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NeFU Will Bring 10 Participants to the NFU Fly-In September 14-16, 2026

LINCOLN, NE – Nebraska Farmers Union (NeFU) President John Hansen and 9 other NeFU Members will join other Farmers Union state organizations participating in the annual National Farmers Union's Fly-In to focus on the need to pass an updated and improved Farm Bill, and other ag-related issues.

Participating in this year's Fly-In is Becky Potmesil of Alliance, Bill Armbrust of Elkhorn, Dan and Amber Conway of Red Cloud, Keith Dittrich of Tilden, Don Schuller of Wymore, Willie Cade of Chicago, and Matt Gregory, Kevin Herrold and John Hansen of Lincoln. In addition, Farmers Union Midwest Agency (FUMA) General Manager Rob Fisher of Ozawie, Kansas will split his time between Nebraska and Kansas appointments. Besides Fisher, Dan and Amber Conway and Kevin Herrold are with FUMA. Willie Cade is a member who also serves as a Right to Repair and Ag Data consultant for Nebraska and several other Farmers Union state organizations.

NeFU President Hansen says "The Senate Ag Committee will reconsider their version of the Farm Bill during our Hill visits, so our Fly-In is very timely. Our message to Congress is they need to pass an updated and improved five-year Farm Bill before the September 30th expiration deadline. Three years in a row, Congress has passed one-year Farm Bill extensions because they failed to do their job and meet the deadline. Financially strapped farmers struggling with the worst farm crisis since the 1980s need more than another extension of an outdated and ineffective Farm Bill that makes the farm crisis worse. Farmers and their bankers need Congress to do their job and pass an improved five-year Farm Bill with a strong income safety net to help them survive today's and tomorrow's financial crisis."

Hansen pointed out that Congress needs to counter Trump Administration actions that undermine both foreign and domestic agricultural markets, create more trade and export volatility from the misuse of tariffs, and increase farm input costs from both tariffs and the ill-considered war with Iran. The unilateral decision to import 300,000 metric tons of hamburger, the radical dismantling of USDA through destructive DOGE cuts that forced a 28% senseless reduction in staffing, and the recent unilateral decision to decentralize and dismantle the remaining Washington, DC-based USDA staff by two thirds are also issues to discuss with Congress.

"Farmers and ranchers need Congress to appreciate the critical economic and social importance of our nation's traditional system of independently owned and operated family farm and ranch agriculture. Farmers need Congress to step up and help them through this time of great financial stress. When farm and ranch businesses struggle, so do the families that own and operate them. Our nation's current farm and trade policies need an overhaul, not a tune-up," said Hansen.

Nebraska Farmers Union is a general farm organization with nearly 4,000 farm and ranch family members dedicated to protecting and enhancing the economic well-being and quality of life for family farmers and ranchers, and their rural communities. Since 1913, Nebraska Farmers Union has helped organize over 445 cooperatives.