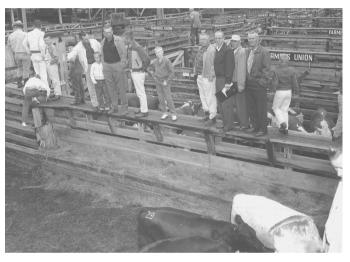
109th Annual State Convention

NEBRASKA FARMERS UNION

December 2-3 Marriott Cornhusker Hotel 333 S 13th St, Lincoln, NE 68508







"Building Rural Communities Since 1913"

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"Nebraska Farmers Union is a general farm organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the quality of life and economic well-being of family farmers and ranchers, and their rural communities.

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Friday Morning

8:00	Registration Begins and Exhibits Open
8:30	NeFU Convention Committees Meet • By Laws—Vern Jantzen, Chair • Credentials—Art Tanderup, Chair • Elections— Ron Meyer, Chair
8:45	Door Prize Drawings, Free Stuff - Must Be Present To Win Al Davis, Lynn Belitz, Mary Alice Corman, Vern Jantzen, Graham Christensen & Art Tanderup
9:00	Convention Comes to Order & Welcome NeFU President John Hansen Call to order Pledge of Allegiance Opening Prayer, Graham Christensen, District 6 Director Previous Convention Minutes
9:10	NeFU Foundation Report & Elections John Hansen, NeFU Foundation Secretary • 2022 Foundation Activities Report • Election of At-Large Member to NeFU Foundation • One Year Term—Ron Meyer-current member
9:20	NeFU Education Report—John Hansen • Nebraska Wind & Solar Conference Report • Farm Succession Series
9:30	Nebraska Rural Radio Association Report Tim Marshall, NRRA Chief Operating Officer
9:45	Refreshment Break Sponsored by: Nebraska Rural Radio Association • KTIC-840 AM—West Point—KWPN—107.9 FM • KRVN-880 AM—Lexington—KRVN—93.1 FM • KNEB-960 AM—Scottsbluff—KNEB—94.1 FM

Shop Locally for Christmas—NeFU Country Store!

Friday Morning Continued

10:15	USDA Rural Development Programs and Opportuniti	es
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Kate Bolz, State Director, USDA Rural Development

10:45 USDA FSA Programs, Challenges, and Opportunities

John Berge, Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Administration

11:15 NeFU Elections

- Introduction of NeFU Delegate candidates to NFU Convention March 5-7, 2023 Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, CA
- Districts 3 & 7 caucus for additional District Director nominations
- District Presidents caucus to select NeFU Foundation Board representative
- Report by Elections Chair, Ron Meyer

11:45 Break for Lunch

12:00 Noon Luncheon

National Farmers Union Government Relations Report

Layla Soberanis, NFU Government Relations

Noon Lunch Sponsored by: Orsted, Farmers Union Insurance & NEXTera Energy



Friday Afternoon

1:20 NeFU Elections

- Elect Top Six NFU Convention Delegates (Vote for 1, 2, or 3 candidates)
- Elect NeFU Board of Directors for Districts 3 & 7 (2023-2024-2025)

1:30 Door Prize Drawings—Free Stuff—Must Be Present To Win

Al Davis, Lynn Belitz, Mary Alice Corman, Vern Jantzen, Graham Christensen & Art Tanderup

1:40 NeFU Foundation Poultry Litter and Stream Health Report

Julie Hindmarsh, Moderator

- Matt Sutton, University of Nebraska Omaha
- Graham Christensen, President GC Resolve

Friday Afternoon Continued

2:20 Identifying, Quantifying, and Addressing Risks of Water Quality Contamination in Nebraska Jonathan Leo, Moderator

Dr. Jesse Bell, Dir. of Water, Climate & Health Program, UNMC & Daugherty Dr. Eleanor Rogan, Interim Chair of UNMC, Depts. of Health Promotion & Environmental, Agricultural & Occupational Health

3:15 NEBFARMPAC Report

Vern Jantzen, NEBFARMPAC President

3:30-4:00 Refreshment Break Sponsored by: GRNE Solar, Husker AG & AES Energy







3:30 Elections - Elect NFU Convention Delegates & Alternates

• Top Three Are Delegates -- Bottom Three are Alternates ranked by votes (Vote for 1, 2, or 3 candidates)

4:00 A Preview of the 2023 Legislative Session

- Senator Carol Blood, LD3
- Senator John Cavanaugh LD9
- Senator Tom Brandt, LD32
- Senator John McCollister, LD20

5:00-6:00 NEBFARMPAC Wine & Cheese Social

Arbor One, Lower Floor, left of Registration Desk

6:00 Friday Evening Banquet & Celebration

John Hansen, Master of Ceremonies

Remembering those who have passed on

NeFU President's Award Winners:

Bryce Anderson, Retired Senior Meteorologist, DTN State Senator John McCollister

"Making Sense of Extremes"

Bryce Anderson, Retired Senior Meteorologist, DTN

"Building Rural Communities"

Tom Giessel, NFU Historian

Country Store Silent Auction

Bid quickly, quietly, often, and with reckless abandon!

Banquet Sponsored by: Farmers Union Midwest Agency & Farm Credit Services





Saturday Morning

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7:00	Builders Club Members Breakfast: Arbor One
7:00	All-member Complimentary Breakfast: Downstairs Foyer
8:15	Door Prize Drawings, Free Stuff - Must Be Present To Win Al Davis, Lynn Belitz, Mary Alice Corman, Vern Jantzen, Graham Christensen & Art Tanderup
8:30	Convention Reconvenes
8:30	NeFU Vice President's Report Vern Jantzen, NeFU District 4 Director, Plymouth
8:45	Nebraska Ethanol Board Report and Update John Hansen, Moderator Reid Wagner, Administrator, Nebraska Ethanol Board
9:15	Farm to School Update Vern Jantzen, Moderator

Sarah Smith, Nebraska Department of Education Farm to School Specialist

- 9:40 Farmers Union Midwest Agency Report

 Jeff Downing, General Manager, Midwest Regional Agency &

 Introduction of Agents
- 10:00 Refreshment Break Sponsored by: Ranger Power, NAU & Renewable Fuels NE







10:30 2023 Farm Bill Preview

John Hansen, Moderator Rob Larew, President, Nebraska Farmers Union Layla Soberanis, NFU Government Relations

11:30 Adjourn for lunch & hotel checkout

Take full advantage of the Deep Discounts at the NeFU Country Store

Saturday Afternoon

Noon Luncheon 12:00

"Turning Challenges into Opportunities During Changing Times" Rob Larew, President, National Farmers Union

"Building a Strong Nebraska Farmers Union"

NeFU President John Hansen

Noon Lunch Sponsored by: Invenergy, Sandhills Energy, & NeFU **Foundation**



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Saturday Afternoon Continued

NeFU Financials

- 1:30 John Hansen, NeFU President
 - · Morgan Vargas, NeFU Office Manager
- Policy Consideration & Adoption Until Completed
- 1:45 Vern Jantzen, NeFU Policy Chair
 - **Convention Wrap Up**
- 3:15 John Hansen, NeFU President

We wish you, happy holidays and a healthy, prosperous New Year; drive home safely!

2023 NFU Convention Delegate Candidates

District 1 - none

District 2 - Mary Stoltenberg

District 2 - Carol Schooley

District 3 - Darrel Buschkoetter

District 4 - Don Schuller

District 4 - Marci Regier

District 5 - none

District 6 - Julie Hindmarsh

District 6 - Gus Von Roenn

District 7 - Keith Dittrich



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ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Bryce Anderson

brought in-depth analysis and forecasts on agricultural weather and market impact to DTN and Progressive Farmer readers in the U.S. and worldwide for 30 years. His commentaries,

videos, blogs and articles were widely read and watched. He was a popular speaker at producer conferences and farm shows

and was a frequent interview guest on regional and national ag media programs. His comments were also featured in U.S. and international agricultural news service articles.

Bryce continues to be active in the ag weather community in retirement. He writes a weekly blog for DTN's news lineup and served on a NOAA climate change impact panel. He also offered background detail on extreme weather impact for Nebraska Farmers Union during the 2021-22 legislature session.

Bryce is from a crop and livestock farm in Phelps County, Nebraska. Before joining DTN, he was an award-winning farm broadcaster and agricultural meteorologist at radio and television stations in Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska. He is a member of the American Meteorological Society and the American Ag Editors association.

Dr. Jesse E. Bell

is the Claire M. Hubbard Professor of Water, Climate, and Health in the Department of Environmental, Agricultural, and Occupational Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the School of Natural Resources within the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is also the director of the Water, Climate and Health

Program at UNMC and the director of Water, Climate and Health at the University of Nebraska's Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute. His expertise and research are focused on understanding the impacts of changes in the environment and climate on natural and human processes.

Before coming to UNMC, Dr. Bell developed and served as the first individual to hold an interagency position between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He was a lead author for the U.S. Global Change Research Program report "The Impacts of Climate Change on Human Health in the United States: A Scientific Assessment" that was released by the White House in 2016. He also serves as a Faculty Fellow for the National Strategic Research Institute. Dr. Bell received his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma and is a native Nebraskan.

John Berge

was appointed by the Biden Administration to serve as the State Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Nebraska in December 2021.

Berge is a western Nebraska native who grew up on a corn and wheat farm north of Lisco, Nebraska.

In 2009, Berge was appointed as White House Liaison to USDA by President Obama where he was the principal liaison between the Executive Office of the President and the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture. He was later appointed as Deputy and Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations and was a member of the Sub-Cabinet and Senior Policy Group. Berge also served as the Deputy Administrator for Field Operations with FSA, and as Executive Director of the National Food and Agriculture Council.

Prior to his appointment, Berge served as General Manager of the North Platte Natural Resources District. Earlier in his career, he served as Executive Director of the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation and has also served on the staffs of U.S. Senators Jim Exon, Bob Kerrey, and Ben Nelson.

He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Omaha, holds a Certificate in Climate Change and Energy from the Harvard Kennedy School, and is completing a Master of Applied Science in environmental studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Berge and his wife Kerri and their son and daughter live in Lincoln, Nebraska. He enjoys hiking, camping, and fishing.

Carol Blood

was elected to the Nebraska Legislature in 2016 to serve District 3 which consists of Western Bellevue and Eastern Papillion in Sarpy County. She was re-elected to serve in 2020. Blood currently serves on the following committees: Business & Labor (Vice-Chair), Urban Affairs, and Government, Military & Veterans Affairs. Prior to serving in the legislature, she served 8 years

on the Bellevue City Council as the At-Large Representative. She was the Democratic Nominee in the 2022 Gubernatorial Election.

Blood has been an advocate for Veterans, Military Families, Agriculture, Nebraska Families, Nebraskans with Disabilities and the Middle Class amongst a long list of successful bills and resolutions.

She and her husband Joe have been married for 35 years and have 3 adult children and 10 grandchildren. Blood is the owner of Blood Business Consulting where she has been writing Feasibility Assessments and Business Plans since 2005 resulting in new business start-ups all over Nebraska.



A proud 6th generation Nebraskan, Kate Bolz grew up on a family farm in Otoe County, Nebraska. Bolz brings extensive economic and community development experience. Most recently, she served as the Mayoral Aide for Economic Development for the City of Lincoln, Nebraska where she focused on workforce training and small business development programs.

Previously, she served as a state senator, leading efforts to invest in higher education and economic development as vice chair of the Appropriations Committee and Chair of the Economic Development Task Force.

In addition to her legislative work, she served as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of Service Providers (an association of community-based disability service providers) and as an adjunct professor at Union College.

Kate earned a bachelor's degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a master's in social work from the University of Michigan.

Tom Brandt

is a farmer and livestock feeder from Plymouth who was elected to the legislature in 2018 serving Legislative District 32. He currently sits on the General Affairs, Judiciary, and Ag committees. He is the past of the Southeast Nebraska Carp Growers, served pine years on

chairman and a current member of the Southeast Nebraska Corn Growers, served nine years on the Farmers Cooperative Dorchester board of directors, is a past member of the Farm Credit Services of America Advisory Council, past president and an active member of the Plymouth Improvement Association, and currently serves as congregation president of First Trinity Lutheran Church.

John Cavanaugh

is an Omaha native with nearly 20 years' experience in public service and community engagement is the current Senator representing the 9th District (Central Omaha) in the Nebraska State Legislature. John worked for the Douglas County Public Defender's office, where he represented the poor and underserved of Omaha. A graduate of Creighton Prep High School, John received a

Bachelor's Degree in Politics from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. John received his Juris Doctorate from the Vermont Law School where he served as a Notes Editor on the Vermont Law Review, John also received a Masters In Environmental Policy from the Vermont Law school. John serves on the Board of Directors of Mode Shift Omaha. He resides in the Aksarben/Elmwood Park Neighborhood with his wife Katie McGill and their children. They are members of Saint Margaret Mary Parish.

Graham Christensen

was born in Omaha and grew up nearby on his family's farm. Graham first opened his eyes to the 1980's Farm Crisis in which many family farmers and friends were losing their farms. Graham and his brother would often tag along with their parents to Washington DC and across the country during those years in order to better the lives of struggling farmers. This would have a

heavy influence on Graham's life direction.

In 2007, Graham joined Nebraska Farmers Union. While at the Nebraska Farmers Union helped with climate change and renewable energy education efforts, and was part the Carbon Sequestration Program which enrolled 1.2 million acres into a marketplace which rewarded farmers and ranchers for storing carbon through improved soil health practices. Christensen also worked on agricultural and energy policy at both the State and Federal level.

Currently, Christensen is the Founder and President of GC Resolve, a communications and consulting company, who focuses on grassroots community development, mobilization, and education with an emphasis on environment and equality, and the creation of more resilient communities. Current projects under GC Resolve include educating and advocating for a change in the food production system to incorporate regenerative principles. Through these efforts, the RegeNErate Nebraska network was founded.

Christensen owns and operates a second business GC ReVOLT, a solar and alternative energy development company, and is the State Secretary and a Director for the Nebraska Farmers Union. Graham is still actively involved in operating Christensen Farms, Inc. with his family, where the Christensens are adopting regenerative principles on their farm.

Jeff Downing

is general manager of the Farmers Union Midwest Agency LLP.
Jeff grew up in a small rural town in Iowa. He and his parents
moved off the farm and into town when he was 14. While in high
school and college, Jeff spent his sum-mers and weekends working
for area farmers until he completed his bachelor's de-gree from
Northwest Missouri State University in Education and Industrial

Technology. Before coming to our Farmers Union family, he worked with insurance companies such as Prudential, Shelter, Liberty Mutual, and Nationwide. He has spent 11 years as a licensed producer, five years as an independent agency owner, two years as a business consultant, 10 years as a district manager, and effective April 1st, 2013, he assumed his current position as general manager of the Farmers Union Midwest Agency LLP.

Tom Giessel

and his wife Sheryl, reside in Pawnee County, Kansas, near Larned. Tom is a life-long member of the Kansas Farmer Union and currently serves as Pawnee County Farmers Union president. For over 25 years he was on the KFU Board of Directors, serving as KFU vice-president from 1980-1999.

As an amateur historian, Tom started researching the history of

Kansas Farmers Union in 2007, and has expanded the scope of study to include Farmers Union nationally. He retired from active farming this fall.

John Hansen

has served as the elected President of the Nebraska Farmers Union since 1990. In his 17th two-year elected term, Hansen serves as Secretary for the NeFU Foundation and NEBFARMPAC Boards. At the national level, Hansen serves on the NFU Executive Committee, NFU Budget and Audit Committee; Vice Chair of the NFU Legislative Committee; Chairs the NFU

Meritorious Service Committee, NFU Foundation Board, and serves on the NFU Service Association Board. He is the longest serving president of Nebraska Farmers Union and the current NFU Board of Directors. Hansen serves as Chair of the Nebraska Wind Working Group that organizes and sponsors the annual Wind and Solar Power Conference since 2008. Hansen currently serves on USDA's Nebraska State Technical Committee; Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Farm Crisis Council and the Coalition for a Prosperous America Board. John is a sixth generation family farmer from Newman Grove, Nebraska whose Great-great-great grandparents homesteaded several miles from his farm in 1892. John and his wife Karen have four grown and married children and five grandchildren. In addition to awards received from the Center for Rural Affairs, Nebraska Sierra Club, Nebraska Grange, U.S. Department of Energy, Nebraskans for Peace, American Corn Growers Association, he received the NE Rural Radio Association "Service to Agriculture" award in 2018.

Julie Hindmarsh

served on faculty of the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing for twenty years until her retirement in 2011. Her practice and research focused on elder care and cultural dimensions of health care. She wrote "Falls in the Elderly" for the U S Preventive Service Task Force in 1986. She was Project Director for the A.O.A. Grant, Results Oriented Management for Users of Long

Term Care and Aging Services. She served on the U.S. and International boards for Opportunity International, providing micro finance loans in developing countries.

Currently she manages her family's 100 year farm in Dodge County Nebraska. When she heard that COSTCO intended to build the largest chicken processing plant in the U.S within five miles of her farm, she became concerned that no one was asking the public health questions. What are the baseline level of nitrates and phosphates in surface and ground water? How will we monitor water to see if manure and run off from barns housing 190,000 chickens are increasing levels of contamination? Will antibiotics be added to chicken feed as growth promoters? Her great grandfather founded the Elkhorn River Drainage District in 1909. She knows well the drainage patterns east of Fremont and the farm families living there.

Vern Jantzen

and his wife Dolores own and operate their fourth generation family farm southeast of Plymouth in Jefferson County. They raise corn and soybeans and have a small flock of laying hens. Vern operates a custom bagging operation and is a substitute bus driver for Tri-County Public Schools. Vern has made many trips to Washington, D.C. for the NFU Fly-Ins, served several times as

a delegate to NFU annual conventions and has served on the NFU Policy Committee four times. He continues to serve as NeFU District 4 director, NEBFARMPAC president and NeFU vice-president. Vern also serves as president of the Nebraska Rural Response Council which sponsors the longest operating rural crisis hotline in the nation.

Rob Larew

is president of the National Farmers Union (NFU), a grassroots organization that represents more than 200,000 family farmers and ranchers and rural communities across the Unites States. Before being elected to lead the organization at NFU's 118th Anniversary Convention in 2020, Larew served as its Vice President of Public Policy and Communications.

Prior to joining NFU, Larew worked over 22 years in Congress and USDA crafting agriculture policy. Most recently he was the Staff Director of the House Committee on Agriculture where he oversaw the committee's efforts during the 2008 and 2014 Farm Bills. He previously served as the Director of Congressional and Public Affairs at the Food Safety and Inspection Service at USDA and worked as an agricultural aide to Rep. Collin Peterson and the late Sen. Paul Wellstone. Larew splits his time between the family farm in Greenville, West Virginia, and the National Farmers Union office in Washington, D.C.

Jonathan Leo

is an environmental and land use attorney and consultant. He graduated from UCLA in 1971 with an undergraduate degree in Political Science and a minor in Russian and graduated from the University of Southern California Law Center in 1977.

Since 2017, Jon has worked on Nebraska state and county laws,

regulations, and policies related to concentrated animal feeding operations, from the perspectives of soil and water quality, waste management, animal welfare, and land use conflicts. Between 2017-2021, Jon assisted acreage residents, farmers, and one school district in their opposition to the permitting of Lincoln Premium Poultry (LPP) contractors' multiple broiler chicken barn facilities in Lancaster County. He regularly worked with members of the Lancaster Board of County Commissioners on the progress of its CAFO Ordinance Text Advisory Group, and he was a panelist on the role of citizen involvement in the land use permitting process for CAFOs at the 2020 Nebraska Planning & Zoning Association conference. Jon continues to be regularly involved with the review-and-comment process of NE state and local government agencies' administrative and land use ordinance regulations and policies related to all aspects of CAFO permitting and operations.

Tim Marshall

is the Chief Executive Officer for Nebraska Rural Radio Association and the Station Manager for KRVN AM/FM Lexington, NE. In past 40 years in the radio industry, he has served as a Board Member of National Association of Farm Broadcasters, The Nebraska Broadcasters Association and President of The Omaha Agri-Business Club.

Tim grew up on a farm/ranch near Eddyville Ne, in Dawson County. From a young age he participated in 4-H in Dawson County. Harold Stevens and Dave Stenberg were very big influences on him as part of the 4-H program. He has a BA in Telecommunications from Kearney State College. He and his sister currently own a family farm and were awarded the 2013 Dawson County Pioneer Farm Family. He and his wife Cindy have three kids.

John McCollister

grew up in Omaha and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in Business Administration. He then embarked on a 35 year career with McCollister & Co, a three generation family business that manufactured lubricants for large commercial, industrial and private label customers in fourteen Midwestern states. From 1979 to 2008, McCollister served

as a publically-elected member of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of Directors, which provides natural gas and water to the Omaha area.

In early 2009 McCollister was named executive director of the Platte Institute for Economic Research – a nonprofit free market think tank. In 2014 Senator McCollister was elected to the Nebraska Legislature. He is currently a member of the Legislature's Executive Board, and the Revenue, and Government, Military and Veterans Affairs. He is also the Vice Chair of the Planning Committee. During his tenure in the Legislature, McCollister has promoted

Dr. Eleanor Rogan

is a professor and founding Chair of the Department of Environmental, Agricultural and Occupational Health (2007-present) in the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Much of her scientific career has been devoted to understanding the etiology of breast, prostate and other types of human cancer and discovering how to prevent them.

In 2006 she received The Twelfth Linus Pauling Functional Medicine Award from the Institute for Functional Medicine, and in 2007 UNMC named her a Distinguished Scientist. In 2017 she received the Chancellor Robert D. Sparks Award in Public Health and Preventive Medicine, College of Public Health, UNMC. Her long-time research centers around studying how chemicals cause cancer. In recent years, she has been investigating the possible role of agrichemicals and geogenic contaminants in Nebraska waterways in the etiology of human adverse health effects, such as pediatric cancers, Parkinson's Disease and birth defects. Recently, she is coordinating studies on the possible human and environmental health effects of the pesticides present at the now-closed ethanol plant near Mead, NE.

Sarah Smith

Farm to School Specialist at the Nebraska Department of Education, works to structure farm to school as a true win for all Nebraska stakeholders. Her efforts include developing programs and fostering partnerships that grow capacity for local food procurement, establish connections between local agriculture and communities, and build hands-on learning

opportunities for students to engage in their local food system. Sarah has served as a practitioner in local food systems for more than 15 years, previously managing urban farmer's markets, developing rural and urban community growing spaces, and actively working on local farms and ranches.

Sarah lives in Lincoln, NE with her daughter Poa, her retired cattle dog Diego, and a spoiled kitten. They spend a lot of time hiking, kayaking, biking, and baking. This year they grew a mediocre garden in an exceptional growing space at the Hawley Hamlet.

Layla Soberanis

As Senior Government Relations Representative for the National Farmers Union, Layla Soberanis advocates for family farmers, ranchers, and rural communities in Congress and the executive branch. Layla also serves as Treasurer for the National Farmers Union Political Action Committee (NFUPAC)

Layla has worked on political strategy and legislative issues for several campaigns and organizations, including Legislative Director for the National Association of Chemical Distributors, Public Policy and Regulatory Affairs Manager to the National Corn Growers Association, and Legislative Assistant for the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA). While at NCGA, Layla worked on a diverse set of agriculture policy and regulatory issues, including precision agriculture, farm ownership and copyright law. Soberanis also has extensive experience working on transportation, trade, and labor policy issues. Additionally, she is bilingual in both English in Spanish and has served as interpreter for both the Mexico and Cuba trade delegation visits to the United States.

Layla earned her bachelor's degree in History and Hispanic Studies, with a minor in Black Studies from the College of William and Mary and a Juris Doctorate from Ave Maria School of Law.

Matt Sutton

is a recent graduate from the University of Nebraska at
Omaha where he earned a B.S. in geology and a B.A. in history.
While there, he held a research role with the University of
Nebraska Department of Civil Engineering Environmental
Research Laboratory quantifying the impact to land and stream
systems from poultry litter associated with Costco's Fremont

processing plant. He also helped coordinate a citizen science water testing program alongside Nebraska Communities United and GC Resolve, conducted field research aimed at other large scale agriculture projects, and held a faculty position with the University of Nebraska Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute. His work estimating the impacts of Costco's poultry project expanded with the Nebraska Farmers Union, on behalf of which he led more targeted longitudinal field research to track changes in stream systems adjacent to fields designated to receive Costco poultry litter. The findings have recently been published through the Nebraska Farmers Union in a paper titled "Poultry Litter and Stream Health."

Reid Wagner

joined the Nebraska Ethanol Board as Executive Director in January 2022. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he earned his degree in chemical engineering. His professional experience thus far has led to positions at Evonik as a process engineer; ExxonMobil as a process design engineer; and Cargill as a production management engineering team member in the starches and sweeteners sector.

REMEMBERING DEPARTED NEBRASKA FARMERS UNION MEMBERS

Just as dying plants and leaves enrich the soil and rebuilt its fertility, the strength of Farmers Union rests on those who have come before.

It was their planning, work, and unity which created Farmers Union and defended family farmers for generations.

They built coops, educated their youth and neighbors, worked for good farm policy, and enjoyed the fellowship of other members.

They made an indelible mark on our generation and our nation. So long as we carry on their work, they live on.

2022 Nebraska Farmers Union Foundation Contributions of \$1,410

In Memory of Cap & Gloria Dierks \$1010

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2022 NeFU President's Award Recipients



Bryce Anderson

For 31 Years of Outstanding
Leadership and Dependable
Service to Family Farm
Agriculture & Rural America
As DTN Senior Meteorologist &
Market Analyst



John McCollister

For 8 Years of Outstanding
Leadership & Service
To Family Farm Agriculture &
Rural America While
Protecting and Serving our
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Past President's Award Recipients

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Raymond & Esther Lessman

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Floyd & Evelyn Herman
Walter & Frances Schoenrock
Laverne & Leona Plambeck

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Carl & Geneva Schoenrock
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Milford & Arlene Nelson

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Merle & Mable Jensen
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Darrel, Juanita, Audrey, Abby & Whitney Bischkoetter Eugene & Jeannette Gabel Bill Hopner Ron & Carol Schooley

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Anthony & JoAnn Aschoff
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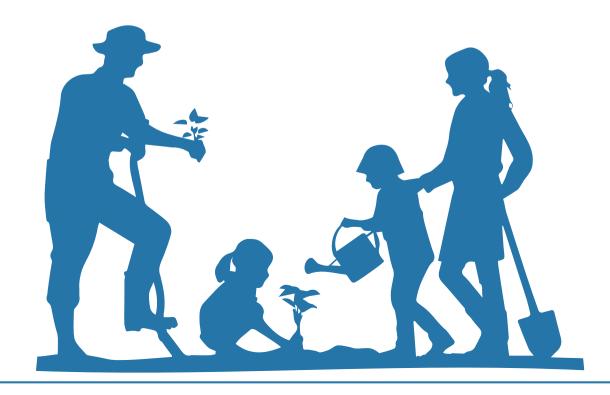
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