmer/rancher's permission and consent. All exchanges with third parties shall be recorded and third-party identification shall be made available to the farmer/rancher upon request. Companies storing or processing permitted data provided by the farmer/rancher shall be secured and maintained in a manner equivalent to that used by the receiver to preserve and secure the confidentiality and security of their own data. Data collected by companies from farmers/ranchers shall be made available to the farmer/rancher in a consistent, secure manner for all intents and purposes and shall be backed up and retained for a mutually agreed period of time to allow farmers/ranchers to restore their own equipment or machines from that data. Data used to configure, manage or operate a farmer/rancher's equipment shall be removed from that equipment upon transfer, sale or lease. Such removal shall be verified by the farmer/rancher prior to the sale, transfer or lease of said equipment. (Phelps/Gosper)

#536 Proprietary Data (Pg. 192 & 193) REAFFIRM 1 & 2.6 We support data produced during agricultural work generated by legally owned equipment shall be the exclusive property of the producer. Additionally, it is the policy of NEFB that no member should be required to submit any data in real time. Data needed for warranty claims or service shall be requested at the time of claim or service. (Phelps/Gosper)

#536 Proprietary Data (Pg. 192 & 193) REAFFIRM 1 & 2.6 We support federal legislation declaring Copyright of Agricultural Data and Enforcement to facilitate a clear understanding and providence of agricultural data in the eyes of the law both nationally and globally. Additionally, it is the policy of AFBF that no member should be required to submit any data in real time. Data needed for warranty claims or service shall be requested at the time of claim or service. (Phelps/Gosper)

2021 State Resolutions - Education

CORE CURRICULUM (Pg. 13)

- 1. Be it resolved that Farm Bureau oppose any comprehensive sex education or critical race theory curriculum to be taught as adopted by public schools in Nebraska.** (Hitchcock)
- 2. School curriculum of CRT, woke and sex education should be controlled by the local school board.** (Lincoln)
- 3. We believe the most important commodity in our country is our youth. Our children should have the opportunity to learn in an environment free from bias and political agendas.** (Brown)

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (Pg. 14)

- 1. Sinking funds at public schools should need a vote of voters to use funds for constructing buildings, etc.** (Madison)

EDUCATION REFORM (Pg. 14)

- 1. Support school choice and charter schools.** (Lincoln)
- 2. Support establishment of voucher system designed to allow the school of choice to receive the individual student funding.** (Lincoln)

SCHOOL LANDS (Pg. 16)

1. School land funds produced by that land should be utilized in the originating county. (Lincoln)

MARIJUANA (Pg. 17) NEW TITLE

1. We oppose the legalization of recreational use of marijuana. (Phelps/Gosper)

2. We support the Unicameral should legalize the regulated medical use of marijuana. (Phelps/Gosper)

ELECTIONS (Pg. 45)

1. Be it resolved that the state of Nebraska shall implement and enforce a voter identification process to ensure that only eligible citizens are casting votes and those votes are properly counted. Voter identification shall be registered with properly maintained voter registration rolls. (Seward)

2. The Merrick County Farm Bureau board would like to require proof of photo ID at all voting polls. (Merrick)

3. Support photo ID for voting in all local, state and national elections. (Lincoln)

4. In order to ensure elections are secure and legal, be it resolved that the state of Nebraska shall prohibit "Mail in Ballots" or "Mail in Voting". Election officials shall not "mass mail" ballots to residents. Registered voters may still cast votes via Absentee Ballots. Absentee ballots must be requested by voter and not automatically sent. Only registered citizens are eligible to request an absentee ballot. Once an absentee ballot has been requested and delivered, the voter may not cast a vote in person or request a 2nd ballot unless the original ballot has been accounted for and destroyed or invalidated. (in other words: one voter = one vote) (Seward)

NEW TITLE (Pg. 45)

1. Anyone driving a vehicle with government plates, state or local, speeding on Nebraska roads, should be caught and fined double. With points removed from license and fines be paid out of personal pocket. (Frontier)

NEW TITLE (Pg. 45)

1. We support a statewide ending to townships and that all counties use a commissioner governing system. (Custer)

GUN RIGHTS (Pg. 47)

1. Individuals who are on their property and/or in their "castle"-home, car, or business have the right to defend their person(s) and property; 2) be able to do so without first attempting to retreat; and, 3) be able to do so without criminal or civil liability. Any deadly force is presumed to be reasonable if the individual believes there is immediate danger of harm to themselves, their family or fellow citizens or immediate danger to their personal or real property including vandalism, destruction and or theft. (Seward)

NEW TITLE (Pg. 48)

1. We support and encourage NEFB members and staff to promptly report commercial crimes against members or NEFB. Such commercial crimes as refusal to sell products, intimidation and other issues. To support this policy, NEFB shall establish a reporting procedure, outlined on the NEFB website and assign a staff person as a liaison for the safe reporting of such crimes. Such information shall be reported to the proper authorities within two working days from receipt of a complete report. Staff will report at the member's annual meeting on the number and types of reports submitted to the law enforcement. (Phelps/Gosper)

***Lapsing policy related to resolution.**

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#102 The Constitution (Pg. 1) New 7.9

We support the Convention of States project, a national effort to call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution, restricted to proposing amendments that will impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction, and impose term limits on its officials and member of Congress. (Nance)

#107 Legislative Branch (Pg. 4) New 6.9

End retroactive pay for government workers not working during government shutdown. This is akin to paid time off, or a free vacation. Vacation time must be used first. (Scotts Bluff)

#150 Education (Pg. 29) New 2.2.12

We believe the most important commodity in our country is our youth. Our children should have the opportunity to learn in an environment free from bias and political agendas. (Brown)

#150 Education (Pg. 29) New 3.1.11

Phelps/Gosper County Farm Bureau recognizes the importance of understanding global agriculture, international trade relations and the dynamics of cultures. Farm Bureau also recognizes the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc., founded in 1948 as the International Farm Youth Exchange, as a premier international exchange organization that helps develop future leaders in agriculture. This aligns with IFYE's recognition by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in an MOU signed in September 2019. With that in mind, Farm Bureau recognizes, supports and endorses the IFYE Association's efforts in gain funding and recognition in the 2023 U.S. Farm Bill. This will ensure continuation of this vital organization to provide a foundational international education component for the future U.S. agricultural leaders. Farm Bureau further supports the IFYE Association be funded through the 2023 Farm Bill by an authorized and legislated grant of \$2 million to be allocated annually as authorized in the 2023 Farm Bill. (Phelps/Gosper)

#150 Education (Pg. 29) New 3.1.12

We support the IFYE Association of the USA be funded through 2023 farm bill by an authorized and legislated grant to \$2 million to be allocated annually as authorized in the 2023 farm bill. (Lincoln)

#150 Education (Pg. 29) New 3.1.13

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Education Reaffirmations

STATE

***CAREER TRAINING (Pg. 13) REAFFIRM** We believe school guidance counselors should provide K-12 students exposure to vocational and technical training opportunities to expand their awareness of career opportunities.

We support making available additional instructional opportunities in basic farm and ranch activities such as fence building, record keeping, and basic technology. (Johnson)

ABORTION (Pg. 17) REAFFIRM We oppose abortions with no exceptions. We disagree with the United States Supreme Court decisions liberalizing abortion on demand. Since we oppose abortion, we strongly urge more restraint and supervision by the medical community concerning fetal tissue research. We urge repeal of the law concerning the school's involvement in the Parental Notification Law. We are opposed to birth control devices and/or counseling concerning abortion being offered by school-based health clinics. (Pawnee)

DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE (Pg. 17) REAFFIRM We believe that the term marriage should be defined as a legal union between one man and one woman. (Pawnee)

LEGAL DECISIONS (Pg. 47) REAFFIRM Nebraska state courts shall not consider the laws of foreign countries when deciding cases.

Real estate lien holders shall not be permitted to retain any mineral rights when disposing of real property.

Arbitration clauses in all contracts and financial instruments shall be null and void anytime unethical, fraudulent, or criminal activity is suspected or shown. (Pawnee)

***ANTI-AGRICULTURE ACTIVISM (Pg. 48) REAFFIRM** Nebraska Farm Bureau and County Farm Bureaus should take an active role in promoting agriculture, including showing support for local agricultural producers who come under attack from animal rights and anti-agriculture activists.

Correct information on the transmission of disease between humans and animals is important, and we should be a part of the solution by placing active farmers and ranchers on any board or committee formed to discuss animal welfare and rearing practices. (Johnson)

***COUNTY ACTIVITY IN PAC (Pg. 48) REAFFIRM** County Farm Bureaus should participate in candidate forums within their legislative districts, take positions on candidates as a "Friend of Agriculture," and forward results to NEFB-PAC before the deadline for "Friend of Agriculture" designations. (Johnson)

***SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY (Pg. 49) REAFFIRM** We believe NEFB should examine expanding its scholarship programs to include students who study non-ag majors but intend to pursue a career in agriculture. (Johnson)

NATIONAL

#103 Elections (Pg. 2) REAFFIRM 2.1 Whereas only Citizens of the United States of American are eligible to vote in election, and secure elections are vital to our republic. Be it resolved that the state of Nebraska shall implement and enforce a voter identification process to ensure that only eligible citizens are casting votes and those votes are properly counted. Voter identification shall be registered with properly maintained voter registration rolls. (Seward)

#103 Elections (Pg. 2) REAFFIRM 2.1 The Merrick County Farm Bureau board would like to require proof of photo ID at all voting polls. (Merrick)

#103 Elections (Pg. 2) REAFFIRM 2.1 Support photo ID for voting in all local, state and national elections. (Lincoln)

#158 Narcotics and Substance Abuse (Pg. 36) REAFFIRM 3.4 We oppose: The legalization of the recreational use of marijuana. (Phelps/Gosper)

2021 State Resolutions - Tax

BEGINNING FARMER ASSISTANCE (pg. 37)

- 1. We support increasing the net worth to at least \$1 million dollars and the creation of a tax credit sales break within the NextGen program. (Loup)**
- 2. We support a Nebraska beginning farmer program with a higher net worth limit of one million dollars and a raise in the lease duration of five to seven years. (Garfield)**
- 3. We support a tax incentive program for retiring farmers and ranchers to sell equipment to a beginning/young farmer or rancher. (Garfield)**
- 4. We support increasing the maximum net worth limitation. We also support extending the duration of leases beyond the current 3 years. And allowing tax credit for selling real estate & farm equipment to beginning farmers. (Boone)**
- 5. Thomas County Farm Bureau believes that the Beginning Farmer program should be modified to include producers with less than 10 years of farming or ranching with no net worth level requirement and to allow leases of up to 10 years. (Thomas)**
- 6. Net-worth limitation raised to 1.5 million. (Arthur)**
- 7. We recommend that the acreage floor be removed to allow livestock feeding and niche marketing opportunities to qualify. We also believe the maximum net worth should be increased to \$900,000. (Johnson)**

GAMBLING REVENUES (Pg. 38)

- 1. We recommend that the Nebraska Legislature impose such a tax on gambling revenue which reflects the tax placed on such revenue by surrounding state and therefore all such revenue shall be delegated to property tax relief. Also, we support taxed legalized sport gambling so long as the revenue goes towards property tax relief. (Butler)**

TAX REFORM/RELIEF (Pg. 40)

- 1. NFBF supports the EPIC Consumption tax plan. (Morrill)**
- 2. Nebraska Farm Bureau will support The EPIC Consumption Tax. (Nance)**
- 3. We do not support a consumption tax that puts all the monies collected to central location to be redistributed, thus limiting local control. (Blaine)**
- 4. We believe that all fees and fines levied to auto dealerships should all stay in county and district the dealerships reside in. (Hitchcock)**
- 5. We believe any increase in state tax revenues resulting from a carbon injection pipeline in Nebraska should be used as property tax relief. (Hitchcock)**

AG LAND ASSESSMENT (Pg. 41)

- 1. Valuations that do not represent possible reasonable returns on investment of agricultural land should be readjusted appropriately. (Lincoln)**
- 2. Agricultural land being leased to agricultural producers which has delinquent taxes should have notification issued to the agricultural operator of the existing tax situation. (Lincoln)**

VALUATION/PROPERTY TAX LIMITS (Pg. 43)

1. We support moving real estate tax due dates to July 1 and Dec. 1 instead of May 1 and Sept 1. (Custer)

ROADS FUNDING (Pg. 43)

1. We oppose using bonds for Roads Construction. (Loup)

2. We oppose bonding to supplement the road tax. (Garfield)

3. We oppose the use of bonding for state highways. (Johnson)

4. We support bonding for the sole purpose of completing the "Expressway System" in Nebraska, providing all other revenue sources, for road construction and maintenance remain in place. (Dodge)

5. We believe that bonding for roads and infrastructure when fiscally appropriate is a viable tool for starting and completing projects. (Brown)

*Lapsing policy related to resolution.

2021 National Resolutions - Tax

#125 Highways (Pg. 13) New 1.56

We believe the definition of infrastructure is roads, bridges, highways, power plants, technology advancements, riverways and levels, things physically used to transport goods and people. We do not believe living, breathing people are part of infrastructure, nor are social programs. (Brown)

#136 General Labor Issues (pg. 21) New 5.2.3

Burt County Farm Bureau is opposed to the continuation of federal government unemployment benefits following the COVID crisis. With a limited workforce, our supply chain struggles. (Burt)

#225 Risk Management (Pg. 60) New 2.1.20

We do believe that in certain unforeseen or great events such floods or hurricanes it is right for taxpayer dollars to be used to help recover from these catastrophic events. (Brown)

#418 Fiscal Policy (Pg. 149) New 9

Any budget bill shall be limited to a maximum of \$500 billion, for the purpose of setting priorities and THINKING about the continuous budget deficits. (Scotts Bluff)

#418 Fiscal Policy (Pg. 150) New 9.10

We support restraints on increasing national debt. (Saline)

#418 Fiscal Policy (Pg. 150) New 10

Oppose proposed expansion of information required of the banking industry concerning withdrawals and deposits from accounts to be made available to the IRS. (Lincoln)

#418 Fiscal Policy (Pg. 150) New 11

We believe that "pork barrel spending" such as add-ons to bills for special interest groups or specific states or industries receiving monies irrelevant to what the bill being introduced. (Brown)

#435 Federal Estate and Gift Taxes (Pg. 152) New 2.7

Any increase in death tax, estate tax, or stepped-up basis must be solely for the purpose of decreasing debt. There shall be a balanced budget before such a tax increase may be implemented. (Scotts Bluff)

Tax Reaffirmations

STATE

***FARM DIESEL (Pg. 38) REAFFIRM** Farmers and ranchers should be allowed to use off-highway (farm) diesel in their unlicensed feed trucks or pickups so long as they are not driven on public highways. (Johnson)

NATIONAL

#418 Fiscal Policy (Pg. 150) REAFFIRM 3 We believe the national debt is a very important issue and controlling it should continue to be a main concern for Farm Bureau. We support a balance budget and controlled spending. (Brown)

#418 Fiscal Policy (Pg. 150) REAFFIRM 3 Thomas County Farm Bureau believes that the national debt is still important and measures should be taken to prevent unnecessary spending. (Thomas)

#435 Federal Estate and Gift Taxes (Pg. 152) REAFFIRM 2.2 Support retention of the current step-up basis tax structure for generational change. (Lincoln)

#435 Federal Estate and Gift Taxes (Pg. 152) REAFFIRM 2.2 We oppose removing stepped up basis on business and property. (Madison)

2021 State Resolutions – Natural Resources

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY (Pg. 18)

1. Being that a great emphasis is being placed on renewable energy sources such as solar and wind, we feel nuclear energy should also be emphasized. (Dodge)

2. We support a surcharge of \$0.10/gl. for patrons that choose to purchase gasoline in the state of Nebraska that does not meet ethanol percentage of at least E-15. (Phelps/Gosper)

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RURAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS (Pg. 19)

1. Burt County Farm bureau supports rebuilding infrastructure in Nebraska to include broadband service to every home and business in Nebraska. We cannot survive offline and it's critical that every area of our state has an equal ability to connect online. (Burt)

2. Burt County Farm Bureau supports the growth of infrastructure in Nebraska to include cell reception in every part of the state. It's critical to be able to make a call from rural areas and the coverage we are currently offered is severely lacking in many areas.(Burt)

CONSERVATION PRACTICES (Pg. 21)

1. We encourage farmers and ranchers to follow UNL guidelines on fertilizer application and waste management to reduce nitrates in the groundwater. (Dawson)

WASTE DISPOSAL (Pg. 23)

1. Encourage more use of corn and soybean compounds for plastics and encourage more composting of food waste to reduce greenhouse gases. (Madison)

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1. NFBF supports legislation that restricts ALL perpetual conservation easements. A term of 30 years is sufficient on any easement. (Morrill)

***Lapsing policy related to resolution.**

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#402 Energy (Pg. 142) New 6.6

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#402 Energy (Pg. 142) New 6.7

New green deal policies such as carbon free heat and electricity & green beef should be applied to the white house and capitol 10 years prior to anywhere else as a demonstration of cost and effectiveness of such policies. Pull the electric meter & Cap the gas line Before installing the heat pump & solar panels. (Scotts Bluff)

#419 Foreign Investment (Pg. 150) New 3

Thomas County Farm Bureau believes foreign ownership of land in any state should be prohibited. Foreign interests that have ill wishes against the United States could cause issues with food security which is ultimately a homeland security issues. (Thomas)

#419 Foreign Investment (Pg. 150) New 4

Be it resolved that Farm Bureau oppose any foreign company or government ownership of railroads within the continental United States of America. (Hitchcock)

#503 Climate Change (Pg. 171) 2.2

We support a free and open market for carbon credits and that this market should be regulated by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME). (Dawson)

#503 Climate Change (Pg. 171) New 2.19

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#503 Climate Change (Pg. 171) New 2.20

Carbon credits should reflect prior conservation practices and reward those practices equitably. (Hall)

#503 Climate Change (Pg. 171) New 2.21

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#503 Climate Change (Pg. 171) New 2.22

We support a carbon sequestration market that

- i. Accounts for regional ecological differences
- ii. Provides for a look back period
- iii. Primarily rewards the farm or ranch operator
- iv. Is calculated based on farming practices known to increase carbon sequestration
- v. Farm Bureau staff should actively engage with entities developing these plans to encourage them to follow these guidelines and offer a farmer and rancher perspective. (Phelps/Gosper)

#503 Climate Change (Pg. 171) New 2.23

We support a lookback period to provide support to farmers/ranchers that have enacted climate positive practices previously enacted. (Buffalo)

#525 Land Ownership (Pg. 187) 3.3

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#525 Land Ownership (Pg. 188) New 4.8

Oppose expansion of the federal 30x30 land and water set aside program. (Lincoln)

#525 Land Ownership (Pg. 188) New 4.9

We resolve to have all farmland, ranch land, and forestry within conservation to be included in the 30%. (Burt)

Natural Resources Reaffirmations

STATE

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NATIONAL

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#549 Waterways (Pg. 213 & 214) REAFFIRM 12.23 & 13.3
Oppose additional controls of the water of the world act. (Lincoln)

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Nebraska Farm Bureau is in favor of President Trump Administration's definition of navigable water. (Dodge)

2017 State Policies Set to Lapse in 2021

ENERGY FRIENDLY COUNTY (2017) Pg. 5. We support exploring the development of an "Energy Friendly County" program modeled after the "Livestock Friendly County" program.

***ANIMAL WELFARE (2017) Pg. 8.** Proper animal husbandry is essential for a successful and efficient livestock business. We oppose any attempts to prevent livestock producers from providing for the health care and management of the livestock under their control. Producers should have the right to utilize animal husbandry practices deemed as appropriate best management practices.

We adamantly oppose efforts by animal rights groups that attempt to petition or legislate against science-based animal care practices. It should be a felony for anyone to trespass or enter property to release livestock or poultry or to damage property in the attempt to halt, destroy, or curtail animal production, serum production, or research. We support an aggressive public awareness campaign to promote the benefits of modern animal care practices to consumers. We continue to support the use of animals in research and oppose any legislation or regulations that restrict these practices.

***DISEASE CONTROL (2017) Pg. 8.** We favor the enactment and enforcement of laws that will assure protection of the livestock industry against importation of disease from any source. We believe the Nebraska Department of Agriculture should have timely access and adequate resources to address emergency disease outbreaks. We urge the Nebraska director of agriculture to work to develop a species specific program so that a disease outbreak can be contained. We are opposed to the transportation of livestock out of quarantined areas. We urge the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to originate a program to control Johnes Disease (inhibits the uptake of nutrients in ruminant animals) similar to the programs in Ohio, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, which encourage research and testing. The Game and Parks Commission should be required to cooperate with all efforts that are necessary to maintain Nebraska's Brucellosis-free status.

Nebraska Farm Bureau should work with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture on a program related to Trichomoniasis (Trich) that would a) provide notification of neighbors when a herd has tested positive for Trich in two days, b) all leased non-virgin bulls need to test negative for Trich before they can be "turned out," and c) only virgin bulls

or bulls which have tested negative for Trich and are accompanied by a veterinarian certificate stating such can be sold as breeding bulls.

We support changing the state definition of veterinary-client-patient relationship to allow for the use of telemedicine when making an animal health diagnosis and recommending courses of treatments.

***LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS (2017) Pg. 10.** Nebraska Farm Bureau supports producer quality assurance programs and recognizes the value of certification programs in assuring consumers and industry partners that food is produced under good management practices.

***VETERINARY CARE (2017) Pg. 10.** We support efforts to encourage food animal veterinarians to locate in underserved areas of Nebraska. We support the construction of new physical facilities for the Veterinary Diagnostic Center (VDC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with emphasis on large animals. We support establishing a loan repayment program for new large animal veterinarians.

***ZONING (2017) Pg. 10.** We support local control and encourage counties to zone for orderly placement of livestock facilities as part of a comprehensive county land use plan. Since most county zoning boards and county board of supervisors/commissioners do not possess scientific expertise, the requirements for environmental standards and regulations should remain with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ). We encourage the Nebraska Legislature to clearly define the roles of NDEQ and county zoning authority in this issue. We encourage county zoning boards to reevaluate regulations that may hinder development of livestock facilities. Public notice and hearing requirements should be increased for the process of establishing new county zoning regulations.

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***CAREER TRAINING (2017) Pg. 13.** We believe school guidance counselors should provide K-12 students exposure to vocational and technical training opportunities to expand their awareness of career opportunities.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (2017) Pg. 14. We support the current state policy requiring the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in the classroom on a daily basis and retaining the words "under God."

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*Resolutions submitted related to this category.

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