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# It's good to be back at Husker Harvest Days

BY CURT ARENS



THERE ARE THOSE who say that Husker Harvest Days is like a gigantic family reunion. Farmers and ranchers who don't see each other during other times of the year meet up annually at HHD to catch up with each other's lives and to catch up on the latest and greatest in ag technology.

Romances have blossomed at HHD, with young couples meeting at the show and eventually marrying. Farm and ranch couples have celebrated birthdays and wedding anniversaries at the show, too. It's more than a farm show to the folks attending; it's something special.

COVID-19 canceled our family reunion in 2020, so we haven't all been together at HHD for two years. That's 24 months or 104 weeks or 730 days. It's been a while.

That's why this year's Husker Harvest Days, Sept. 14-16, in Grand Island in many ways is a celebration of agriculture. We are celebrating being back together again, the



**KICKING THE TIRES:** Visiting with equipment engineers, manufacturers and dealers is all part of the show at Husker Harvest Days. This year, producers and exhibitors alike are anxious to get back together to kick the tires and check out new technologies. PHOTO BY TYLER HARRIS

resiliency of our industry and the people that make it tick.

**IN-PERSON VIEWING**

The technologies of today have kept moving forward, in spite of COVID-19. Although in-person HHD was canceled, our editors and equipment manufacturers filmed actual haying demonstrations and live cattle handling demonstrations at HHD last fall, and combined that footage with corn harvest demonstrations filmed at the Farm Progress Show site to bring the Farm Progress Virtual Experience.

This new platform caught field operations from different camera angles, with detailed insights that perhaps were not seen before. But as our national show director Matt Jungmann likes to say, "There is nothing like kicking the tires" of new equipment and visiting with engineers and manufacturers in person at the show.

In addition to the hundreds of exhibitors on the site during the show, you won't want to miss the corn harvest demonstrations set for 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day. Check out the tillage demonstrations and haying demonstrations.

Look for educational exhibits and programming from our partners with the University of Nebraska, and check out "Dr. Joe" and live cattle handling and side-by-side livestock chute demonstrations in our Livestock Industries Building.

We have a full lineup of beef educational programming to go along with cattle handling, featuring speakers talking about what makes a beef business tick.

In the Hospitality Tent, don't miss health screenings that can, literally, save

discuss the process of farm transition planning on stage each day. And you never know who will stop by the stage during the Nebraska Farmer Hour scheduled for 1 p.m. daily, when our editors talk about what they are seeing at the show.

**LIKE COMING HOME**

I first attended HHD years ago as a farmer, and over the past decade or so, I've been on the other side, working and covering the show that I hold it in high esteem.

Husker Harvest Days is educational. It is informative. It offers the latest in technology. It is the farm show for the western Corn Belt and the Great Plains. It is the place to be for irrigation equipment and technology, as well as for the beef and livestock industry. But more than anything else, it is a homecoming and a family reunion all wrapped into one.

So, we welcome you to the show. We welcome you home. It's good to be back.

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## Nebraska governor welcomes visitors

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Welcome to Nebraska for the 43rd Annual Husker Harvest Days!

We look forward to hosting this event each year to bring together ag producers and manufacturers from across the world to showcase and learn about the latest innovations in agriculture.

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Husker Harvest Days will put the latest technological advances in agriculture right at your fingertips: the newest center-pivot irrigation, the most cutting-edge GPS systems, the latest in livestock production systems, and the most innovative biotechnology. You may even have the opportunity for in-depth conversations with some of the individuals who designed the exact technology you use.

As a visitor, you will find a multitude of opportunities at Husker Harvest Days, and we invite you to experience all the event has to offer. Thank you for participating and for your support of agriculture's role in feeding the world. Here's to a successful 2021 Husker Harvest Days!

Sincerely,



**Pete Ricketts,**  
Governor of Nebraska



# International Visitors Center open for business

HUSKER HARVEST DAYS is a premiere show for many reasons — one of them is its location in Nebraska, the nation's top irrigation state, with an array of irrigation manufacturers.

Irrigation technology and the hundreds of exhibitors touting new products and systems are also reasons that Husker Harvest Days has become a destination for visitors from not only across the country, but also around the world.

Before COVID-19 canceled the 2020 show, Farm Progress in 2019 partnered with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and the Department of Economic Development, along with Valmont Industries, to unveil a new International Visitors Center on the show site.

### NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Located at the northeast corner of Central Avenue and Main Street on Lot 34 — just north of the Hospitality Tent — the visitors center offers hospitality, networking and opportunities to connect U.S. and international agricultural business interests.

Matt Jungmann, Farm Progress national events director, says Nebraska is

a hub for irrigation companies and irrigation equipment like center pivots. The products are being shipped not only to farmers within a three-hour drive of Husker Harvest Days, but also to farmers all over the globe.

"It's fair to say HHD is one of the best exhibits they [companies] put up to display their new technology and tools, and it's one of the best places for folks to come and learn about it. It would be great if we can attract growers all over the world to HHD," Jungmann says

The last time an in-person Husker Harvest Days show was held, Nebraska

companies used the International Visitors Center to give presentations in a kind of matchmaking platform. If visitors were interested in learning more about the company, they could watch the presentation and make a point to visit its exhibit at Husker Harvest Days.

At that time, the U.S. Commercial Service, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln also made presentations at the International Visitors Center.

With his support and promotion of Nebraska products and companies to a

strong list of specific countries, Gov. Pete Ricketts firmly supports and promotes the International Visitors Center at HHD.

### GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

While things have opened considerably in Nebraska over the past few months, COVID-19 restrictions are still in place in many countries around the world. This challenges the continuing efforts of international travelers to make connections with international growers at the show.

However, the International Visitors Center, with Chief Agri joining Valley Irrigation as a sponsor, will be open for business. The format for 2021 will be similar to 2019, providing networking and connections for Nebraska businesses with an international interest and scope, and offering a place for presentations to international business interests and growers.

In fact, the International Visitors Center at Husker Harvest Days will feature an Exporter Education hour from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 15 to help growers and exhibitors understand the state and federal resources available to assist in the exporting process.

International Visitors schedule	
Time	Program
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sept. 14	Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Sept. 14	Agricultural Sustainability: views from Nebraska panel
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Sept. 14	Networking hour
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Sept. 15	Exporter Education: state and federal resources

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# Chief Construction works to revitalize rural areas

CHIEF. IF YOU'RE a farmer, the mere utterance of the name brings to mind images of shiny, metallic, galvanized steel in the farmyard. However, if you live in Grand Island, it may conjure images of brick and glass. If you're from Aurora, you may recall vinyl siding and asphalt roof shingles. That's because Chief Industries is reaching out and improving all aspects of life in rural Nebraska.

The Grand Island-based company has spent more than 60 years helping farmers and ranchers add on-farm grain storage with its big round bins. Chief started back in 1954 as a construction company, says Roger Bullington, general manager and president of Chief Construction and Development.

"We've always been rooted in construction," he says, "whether that was grain bin materials or metal buildings."

But 10 years ago, the company decided to expand into the development space.

## NEW MEDICAL COMPLEX

Chief purchased more than 100 acres on the edge of Grand Island at the intersection of Highway 34 South and Highway 281. The first project on the site was the Grand Island Regional Medical Center.

The hospital is a \$115 million project. The 67-bed facility provides emergency care, surgery, labor and delivery, imaging and diagnostics like MRI and CT, endoscopy, interventional procedures, a catheterization lab, and a pharmacy. It came to fruition with the help of 80 doctor-investors.

Bullington says developments like a



**BETTER HEALTH CARE:** Chief Construction and Development built the recently opened Grand Island Regional Medical Center, a 67-bed hospital facility.

hospital not only serve the aging rural population, but also attract young professionals.

He points out that many small towns in Nebraska have employment opportunities but lack housing and amenities like quality hospitals.

Chief is adding more to the Prairie Commons site. It just completed a medical office building and is working on a 157-unit independent, senior-living facility. But it is not all concrete buildings, Bullington says, there is a lot of green space.

Two miles of hiking and biking trails will weave their way through Prairie Commons. "We are promoting a healthy lifestyle, along with marrying develop-

ment with the natural environment," he notes. "There are no pole signs, only monument signs. There is a water feature with a fountain. It has just more rich amenities in the development."

It's the small details that young families look for in a new area, he says. "We want Grand Island to be a place where you can work, live and thrive in the area," he adds. The company is taking that mission to even more regions of rural Nebraska.

## IMPROVED HOUSING OUTLOOK

In many small communities, there is a housing shortage. In Aurora, which boasts a little more than 4,400 people, merely 9% the population of Grand Island, there are jobs available, but few affordable family homes, says Mike Morrow, sales and engineering manager for BonnaVilla, a division of Chief Industries.

"The entry-level home building does not offer enough scale to attract builders to come in and build those types of homes," Morrow explains. So, the company worked with a rural development corporation to build 10 homes back in 2017.

Morrow says the homes are between 1,100 and 1,300 square feet, each with a target price, at the time, of under \$200,000.

"There was a need for an inventory of homes for people to select from when they moved to the area," Morrow added.

The homes are either three-bedroom, two-bath, or two-bedroom, two-bath, de-

pending on the design.

BonnaVilla produces modular homes, meaning they are built in its facility and then transported to the housing development and placed on, in this case, a full basement.

"It is the same as if you built it on-site," Morrow explains. "All of the materials would be the same as used in a traditional home build. And for bank financing, because it is on a basement, it is the same as a conventional home. There's no difference."

Individuals purchase not only the home, but also the plot of land it sits on. "It is just like any subdivision," he says.

## ENTRY-LEVEL HOMES

Morrow sees more potential for these types of home developments in the future.

"This would solve a major problem, which is lack of entry-level homes, in a lot of these rural communities," he says. "This gives us an opportunity to participate in solving the problem many of our communities face — finding more employees to work and live in small towns."

Whether grain bins, hospitals or housing, Chief Industries is dedicated to improving Nebraska's farms and small towns.

"It's kind of what we like to do — to provide a lot of the components that these rural communities really need to continue to grow, or even to try and maintain their population," Bullington says.



**RURAL HOUSING:** This BonnaVilla housing development in Aurora consists of 10 homes. The community had the jobs, but not the housing to attract individuals to the area.

# Editors scour HHD for new products

HUSKER HARVEST DAYS features dozens of brand-new products. That's why five Farm Progress editors are divvying up the show grounds into quadrants. They're going to as many tents and booths as they can to find the latest and most useful agricultural innovations for Farm Progress readers.



**CURT ARENS**

The new products team include two editors who have made the rounds at past Husker Harvest Days shows — Nebraska Farmer editor Curt Arens and Missouri Ruralist editor Mindy Ward.



**MINDY WARD**

But the show has so much to offer that more editors were needed. Dakota Farmer editor Sarah McNaughton and field editor Kevin Schulz will also be on-site. Rounding out the group is Indiana Prairie Farmer editor and Hi-Tech Farming columnist Tom J. Bechman.



**SARAH MCNAUGHTON**

For Arens it is all about what's new in irrigation equipment. "With water being such a critical part of Nebraska's row crop success, I think it is important to find those pieces of equipment that can help producers manage this resource on the farm," he says.



**KEVIN SCHULZ**

But Arens also has a mind for livestock equipment, as the Nebraska native knows a thing or two about cattle since he is not only the Nebraska Farmer editor, but also a cattleman.

"I love visiting with companies to see what they have new to make handling cattle faster and safer on the farm," he says.



**TOM J. BECHMAN**

Arens also looks at new products from feed bunks to electric fence. Ward travels to Nebraska to get a look at hay equipment. She says Husker Harvest Days often offers ranchers the first look at a new product. "When Vermeer unveiled

its self-propelled baler at Husker Harvest Days in 2017, it was exciting to be at the event and field demonstration," she says. "I think farmers attend HHD because they know it offers all the latest technology for growers."

The cadre have decades of combined

experience writing about new products and researching price points. They gather their new product information and share it with readers throughout the year.

Ward says the team is not always looking for the flashiest product. "Sometimes you find that small item that

makes you ask, "Why didn't I think of that," she says.

Try to spot one of the five at this year's Husker Harvest Days. They will be on the show site working, but feel free to walk up and visit with them about your favorite piece of equipment, or just take a selfie and post it.

You will find the Husker Harvest Days new products throughout the year in the pages of Nebraska Farmer and other Farm Progress publications.



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TOM J. BECHMAN

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# Raven autonomous tech ready to head to fields

YOUR FARM SHOW trip won't be complete unless you check out the autonomous equipment. At least two autonomous machines will be operating. One of those will make a brief exit each day from the designated autonomy zone to participate in combining demonstrations.

Both technologies slated to be on display are Raven products. They're direct results of the emphasis Raven placed on its Autonomy Division in recent years. Both showcase technologies that are available today for farmers.

Here's a closer look at each technology. The information is supplied by Raven.

### OMNIDRIVE

The goal behind OmniDrive is to eliminate the need for a driver in the tractor pulling the grain cart to unload the combine on the go.

With labor hard to find in some parts of the country, that means one fewer employee is needed for harvest. It also removes the stress and fatigue factor that can sometimes increase during a long day and especially during the season for the person designated to drive the auger cart and catch the combine when it's ready to unload.

This product puts together various pieces of technology Raven had developed or acquired over time. From the seat in the combine cab, the farmer can monitor and operate a driverless tractor pulling the

grain cart. The farmer can unload on the go, and then direct the driverless tractor and grain cart to return to a predetermined unloading area where the cart unloads into a semitrailer or gravity wagon.

You can see the equipment that makes OmniDrive work each day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Field 3.

### OMNIPOWER

Take a good look at this self-propelled power platform that is designed to easily interchange farm implements like a spreader or sprayer to do multiple tasks around the farm without a driver. Dot Technology Corp. originally developed the platform, and Raven provided technology that can steer, guide and propel the machine through the field.

Raven debuted this unit equipped with a fertilizer spreader at the Farm Progress Show site near Boone, Iowa, in 2020. It spread fertilizer without a driver over a 40-acre field during filming for the Farm Progress Virtual Experience. But now you can see it in person. It will be demonstrated throughout each day of the show.

Raven says to expect more advancements with this power platform. It's still viewed as a power source that can accept units to do various field tasks.

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# After 2 years, show has plenty of goods to see

THE MARCH OF innovation is relentless, thanks to engineers, chemists and plant breeders. Their goal is to improve your productivity, crop yield and income — and they kept on working even during the pandemic. Now, they can finally show you their progress in person.

When the gates open at Husker Harvest Days, Sept. 14-16, in Grand Island, these innovators will share a range of ag tech — from the hardware of new equipment to the software of new crop protection products. A visit to the show will be a two-year data dump for visitors.

Farm Progress has reached out to a few companies to find out what they want to share, knowing they're saving the best for the day the show opens.

Yet from the new tools introduced last year for the Farm Progress Virtual Experience to new products announced in press releases, here are a few items to whet your appetite for a trip to Grand Island. But be aware that a lot more products will be on hand than could ever be listed here.

## DRIVER-FREE APPROACHES

The creation of the Omni platform at Raven Industries created a lot of buzz earlier in 2021 as the company pulled

together disparate brands under a single umbrella. What was once the Dot Technology autonomous tractor is now OmniPower, and what was once AutoCart has become OmniDrive. And while Raven was recently acquired by CNH Industrial, those autonomous machines will be on display at the show, too.

## MORE ON THE MAJORS

With Case IH, speed is the word, with news of new hay tools designed for faster road and field transport to boost productivity.

Over at New Holland, look for a new Speedrower self-propelled windrower lineup featuring a top-to-bottom update for the line. In addition, there are some cosmetic changes to the lineup of balers, harkening back to the New Holland heritage colors and appearance.

In addition, the company will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of its skid-steer loader line. And visitors may also see the T7 tractor with PLM Intelligence, as well as a CR combine celebrating 45 years of twin-rotor technology.

Agco is essentially bringing two years of new equipment to its stand — from the new Massey Ferguson 8S tractor to a first-time exhibit of the full Fendt lineup, including a machine being introduced



**NEW SPRAYER:** The Fendt Rogator is making its world premier at key U.S. farm shows, including Husker Harvest Days. The machine brings a range of innovative features to the market. Fendt is just one of the many manufacturers displaying new products at the show.

to North America. The company has launched the FendtOne Operator Interface on its Fendt 700, introduced the new Fendt 900 Vario MT Track tractors, released the Fendt 300 Vario Series and rolled out the 1100 Vario MT tractors.

John Deere has a range of new tools, including the 8RX tractor with its add-on tanks and the X9 combine, to view. Details of other equipment on hand were still being worked out at press time.

Kubota, known for tractors, is also expanding its hay tool lineup with new disk mower conditioners, a new baler series and a wrapper. The company is also backing the new tools with expanded warranties.

Products Team knows there will be more new products at the exhibit to see as well.

**Brandt.** The company has launched a new Land Roller and will have one of the largest models at the show, with 36- and 42-inch-diameter heavyweight drums. And the design features what the company calls “true drum overlap.”

Brandt will also show off its new XT Grain Carts. These carts were on display during the Farm Progress Virtual Experience, and their features caught the eye of the small number of farmers invited to view the machines.

**AGI.** The company, which continues to innovate in the grain handling business, will be putting its new FieldLab and FieldProbe on display. The tools are new for 2021.

The FieldLab is a real-time, in-hand unit that provides grain analysis, providing spectrometer-level accuracy.

The FieldProbe can help determine optimum planting time and manage irrigation. The unit, when used with AGI SureTrack Field Data Manager, helps model growing degree units to project crop maturity to help manage harvest, too.

**Highline.** The company has launched the BP60 Bale Pro Series of bale processors, which will be on hand. The series offers a range of models and options to meet specific bale handling issues on the farm.

With more than 500 exhibitors on-site, this is a short list of new machines to check out, but it's a sure bet there will be plenty of new tools and technologies to check out.



**NEW STRIP TILL RIG:** Unverferth has pooled its longtime experience in strip-till design into a new machine — the Raptor. Check it out at the show.

## SHORT-LINE ROLLOUTS

Short-line companies bring a range of innovations to the show every year. For 2022, with two years of new ideas to share, there should be plenty to see. A large number of the new products and innovations that the Farm Progress New Products Team finds at Husker Harvest Days comes from short-line companies.

Here's a sampling of what you'll be able to find at the 2021 show:

**AGuru.** The new company is exhibiting at the show for the first time with an innovative strip-till bar design.

**Unverferth.** A longtime innovator in the strip-till market, Unverferth is launching the Raptor strip-till tool. The company pulled together a range of innovations to prepare a strip for planting while preserving organic matter in the soil. And having covered Unverferth for many years at the show, the Farm Progress New

# '365' new source of ag info

FARM PROGRESS HAS long provided information to readers through a range of traditional media and events. That expands in 2021 with the creation of FarmProgress365.

"We created FPVX in 2020 as a response to the pandemic," says Don Tourte, a Farm Progress vice president. "And we learned that there are opportunities to broaden what we do in providing our audience information in new ways. With FarmProgress365, we're building on that."

While the live Farm Progress Show and Husker Harvest Days return in 2021, connecting with the Farm Progress audience more frequently is important. FarmProgress365 is an innovative platform where farmers and sponsor partners can interact and keep updated on key topics. The online tool works on a desktop, tablet or mobile phone.

Special virtual events timed to the season — spraying, harvesting, planning, planting and more — will be highlighted on the platform. Additional programs will pop up throughout the year based on seasonal events, or breaking ag news.

"What's exciting for us is that these sessions feature an innovative mix of recorded and livestream content so visitors can interact with speakers in real time," says Willie Vogt, editorial director for Farm Progress. "We focus on providing our readers content in a variety of ways. We want to meet them where they are, and always have. Timing of these online

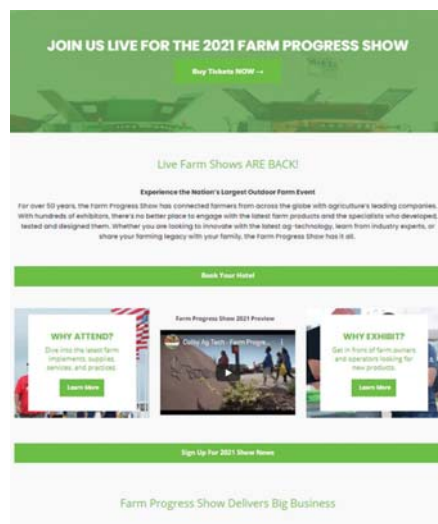
sessions and their real-time interactive capability offer added value."

FarmProgress365 is designed to augment the company's vibrant live experiences with added content and connectivity throughout the year. Search online for "FarmProgress365" to register.



**VIRTUAL EDUCATION:** FarmProgress365 is a new way for farmers to get information. The new platform offers live interaction between speakers and farmers throughout the year.

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## Husker Harvest Days schedule

Time	Program	Presenter/Organization	Location
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Exhibits open	<b>All programs occur daily except where noted below</b>	
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Exhibits open		
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closes at 4 p.m. Sept. 16	Ride 'n' Drive		North of South Shuttle Road in southeast corner of exhibit field
9 - 10 a.m.	Herding dog demonstrations	National Cattledog Association	North of Chief Flag Road
10 - 11 a.m.	Farm Futures Insights	Ben Potter and Jacqueline Holland, market analysts for Farm Futures	Hospitality Tent, Lot 31
10 a.m.	Cattle handling demonstrations	Sponsored by Ramsey Ranch Supply and Arrowquip	Livestock Industries Building
10 a.m.	Wild horse gentling	Ron Knodel, rancher	Lot 51E
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Strip-till demonstrations		Field 3
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Sprayer Ride 'n' Drive		Field 3
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Autonomous and UAV demonstrations		Field 3
10:30 a.m.	Corn combining demonstration		Fields 1, 4 and 5
10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Grain drying		North of exhibit field, Grain Handling
11 a.m.	How does sell/buy make sense for your cattle operation?	Doug Ferguson, Mr. Cattlemaster	Livestock Industries Building
11 a.m. - noon	Succession planning	Allan Vyhnalek, Nebraska Extension farm and ranch succession and transition educator	Hospitality Tent, Lot 31
11 a.m. - noon	Herding dog demonstrations	National Cattledog Association	North of Chief Flag Road
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sept. 14 and 15	Syngenta Square Beer Garden	Presented by Syngenta	Outside of Gate 2
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sept. 16	Syngenta Square Beer Garden	Presented by Syngenta	Outside of Gate 2
11:30 a.m.	Field preparation demonstrations (tillage, shredding and spraying)		Fields 1, 4 and 5
11:45 a.m.	Cattle nutrition	Galen Erickson, UNL	Livestock Industries Building
12:30 p.m.	Changing consumer trends for beef	Anne Marie Bosshamer, Nebraska Beef Council	Livestock Industries Building
1 - 2 p.m.	Nebraska Farmer hour	Meet the editors	Hospitality Tent, Lot 31
1 p.m.	Corn combining demonstration		Fields 1, 4 and 5
1 - 2 p.m.	Wild horse gentling	Ron Knodel, rancher	Lot 51E
1 - 2 p.m.	Herding dog demonstrations	National Cattledog Association	North of Chief Flag Road
2 - 3 p.m. Sept. 15	Nebraska NRD Hall of Fame	Nebraska Association of Natural Resources Districts	Hospitality Tent, Lot 31
2 p.m.	Haying demonstrations (windrowing, baling, bale handling)		Field 2
1:30 p.m.	Corn residue raking and baling	University of Nebraska	Field 2
2 - 3 p.m.	Cattle handling demonstrations	Sponsored by Ramsey Ranch Supply and Arrowquip	Livestock Industries Building
3 - 4 p.m.	Wild horse gentling	Ron Knodel, rancher	Lot 51E
3 - 4 p.m.	Herding dog demonstrations	National Cattledog Association	North of Chief Flag Road
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Exporter education hour	Nebraska Department of Economic Development	International Visitors Center, Lot 34



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# Pick your road; it'll lead to Husker Harvest Days

DEPENDING ON WHERE you are driving from, you can always get to Husker Harvest Days.

The Husker Harvest Days site is located 6 miles west of Grand Island on Husker Highway. Show staff and Farm Progress editors will be waiting to greet you each day of the show.

To make sure you arrive at your destination, here are the official routes to the site, no matter which direction you're coming from.

## FROM NORTHWEST

Take Highway 2 to Cairo and turn right (south) on Highway 11. At Husker Highway, turn left (east) and head to the show site.

## FROM SOUTHWEST

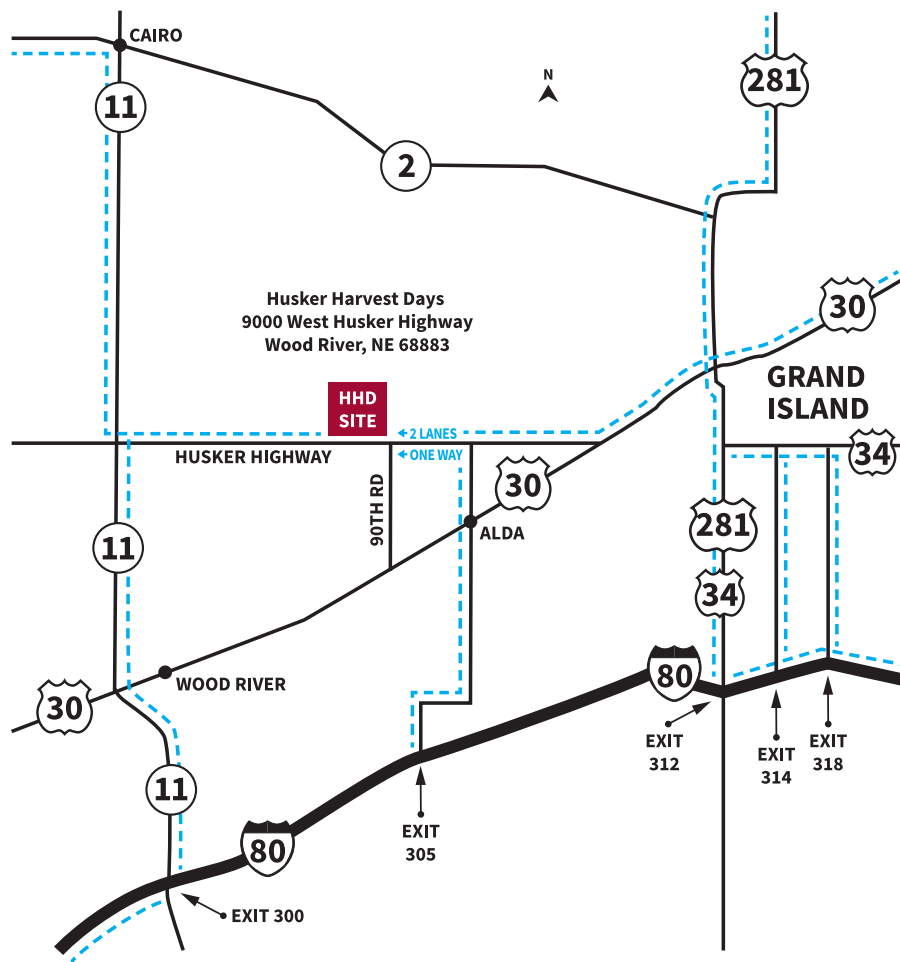
Take Interstate 80 east to Exit 300. At the exit ramp, go north on Highway 11. At Husker Highway, turn right (east) and head to the show site.

## FROM EAST AND SOUTHEAST

Take I-80 west to Exit 312; turn north on Highway 281. Follow Highway 281 to Highway 30. Turn west on Highway 30 to Husker Highway. Then turn right on Husker Highway and head to the show site.

## FROM NORTH AND NORTHEAST

Take Highway 281 south into Grand Island to Husker Highway. At Husker Highway, turn right (west) and head to the show site.



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# Safety still part of 'ag family reunion'

WHEN IT COMES to extra safety precautions at Husker Harvest Days in the wake of COVID-19, Matt Jungmann, Farm Progress national events director, says much of the change happens behind the scenes with increased sanitation services.

"We have people that are going to come to the show who are bound and determined not to let COVID change their life whatsoever. And they should be able to experience a show like that," Jungmann says. "And then we'll have people that are going to want to maintain a little distance and change their behavior a little bit. And we're sensitive to that.

"So, we're going to have some areas for them to stretch out and get away from

the crowd a little bit. For the most part, it should be a fairly normal experience at Husker Harvest Days."

For those coming to the show, Sept. 14-16, in Grand Island, they can count on these safety precautions:

**Hand sanitizer stations.** Jungmann says

the show site will increase the amount of hand-sanitizing stations throughout the grounds.

**Face mask availability.** Face masks are not required for entry or while inside Husker Harvest Days show grounds. Jungmann says individuals are free to

make a choice to wear a mask.

This year's return to normal for Husker Harvest Days is what Jungmann deems "a celebration."

"We've made it through a year being separated," he says. "Now is a time to come together as an agriculture family — like a bit of a family reunion, just hanging out kicking tires and talking equipment."

To keep up with the latest on the show, visit [HuskerHarvestDays.com](http://HuskerHarvestDays.com), or follow the show on Facebook or Twitter.

## Online tickets speed entry to show site

FARMERS AND RANCHERS can take advantage of cheaper admission and quicker entry to Husker Harvest Days by purchasing tickets online.

At [HuskerHarvestDays.com](http://HuskerHarvestDays.com), attendees can buy tickets in advance this year. Also, at the official show website, they can purchase a ticket and print off a barcode, or save it on their smartphone.

"You will just show the barcode, and we will scan it," says Matt Jungmann, Farm Progress national events director. "They'll be less wait time at the gate."

The early-bird admission to Husker Harvest Days is \$10 for adults; the price increases to \$15 at the gate. For students, the cost of a Husker Harvest Days admission is just \$8, and ages 12 and under are free.

To purchase tickets online, simply visit [HuskerHarvestDays.com](http://HuskerHarvestDays.com). Click "Attend" on the top of the homepage, and then "Buy tickets."

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# Renting a golf cart can help ease travel at show

THERE IS A lot to see at Husker Harvest Days, and if walking proves too tiresome, consider a golf cart or scooter.

Visitors can operate golf carts and motorized scooters at Husker Harvest Days; however, vehicles such as lawn mowers, Gators, ATVs and other utility vehicles are not allowed on show grounds.

Golf carts are available for rent from Husker Harvest Day's approved vendor. Information is at [HuskerHarvestDays.com](http://HuskerHarvestDays.com). The rental fee includes the permit required to enter the show grounds.

Visitors may bring personal golf carts but need to buy a permit for \$60 from the golf cart vendor at the east end of Flag Road on the edge of the parking lot. Visitors who bring personal golf carts must sign a liability waiver.

## FOR GOLF CART RESERVATIONS

Golf Tournaments Inc. is the provider of golf cart rentals for Husker Harvest Days. The rental fee includes the permit required to enter the grounds. The company takes reservations in the following manner:

- Reserve online at [golfcarsales.com](http://golfcarsales.com). Click on the reservation tab and find the HHD event to proceed.
- Call GTI at 800-477-0467.
- Email rental manager Misty Kemmit at [mistyk@golfcarsales.com](mailto:mistyk@golfcarsales.com).
- Fax request to 303-288-2129.

## GOLF CART RULES

To keep drivers, walkers and vendors safe, golf cart operators must follow these rules:

- Pedestrians have the right of way.
- Golf carts may not exceed 5 mph.



MINDY WARD

**GROUP OUTING:** For many Husker Harvest Days visitors, it is a gathering place of old friends and family. Getting around the 640-acre show can be easier with a golf cart.

- Golf carts may not be used to enter an exhibit. They must remain in the street without obstructing access to the exhibit space. Operators who drive into exhibits and tents will lose their permit, and the golf cart will be removed from the exhibit area.
  - No pull-behind attachments to golf carts are permitted.
  - Operators must remove the key from the vehicle when the golf cart is vacated.
  - Golf carts may not transport more individuals than the number of seats available in the golf cart.
  - Operators must be a minimum of 25 years of age.
  - Operators must operate vehicles in a safe and prudent manner.
- In those situations where questions arise relative to any aspect of these rules and regulations, Husker Harvest Days management shall be responsible for all final decisions.

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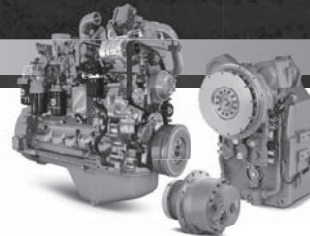
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# Connect with others at show via #HHD21

YOU DON'T WANT to miss a single demonstration or big event at the 2021 Husker Harvest Days. That's why up-to-the-minute updates on demonstrations, events and last-minute Husker Harvest Days news are available from Husker's social media sites.

Make sure to like and follow the show on Facebook at Husker Harvest Days or Nebraska Farmer. Updates to the show are also on Twitter @HHdays.

You can also follow Nebraska Farmer @NebFarmerMag, Nebraska Farmer editor Curt Arens @HuskerHomePlace or Farm Progress senior content director Mindy Ward @MindyLWard, as they will be on-site and sharing their own observations and daily analysis of show demonstrations, displays, vendors, food and events.

But don't forget to share your favorite



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**KEEP IN TOUCH:** Use social media to keep in touch with all that's going on at the show.

sights and even sounds of the show. Just tag us @HHdays or @HuskerHarvest or simply add #HuskerHarvestDays and #HHD21 to any social media post.



**COURTESY SHUTTLE:** Visitors are all smiles aboard the AuctionTime.com courtesy shuttle. Whether heading around the show site or out to the main parking lot, hail one of these golf carts to take a load off your feet. PHOTO BY MINDY WARD

## Catch a free shuttle ride with AuctionTime.com

FOR VISITORS ATTENDING this year's Husker Harvest Days, keep an eye out for the AuctionTime.com Courtesy Shuttles.

These extra-long "stretch" golf carts will make a continuous loop through the exhibit field and stop

at predetermined locations evenly spaced throughout the grounds, transporting visitors a little closer to their destinations.

Walking all the streets at Husker Harvest Days can be tiring, so be sure to take advantage of this free service.

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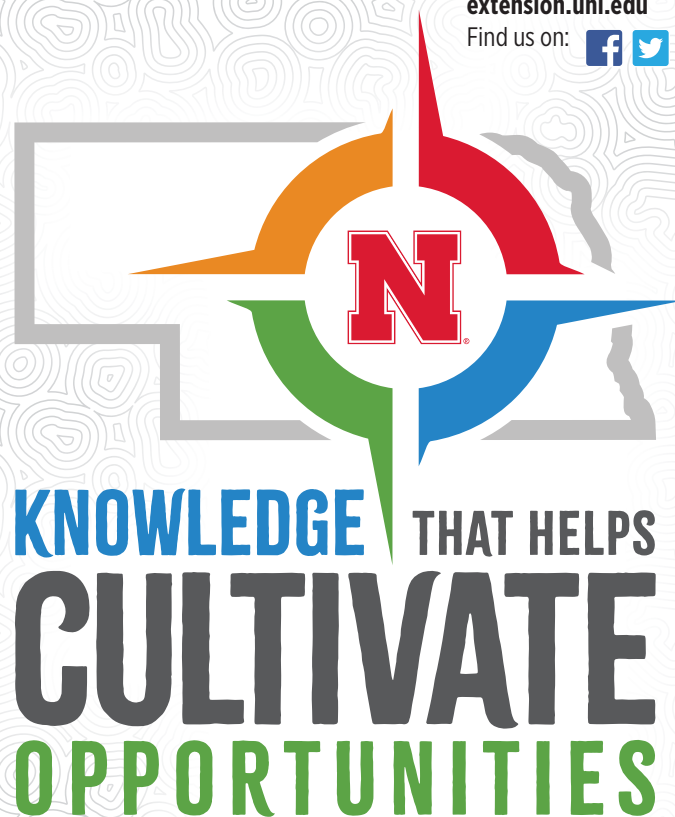
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# Don't miss out; download Husker Harvest app

DON'T MISS OUT on your favorite field demonstration or financial presentation at Husker Harvest Days when you download the app. It is all you need to stay connected during the show.

From your smartphone or mobile device, just visit to the App Store for Apple and Google Play for Android, and search Husker Harvest Days 2021. With the app, you can track your way around the largest totally irrigated farm show in the U.S., find exhibitors, access category listings and manage your day on the demo field.

The Husker Harvest Days farm show app allows you to get up-to-the-minute information, such as show hours, schedule of events and the listing of exhibitors, searchable alphabetically. The app also provides easy access to show maps, exhibitor lists, hotel information and more.

Even more important, the app can send notifications. You must turn it on in the settings, but once it's on, a notice (not a text

message) is sent to your phone to let you know about demos starting or weather-related postponements.

Feel free to share what you see with others through the Husker Harvest Days app. It has a social media tab that lets you

post directly to Twitter or Facebook.

Make sure to download the new Husker Harvest Days 2021 app before the show.

## Other apps of interest

The following apps are available at the App Store for Apple and Google Play for Android:

**Farm Progress.** Keep up on local ag news, grain and livestock markets, enhanced weather information, and blogs with the Farm Progress app. This app automatically directs you to the right local Farm Progress website, or you can choose your favorite.

The app offers direct access to American Agriculturist, Dakota Farmer, Indiana Prairie Farmer, Kansas Farmer, Michigan Farmer, Missouri Ruralist, Nebraska Farmer, Ohio Farmer, Prairie Farmer, The Farmer, Wallaces Farmer, Western Farmer-Stockman and Wisconsin Agriculturist.

**Growing Degree Days.** The Growing Degree Days application measures the maturity of your crop by viewing current and past growing degree days data from your farm's location. GDD is a measure of heat accumulation used in agriculture to predict the date crops will reach maturity.

Touch the map pin to display growing degree days for your current location. Move the map pin to see growing degree days for a different location.

Growing degree days are listed by month and summarized for the year. The current year's growing degree days are compared to the previous year's growing degree days.

**Grain Storage Manager.** The Grain Storage Manager app is a free tool developed for grain farmers that allows them to manage the storage of their crops from the field to the

bin, and then to delivery or sale. The GSM app lets users easily create virtual bins; set their capacity, location and crop; and then track the crop loaded in or loaded out of that bin throughout the year. The graphic interface shows the current usage (percentage of capacity), total bushels housed and each transaction recorded for loads in and out of the bin.

The GSM app is the best way to track grain during harvest and throughout the year. The phone app makes it easy and convenient to keep track of loads into your bins or loads into the local elevator. All the data are stored in the cloud and are immediately available.

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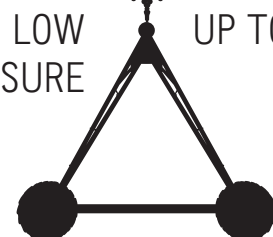
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# Where to find ATM, first aid and more

HUSKER HARVEST DAYS offers many small-town amenities right in the middle of farm fields. Whether you are short on cash or need first aid, the show has you covered.

The staff at Husker Harvest Days wants you to enjoy your time at the show, so here is a quick list of where to find ATMs and other services during your visit:

**ATM.** Located on the west side of the KRGI Building at Central and Main streets, the ATM is courtesy of Home Federal Bank.

**First aid.** A first-aid station is available at the northwest corner of the grounds marked by a large sign. Emergency personnel will be on hand throughout the show.

**Food and beverages.** Food and beverages are offered for sale at food vendor tents located throughout the show site. These tents are operated by local church and civic organizations, raising money for their organizations. See the exhibit field map at the

back of the program for vendor locations.

**Information.** Sukup information booths are located throughout the show site. Individuals at the booths can answer your questions.

**Lost children.** Lost children will be escorted to the show office, located at the southwest corner of the grounds.

**Lost and found.** Lost items will be brought to the show office, located at the southwest corner of the grounds.

**Nursing station.** Nursing moms can head to the nurse's station located in the northwest corner of the grounds. A camper located near the first-aid station will provide moms with a comfortable area.

**Parking.** Parking for all visitor vehicles is located adjacent to the show site. Farm Progress is not responsible for damage to vehicles.

**Restrooms.** Permanent restrooms are located on Lot 724, on Seventh Street just east of Central Avenue. Permanent rest-

rooms also are located on Fifth Street at Lot 540. Portable restrooms are located at many areas throughout the show site. See your site map at the back of the program for exact locations.

**Safety.** For your safety while on trams, please keep your hands, arms and legs inside the tram at all times. Young children should be accompanied by an adult.

Farm Progress works hard year-round to provide a comfortable, safe and enjoyable experience for show visitors. Please follow these rules:

- Be courteous to other visitors. Do not engage in unsafe, illegal or offensive behavior.
- Follow safety notices and warnings.
- Wear proper attire at all times.
- Beware of tractors and vehicles operating around the show site.
- Make sure to stand a safe distance away from all operating equipment. Stay clear of all PTOs.

## Pet policy

No pets are permitted on the Husker Harvest Days show site except service animals, which must remain on a leash at all times.

**Security.** Security for visitors and exhibitors is provided. These uniformed individuals will ensure your safety and that of the exhibits while at the show site. However, individuals found to be in violation of laws or vandalizing exhibits will be prosecuted.


**Services for visitors with disabilities.** Handicapped parking is available at the front of each parking lot. Check with parking attendants for designated areas. If you need a cart to navigate the show site, you may bring your own. See golf cart policies on Page HHD16.

**Show times.** Show times for different events are listed in the Schedule of Events on Page HHD12. Cattle handling, horse training and various field demonstrations are held throughout the day.

**Transportation.** Transportation around the exhibit area is provided via tram service for your convenience, courtesy of Farm Credit Services of America.



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FCS America runs eight tractor-pulled trams continuously each day, Sept. 14-16, beginning at 8 a.m. Trams run until 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, and 4 p.m. Thursday.

The shuttles circle the perimeter of the exhibit grounds, allowing riders off at several different points throughout the show. Look for the signs at the visitor parking gate and around the exhibitor grounds.

When you arrive, grab a tram at the visitor parking gate and let it take you to

the show. Then when it's time to leave, hop back on and let it take you to the parking lot.



MINDY WARD

## Campsites plentiful near HHD

IF YOU'RE HEADING to Husker Harvest Days, why not make it a family vacation? Pack up the camper, kids and grandparents, and head over to Grand Island, Sept. 14-16, to catch the entire show. And there are plenty of places to rest before the big show.

There are great camping sites available either on the Husker Harvest Days show site or nearby.

There is a space for campers at the north end of the Visitor Parking Lot. It is free; just come and park. However, the show does not provide water or electricity, so campers must be self-contained.

Several campgrounds in and around Grand Island do offer amenities for Husker Harvest Days visitors. Visit the Grand Island and Hall County Visitors Bureau at [visitgrandisland.com](http://visitgrandisland.com) for a list of campgrounds and hotels.



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# Personalize your visit with My Show Planner

EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS Husker Harvest Days Sept. 14-16 in Grand Island has a lot of ground to cover in just three days, but you can apply a little technology to the task and maximize your time.

The website *HuskerHarvestDays.com* offers a powerful tool — My Show Planner — that provides you with a map of the exhibit field, exhibitor list and show site.

## EASY SETUP

Here's a step-by-step setup for a personalized visit to Husker Harvest Days with My Show Planner:

1. Visit *HuskerHarvestDays.com*.
2. Click on the "Show Map & Exhibitors List" in the top right corner of the page.
3. Click on "My Show Planner" at the far right of the page; it has a bell next to it.
4. Register with an email and password.

5. Add events, exhibitors and products to your personalized My Show Planner. If you are not sure what exhibits to visit, you can choose from a few featured exhibitors.

6. Carry it with you. Print out a paper version of the map with your selected vendors. Or find your My Show Planner on the Husker Harvest Days app (see Page 20).

## MAP IT OUT

When you first see the show map in My Show Planner, it's going to look odd. But just like our new product team's strategy, the map is divided into four quadrants. That's a quick view of the map, and you can hover over spaces with your mouse to find out who is where.

My Show Planner also calls that map the "Floor plan," which gives a bird's-eye view of the layout of the show grounds.

From here, clicking on any area en-

larges it and gives more details. You can click the mouse on a field and see demos and times for that field.

If you click on the exhibit field and hover over a lot number, it will tell you the name of the exhibitor on that lot. The site also has a feature that allows you to zoom in and out.

## POWERFUL SEARCH

"Everything you need to know is based on that page," says Matt Jungmann, Farm Progress national events director. That includes a search function for you to find a specific company, or specific category of products.

Know you want to visit with "XYZ"? No problem. Simply type the name in the "Keyword search bar" at the top of the map page.

But the search function is even more useful for finding products and categories.

"For example, if you want to know all

the exhibitors who have tractors at the show, click on 'Tractors' and a list will pop up," Jungmann says.

"You can then add the ones you are interested into your show agenda," Jungmann adds. "No matter what you search for [name, product, etc.], when you click on it, you are taken back to the map, and it shows you where they are located."

And if you select a featured exhibitor, which is a choice once you've registered, those companies provide added information such as address, phone and fax numbers; email addresses; product photos; and links to the company's website.

"Often when farmers get home, they misplace information or simply want to obtain more information," Jungmann says. "They can go back to this site and find that information."

The place to start? *HuskerHarvestDays.com*. And register early to make the most of your visit to Grand Island.

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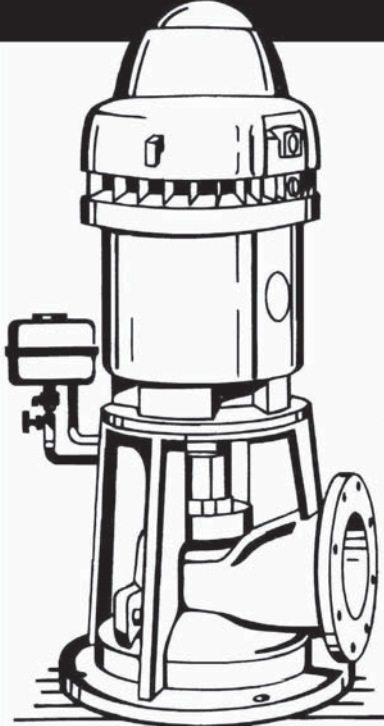
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**Boost your marketing skills.** Jacqueline Holland, Farm Futures grain market analyst, takes a look at the factors that have led to a wild marketing year so far in 2021.

Holland will look at ongoing supply-and-demand fundamentals that are shaping grain prices this year, along with a look at weather challenges, production prognostications and more.

She also will join in a discussion with senior editor Ben Potter from 10 to 11:15 a.m. daily, with a session titled “Mastering markets in the year ahead.” The mini seminar will look at:

- input costs
- farmland value trends
- what to expect in 2022

While you are there, get more details about the 2022 Farm Futures Business Summit, where you can boost your marketing skills with this annual seminar to be presented in January by Farm Futures and a host of industry experts.

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They will also discuss new products they saw at Husker Harvest Days. On hand will be editors from Nebraska Farmer, Dakota Farmer and Missouri Ruralist.

**Learn to pass down farm.** There is a saying that farmers never “retire”; they just “tire.” Many farmers and ranchers work their operations late into their lives, and retiring or handing over the operation that they have built up over the years is the last thing they want to think about.

That is why farm succession planning is critical. Putting off planning allows for uncertainty if something sudden occurs.

“More often than not, planning is deferred until some critical point,” says Allan Vyhnalek, University of Nebraska Extension educator and farm transition specialist.

“If there’s a sudden death, then your back is against the wall, and you could make bad decisions because of stress. It’s important to make sure we think about this while everything is going well — instead of during a crisis.”

Vyhnalek will be offering advice on ranch succession and transition planning during daily sessions at 11 a.m. on the Hospitality Tent stage at Husker Harvest Days.

## Hospitality Tent schedule

Time	Program	Presenter/organization	Location
10 a.m. daily	Farm Futures Insights — market trends and postharvest market strategies	Grain market analyst Jacqueline Holland and senior editor Ben Potter	Hospitality Tent stage
11 a.m. daily	Passing down the farm — farm and ranch transition, and succession and estate planning	Allan Vyhnalek, University of Nebraska Extension educator for farm and ranch succession	Hospitality Tent stage
1 p.m. daily	Nebraska Farmer Hour — editors’ discussion on what they’re covering in farm country and what’s new on the HHD show site	Editors from Nebraska Farmer, Dakota Farmer and Missouri Ruralist	Hospitality Tent stage
2 p.m., Sept. 15	Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Hall of Fame — announcement of 2021 inductees	Nebraska Association of Natural Resources Districts	Hospitality Tent stage

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# Earn money in farming's off season

CROP FARMERS OFTEN look to supplement their income during the winter months, but they may not find this opportunity inside their farm gates. It can be difficult to locate an extra job that allows the flexibility needed to run a farming operation. Yet, one Nebraska company offers an opportunity to make extra money during the downtime on the farm.

"Everybody is always looking to supplement their income," says Mandee Lade, driver recruiter for Chief Carriers. "Chief thought it would be a good idea to offer something that could supplement their income, while helping to close the gap on the driver shortage."

Lade says farmers should consider becoming a part-time, or what Chief Carrier calls a "casual," driver.

## FLEXIBLE POSITION

During winter, while life on the farm slows down, Chief is still hauling freight across the Midwest.

"We are transporting products from our Grand Island and Kearney [Neb.] plants within a 150-to 400-mile radius, and we need drivers," Lade explains.

Chief Industries Inc. is a family-owned group of companies with products used in agriculture, commercial construction, structural steel, factory-built housing and ethanol production businesses, as well as in the transportation industry.

"The nice thing about a farmer is, he or she is already out working in the elements and understands how to move large equipment," she says. Farmers choose the days and miles they want to haul.

"We are very flexible on a work schedule," Lade adds. And the company works around the farmer's calendar.

"If by the end of February and March, they need to take off to get ready for planting, that is fine," she explains. "But there may be weather that prevents them from getting into the field. During that lag time is when they can be making money running short loads here in Nebraska."

Working for Chief Carriers is a year-round position, with opportunities to work during the summer and fall months.

## SIGNING ON

Lade says Chief Carriers' driving program benefits retired farmers, active farmers or even farm kids home from college.

The application process is simple.

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Drivers must be at least 23 years old with no DUI, DWI or drug convictions in the past five years. Drivers need Class A over-the-road experience of at least one year. Lade says that while flatbed experience is preferred, the company will train

the right candidate. Grand Island is the home base for the start of truck hauls.

One benefit to the job is after driving 1,000 hours, a farmer can opt to contribute to the company's 401(k) plan.

Chief Carriers says the program is a win-win for both the company and farmers.

"Being a driver with us allows for them to make money while allowing Chief Carriers to hire knowledgeable, experienced individuals to help fill in for our full-time employees who are taking vacation or need time off," Lade says. "We take a lot of pride in being a company that focuses on family, working hard and making an honest living, much like our farmers."

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# You won't go hungry at Husker Harvest Days

YOU CAN'T WALK the streets at Husker Harvest Days without getting hungry. Aromatic smoke rolls off the grills, luring customers to food vendors scattered across every section of the show site. You can grab breakfast, a light snack or a big meal at the various nonprofit vendors.

And the variety is wide-ranging. Want a big pork loin or a steak sandwich? You've come to the right place. How about great burgers? No problem. Everyone's food tastes can be satisfied. Here is a look at food vendors on the show grounds in 2021.

## PORK PLACE

Stop by the Pork Place in the southeast quadrant of the exhibit field on Lot 915 to enjoy the hospitality of the volunteers from Sutton Christian School. They have become known for their bacon burgers and smoked pork loin sandwiches.

If you still need more protein, try their Husker Burger, which combines both the sliced smoked pork loin and the bacon burger into one giant sandwich. And don't miss out on its root beer floats.

Sara Johnson has been helping coordinate the Pork Place and the school's volunteers. "The funds we raise at HHD are very important," she says. "Sutton Christian is a very small school. We're not a booster club, and the funds we raise don't go toward athletics or extracurriculars. It goes toward paying teachers' salaries and toward the general fund of the school."

Johnson says about 100 volunteers, including teachers, parents, students and other residents from the community volunteer to get the shifts covered.

She notes that in addition to their regular menu items, exhibitors can preorder and have food catered to their location.

## EAGLE'S NEST

You can't miss the Eagle's Nest, operated by Wood River Rural Schools, in the southeast quadrant on Lot 734 near the intersection of Central Avenue and Main Street.

Its homemade breakfast sandwiches are popular, along with its cinnamon rolls, and cherry and apple turnovers. For lunch, stop by for personal-pan pizzas from Pizza Hut, or hamburgers and cheeseburgers. The stand is staffed by about 30 students daily, with at least that many adult volunteers, including alumni, parents and teachers.

"Every year, we try to invite a local celebrity to come out and help, and we try to make sure they have their presence well-known when they are at Husker Harvest Days," says Jodi Rauert, with the Wood River Rural Schools Booster Club. These celebrities have included Wood River's mayor and a former Husker football player.

HHD plays a huge role in funding extracurricular activities at Wood River, which comprises about 300 students from junior high through high school.

"This is our only fundraiser for the year," Rauert says. "This covers funding for everything from sporting events to plays to band to leadership seminars to any other extracurricular activity."

## THE HULA HUT

The Hula Hut on Lot 938, operated by the Grand Island Senior High School's



CURT ARENS

**FEEDING HUNGRY SHOWGOERS:** The nonprofit food vendors at Husker Harvest Days raise funds from meal sales that help with school operations, extracurricular activities and other educational endeavors.

Islander Athletic Booster Club, will offer its famous beef brisket sandwiches, hamburgers, cheeseburgers and breakfast burritos. And its Old Country Kettle Corn will be made on-site this year.

New bacon-inspired items this year will be a bacon cheeseburger and Pig on a Stick, a bacon-wrapped pork chop. John Wemhoff and his wife, Cindy, coordinate the Hula Hut. He says it's not the intention to "change just to change, but I know that nobody has this," referring to Pig on a Stick.

The "Hula Hut" name is a play on the high school's team name, the Islanders, and diners should be on the lookout for mascot Hula Helen. She might be standing out front of Hula Hut welcoming diners.

It takes a crew of 60 student and parent volunteers to run an efficient shop. Every time a student-athlete volunteer works a shift, they are entered for scholarships to be given in their senior year. Funds raised from the Hula Hut also go to supplies or equipment for athletic activities.

## GRAND ISLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Grand Island Central Catholic Schools site on Third Street and Central Avenue offers steak sandwiches, hamburgers, brats, ice cream and homemade pies.

Over 150 students and 225 parents, teachers, Knights of Columbus members and Central Catholic alumni work the stand. Funds raised through their efforts go to projects and organizations in the school system, such as the fine arts department, school foundation and student council.

The group takes vendor orders and makes deliveries. They also have a breakfast menu for those out at the show early, including sausage, egg and cheese muffins.

## GRAND ISLAND NW ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The new kid on the block for food vendors this year is the Grand Island Northwest High School Athletic Boosters, who will be serving up steak Philly sandwiches, along with chicken Philly sandwiches from their stand on Lot 534, along Central Avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets.

Carlotta Hartman, one of the food stand coordinators, says the school has a strong connection with agriculture through its FFA program, so becoming a food vendor at HHD was an easy decision.

Northwest will also offer walking tacos and hot dogs. For breakfast, you won't want to miss its cinnamon rolls and breakfast sandwiches. Also, the group will be taking preorders.

Hartman says about 75 adults and students will be volunteering. Proceeds will help fund the athletic booster club, annual scholarships and athletic equipment.

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# Donate nonperishable food to help local families

THE LAST FEW years have been tough on the families served by Nebraska's Heartland United Way. They've endured floods, tornadoes and COVID-19. All of that only exacerbates the underlying issue — the ability to provide food for their families.

The group has been distributing 1,000 food boxes every week, sometimes twice a week depending on supply, according to Karen Rathke, Heartland United Way president. The disasters and especially COVID-19 have impacted giving.

Events, like Husker Harvest Days, which collected close to 13,000 pounds of food, could not take place in 2020.

"Our pantries got a little more bare," Rathke says.

So, this year she is hoping for more donations to replenish the shelves.

Much of the food donated goes to provide meals for children in the four-county area of Hall, Hamilton, Howard and Merrick. Here, 43% of all children

are eligible for free and reduced school lunch, compared to the statewide average of 42.1%. Within that same area, 10.7% of residents and 18% of children are food insecure. Meanwhile, 11.9% of Nebraska residents and 18.3% of all children in Nebraska are food insecure.

"There is nothing more heartbreaking than to see a child who is hungry," Rathke says. "That's what we're trying to make sure doesn't happen," and that the "impacts of poverty and COVID are not preventing children from being successful and thriving in our area."

## FFA FOOD DRIVE HELPS

Each year, FFA members from across the state bring food donations to Husker Harvest Days as part of Heartland United Way's annual Food 4 Families food drive.

The food drive takes place all three days of the show and gives visitors a chance to donate nonperishable food



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loaded on a truck. It is later distributed to shelters, food pantries and backpack programs throughout the Grand Island area.

## REQUESTED ITEMS

In 2019, Rathke says individuals were encouraged to bring meal prep items, such as Hamburger Helper, or other box items that simply required an additional protein.

This year, they are encouraging donations of:

- protein, such as canned chicken or tuna
- peanut butter
- soups and stews

"We appreciate FFA and HHD support and efforts to help serve the hungry and people who are homeless in our state," she says.

The Food 4 Families food drive is a partnership among Heartland United Way, Nebraska Farm Bureau, Aurora Cooperative and Farm Progress.

**PILE IT UP:** Boxes are filled to overflowing with cans donated by FFA members during the Heartland United Way Food 4 Families food drive at a past Husker Harvest Days.

items before entering the show gates. And FFA members who donate Sept. 15, the second day of the show, receive free admission. Students must bring a minimum of five nonperishable food items. Food donations are taken at the bus entrance on the southwest corner of the grounds.

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# Country Lifestyle market moves to new location

THE COUNTRY LIFESTYLE market is where you can buy creative crafts or spicy jams during Husker Harvest Days.

This year the Country Lifestyle market moved to a new location in the Diversified Industries' North Building at Sixth Street and Central Avenue. For years, this exhibit has been in a tent on the south end of West Avenue, but this year it is in the heart of the Husker Harvest Days show site.

Nearly 20 crafters from Nebraska and surrounding states will showcase and sell their wares in the Country Lifestyle market. You'll find creations ranging from candles, jewelry, paintings, farm toys, quilts, pottery, jam and much more.

Get a head start on holiday gift-shopping at the Country Lifestyle market. The listing at right offers a glimpse of some



**FOR SALE:** There are many items for sale at the Country Lifestyle market at Husker Harvest Days. This year, the location changed to the Diversified Industries' North Building. Stop, buy something or just visit with local vendors. PHOTO BY MINDY WARD

of the crafters exhibiting at this year's Husker Harvest Days, Sept. 14-16, in Grand Island.

## HHD's Country Lifestyle market

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Austhouse	Carol Aust	Louisburg, Kan.
Boots & Barbwire Creations	Beth Kethcart	Stanton, Neb.
Country Rhoads Jalapeno Jelly	Cindy Rhoads	Superior, Neb.
H&M Crafts	Cheryl Huebner	Grand Island, Neb.
Javy's Originals	Javy Prendes	Lincoln, Neb.
Kay's Krafts	Kay and Erick Erickson	Funk, Neb.
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Stitches	Deb Dannelly	St. Edward, Neb.
Sue's Quilts & Stitches	Sue Varner	Keokuk, Iowa
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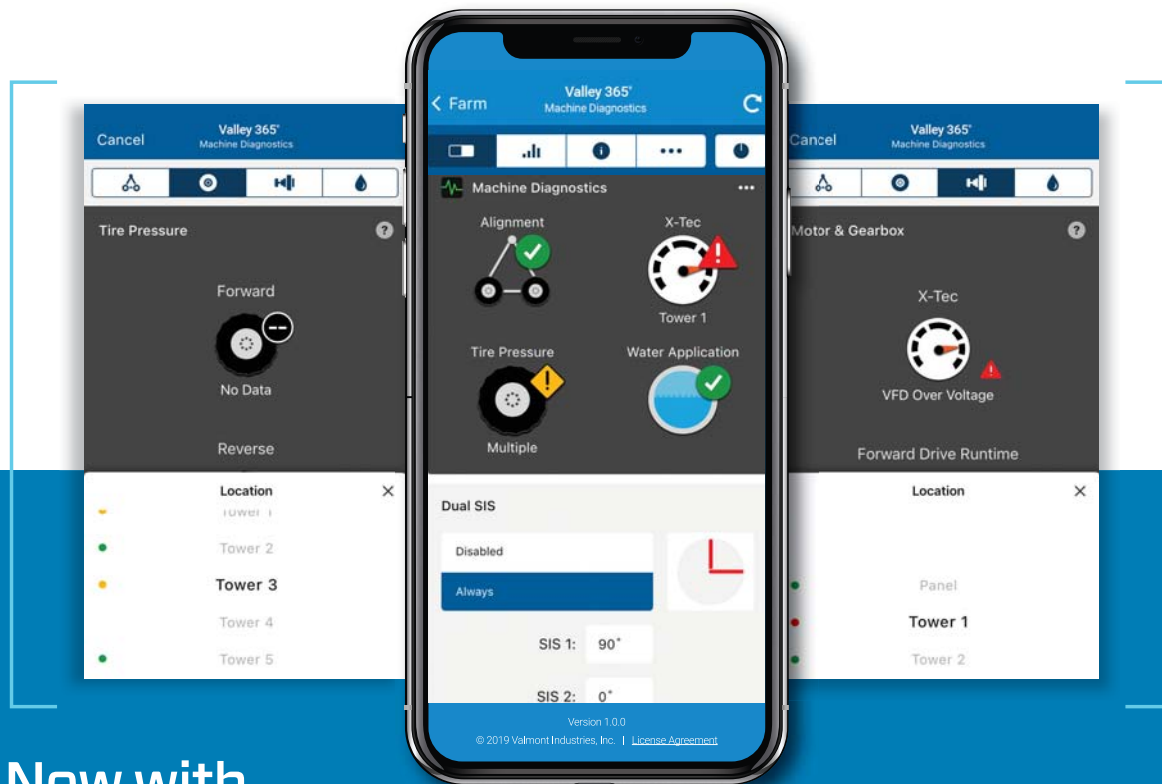
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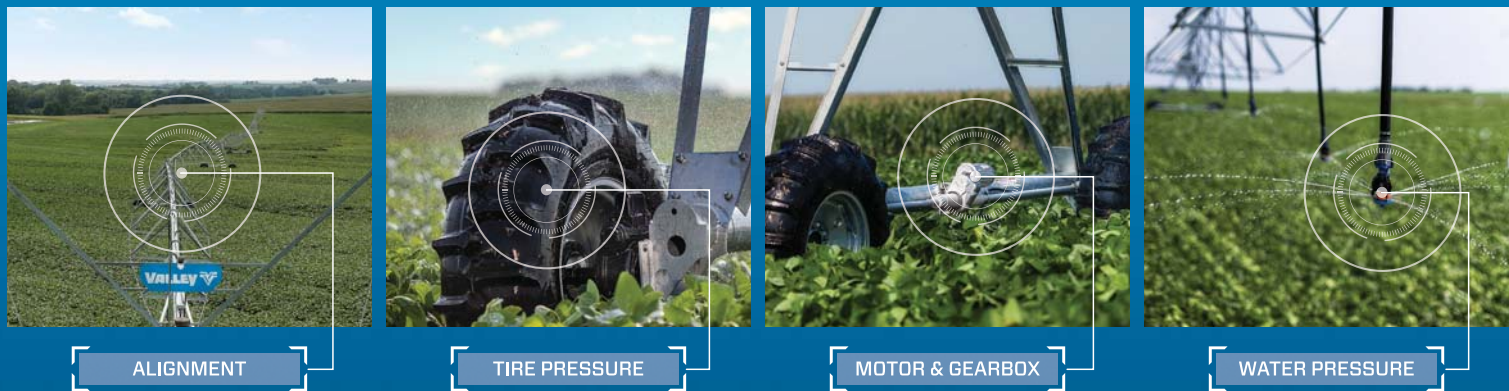


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# Get blood pressure, skin checked at health booths

HEALTH SCREENINGS MAY not be on the radar as an important use of time for farmers and ranchers, but nothing could be further from the truth. For many years, health screenings have been a crucial component — along with exhibits on rural safety, and health and wellness — in the Hospitality Tent at Husker Harvest Days.

These health exhibits and booths, along with blood pressure and skin cancer screenings, are often buzzing with activity as producers and visitors file through the area. Around 80 to 90 nursing students from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing, from Kearney and Lincoln, play a key role in the health screenings, which provide learning opportunities for the UNMC students and wellness checks for HHD visitors.

The students provide blood pressure checks and help with the promotion of farm safety materials, according to Kami Loeffelholz, UNMC College of Nursing instructor at Kearney.

Also, a nurse practitioner will be on-site to assist with skin cancer screenings. The students helping with these screenings go through simulations to prepare for working in outdoor settings.

Typically, 1,000 to 1,200 people are screened for blood pressure and 600 receive skin screenings each year at HHD. One visitor who received these screenings in the past returned to tell instructors that a skin screening spurred a follow-up with a dermatologist, who in turn treated the person for Stage 4 skin cancer.

Others have taken their blood pressure



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**CHECK IT OUT:** Nursing students from UNMC College of Nursing take the blood pressure of a visitor to the Hospitality Tent at Husker Harvest Days.

numbers from HHD to their practitioner and, after further assessment, started treatment for dangerously high blood pressure.

There is no statistical information to back up these anecdotes, but there is no

question that the health information and screenings at Husker Harvest Days bring health and wellness to the forefront for farmers and their families, and may alert these visitors to impending health concerns.

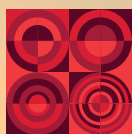
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# Prep for harvest demos starts with planting time

PREPARATIONS FOR THE ever-popular corn harvest demonstrations that take place each day of Husker Harvest Days begin in the spring with getting the corn in the ground in a timely manner.

Roger and Jason Luebbe, farm managers for Husker Harvest Days, say they take that responsibility seriously. The Luebbes and their crew work hard to get corn planting done on time each season, but weather is always a concern.

After years of caring for the crops at the show grounds, Roger and Jason have

seen it all. They have navigated the crops most recently through the drought of 2012 and the floods of 2019, with weather and storm conditions at the site running the gamut from perfect to not-so-perfect planting, growing and harvesting conditions, just like on other farms across the Great Plains.

### GROWING SEASON STORY

This season, corn was planted in the harvest demo fields right on time on April 12 and was completed by April 14.

Although Grand Island had experienced heavy rain in the weeks before planting began, the fields at the show site were in good shape by mid-April for planting time.

Corn planted on the 300-plus acres of corn harvest demonstration fields had maturity ratings between 97 and 102 days, to ensure corn would be around 18% moisture when the combines rolled through the fields during the show.

Seed population at the site differs according to soil type and fertility pre-

**PLANTING TIME:** Farm managers Roger and Jason Luebbe and their crew at Husker Harvest Days started planting corn at the show site near Grand Island on April 12 and finished up on April 14. The corn harvest demonstrations will take place each day Sept. 14-16. PHOTO BY CURT ARENS

scription, running from 34,000 to 38,000 populations in some spots, planted at a depth of 2¾ inches.

All the fields were planted using a Case IH 2130 Early Riser 16-row stacker planter with factory Precision Planting SpeedTubes and electric drives. The planter, which ran at a ground speed of about 8 mph, also sports hydraulic down pressure on the row units and wings.

### WEATHER NEAR MISS AT SHOW SITE

Although a short cold snap occurred after planting, the corn germinated well and reached the standard of “knee high by the Fourth of July” and tasseled before July 8. By July 19, the corn crop was at blister stage.

Jason reports that damaging storms in July in the region luckily missed the show site.

“Everything looks really good right now,” he says. “The demo corn is right on schedule for 18% moisture corn to be harvested during the show.”

Corn harvest demonstrations are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. each day at Husker Harvest Days, followed by tillage demonstrations. Another pass by the combines in the harvest demonstration fields is set for 1 p.m. each day of the show, followed by the haying demonstrations at 2 p.m.

You can always learn more about Husker Harvest Days at the show’s Facebook page or at [HuskerHarvestDays.com](http://HuskerHarvestDays.com).



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the test of tillage, harvest and real-world farm conditions.

For a map of where to find field demonstrations, see Page HHD37. To learn more

about the equipment after the demos, visit with company booths. Below is a list of the companies conducting field demonstrations at the 2021 Husker Harvest Days.



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**BACK IN THE FIELD:** For 2021, farmers can once again see farm equipment in action in person right on the field, to better make decisions about their next equipment purchases.

## Husker Harvest Days 2021 Field Demo list

Category	Company	Model #	Feet	Rows
Combine	Case IH	Axial Flow 7250 combine		
Combine	John Deere	X9 combine		
Combine head	Calmer Corn Heads		30 feet	12 row
Combine head	Case IH	4412 corn head		12 row
Combine head	Capello USA	Capello 1230C chopping head	30 feet	12 row
Combine head	John Deere	C16F		
Disc mower conditioner	Kubota	Pull-type DMC	16 feet	
Round baler	Kubota			
Round baler	Case IH	Maxxum 150 with round baler		
Sprayer	Select Sprayers and Equipment	7370 Miller Nitro	120 feet	48 row
Tillage	Case IH	Speed-Tiller with AFS Connect Magnum		
Tillage	Landoll Co.	7530-29 vertical tillage	29 feet	
Tillage	Landoll Co.	7833-25 high-speed disk	25 feet	
Tillage	Salford Group Inc.	Salford 5200 Enforcer	16 feet	
Tillage	Salford Group Inc.	Salford Aerway CCT	30 feet	
Tillage	Schlagel Manufacturing	Rapid Till	12 feet	6 row, 30 in.
Tillage	Great Plains	HS2100 Velocity		
Tractor	John Deere	8410RX tractor with grain cart		
Windrower	Agco	Massey Ferguson 9980/93160	16 feet	
Windrower	Kubota	Pull-type		
Windrower	Case IH	WD2505 self-propelled windrower with RD165		



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# Go off-road with Ride 'n' Drive course

A POPULAR EVENT at Husker Harvest Days is always the Ride 'n' Drive course.

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This year, Ram is setting up an ob-

stacle course full of steep hills and uneven curves — all on a dirt track. Company representatives will be on hand to answer questions and point out the unique features of their trucks.

Ram will have a variety of trucks. All test tracks are located along Flag Road or

the south shuttle road in the southeast corner of the exhibit field.

There is no extra cost to participate in a Ride 'n' Drive. Hours for the Ride 'n' Drives are the same as the show hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday.



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# Learn rescue techniques for grain bin entrapment

GRAIN ENTRAPMENT CONTINUES to be a major farm safety issue causing multiple injuries and deaths each year. How to rescue someone trapped in grain will be a part of this year's Husker Harvest Days.

Cooperative Producers Inc. will provide live grain engulfment and rescue simulations at Husker Harvest Days on Lot 53 during the show. The training will be provided by the Safety and Technical Rescue Association (SATRA). Simulations will be done at least once an hour, with all ages welcome to participate and learn more about the dangers of grain entrapment.

## FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE IN GRAIN

The live simulations are done in a controlled environment but designed to be as real as possible. The demonstrations use

all safe bin-entry practices.

Show attendees can play the roles of either a bin entrant or attendant. The entrant, wearing a harness and lifeline, enters the simulator and becomes a victim of a grain entrapment. Three other attendants must work together to free the victim from the entrapment using a Res-Q Tube.

Every attendee can experience what it feels like to be the victim of a grain entrapment and act as a rescuer. The experience drives home the point that grain entrapments present a true danger and that entrapment prevention is essential.

"Grain bin entrapments on the farm continue to be an ongoing concern, and anything we can do to help train our farmers and first responders on grain en-



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**SIMULATION AND RESCUE:** At Husker Harvest Days, a team from SATRA will demonstrate what it is like to be entrapped in a grain bin, as well as grain bin rescue techniques.

gulfment rescue is a win in our book," says Doran Burmood, vice president of health and safety at Cooperative Producers Inc. "We're excited to offer HHD show attendees the ability to learn about the dangers of grain entrapment in a controlled environment."

## TRAINING ENTITIES

Cooperative Producers Inc. is a farmer-owned cooperative headquartered in

Hastings and located in 30 communities throughout south-central Nebraska.

SATRA, providing the HHD training, is a nonprofit organization that offers rapid search and rescue services, using trained search and rescue technicians to train or respond to various disasters.

Trainings offered include OSHA compliance, grain handling safety, fall prevention, emergency mitigation and third-party evaluations.

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# John Deere Gators get show's tough work done

THE JOHN DEERE Gator is the official utility vehicle of the 2021 Husker Harvest Show. A fleet of Gator utility vehicles will assist organizers throughout the show by hauling various booth materials and transporting groups of attendees around the event. Updated for 2021, John Deere's legendary line of Gators now feature more automotive-like features that make the vehicles easier to operate and maneuver.

"Our new Gator utility vehicles provide customers with improved control that will help them tackle tough jobs across a variety of terrains," says Maureen McCormack, go-to-market manager for Gator. "In addition to improvements made to power steering and transmission controls, customers will find that these new Gator UVs provide even more information on the dashboard for a

more automotive-like feel."

Model year '21 Gator utility vehicles, including the HPX Work Series, midsize XUVs and full-size XUVs, offer an integrated park position and improved shift pattern for easier operation. The units also feature instant engagement of four-wheel drive and differential lock with an easy flip of a switch to power through tough conditions and provide more control when going downhill.

#### UPDATED FEATURES

The 54-hp XUV835 and 23-hp XUV865 offer a tight turning radius and optimal weight distribution for superior off-road performance. The gas-powered XUV835 reaches speeds of over 45 mph, and the diesel-powered XUV865 offers a top speed



HOLLY SPANGLER

**READY TO WORK:** The John Deere Gator can be seen all over Husker Harvest Days as staff put these machines to work. It's the official utility vehicle for the show.

of over 30 mph. Both units provide an 11-gallon fuel tank to keep running longer between fill-ups.

As the first units in the Gator family to have three-wide seating, the XUV835 and XUV865 include an adjustable driver's seat, ample legroom and tilt steering to reduce operator fatigue and increase comfort. The XUV835 and XUV865 offer sleek styling and a 1,500-pound payload capacity with a versatile, durable cargo box. Combined with a towing capacity up to 2,000 pounds and 16 gallons of enclosed cab storage, operators can haul more in less time.

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The John Deere Gator XUV560 and XUV560 S4 will tackle all the tough jobs needed to be done. They're outfitted with an ergonomic operator station, quiet V-twin engine, four-wheel drive and independent four-wheel suspension.

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**BIG IMPACT:** Drones are used for agriculture in all kinds of new applications, but a partnership with Nebraska State Patrol has allowed the Husker Harvest Days show site to also be used as a training location for UAV pilots with NSP who investigate crash scenes. PHOTO BY MINDY WARD

# State patrol officers learn to fly drones at HHD site

FLYING DRONES AROUND the Husker Harvest Days show site is nothing new. However, UAVs have been hovering around the show site in the off-season this past summer as well, not for use in agriculture, but in training exercises for the Nebraska State Patrol.

Lt. Brent Bockstadter, NSP coordinator for the Crash Reconstruction Program, says the Husker Harvest Days site has proven optimal for UAV pilot training for his troopers. These UAVs are being used to document accident scenes.

According to Bockstadter, the use of drones for documentation speeds up crash site cleanup, so traffic flow is not impeded as long. He says it saves time and money on investigations of accident scenes to create a reliable report of the scene.

“At the Husker Harvest Days site, we have paved streets and intersections to allow us to replicate accident scenes,” Bockstadter says. “It allows us to do the training without using normal roadways.”

## 3 WEEKS OF TRAINING

NSP used the HHD site this past summer on three separate weeks to do training for their troopers in flying the drones.

“Nebraska State Patrol has trained 20 of our Crash Reconstruction personnel as

UAV pilots from across the state for this project, to cover the six troop areas that we divide the NSP operations up in the state,” Bockstadter says.

“Based upon a projection of responding to a similar number of Crash Reconstruction investigations for serious injury or fatal crashes, and the published cost per hour for a road closure to the Commercial Vehicle Industry and private motorists, we project a nearly \$2 million savings per year to motoring public” through the use of UAVs in this manner, he says.

The mapping system being used is relatively new this year. “

This mapping system will be our primary method of scene documentation at all of the Crash Reconstruction scenes we respond to whenever possible,” Bockstadter says. “The only limitations to using this system are scenes with active precipitation in the form of rain or snow, or extreme winds.”

For the trainees, HHD has provided a safe, realistic training area with simulated roads that are out of the motoring public.

“We are able to spread out in the open-air space to provide adequate room for the flight training and to stage up mock crash scenes for practical scenario-based training,” Bockstadter says.

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# Demos show safe way to handle cattle simply

HUSKER HARVEST DAYS may have skipped a year, but the cattle demonstrations for the 2021 show will not skip a beat as “Dr. Joe” Jeffrey is back to narrate and offer commentary on the demos, just as he has for every cattle demo in past shows.

The 2020 Husker Harvest Days was another victim of COVID-19. But Jeffrey is ready to entertain this year at the cattle handling demos. It promises to be just as informative as in years past with side-by-side chute comparisons, and just as entertaining with his running commentary.

“We tell a few stories and have some fun, too,” says Jeffrey, who uses humor to engage and inform the audiences. “It has been a lot of fun.”

He says his lengthy veterinary career has provided him plenty of fodder for sto-

ries. “I worked for seven veterinarians, and they would send me on the calls that they didn’t want to go on,” he says.

Jeffrey enjoys teasing some of the chute operators, but he is quick to admit that the real stars of the show are the chute workers who make the demonstrations successful year after year, and the equipment itself.

“It is much more successful than I would have anticipated. The chutes have really improved over the years,” he says. “The greatest changes have been how strong the chutes are built today, and that they are much safer for the livestock and the handlers.”

Since live cattle handling demonstrations and side-by-side chute comparisons began with the 1988 show, they have



**MIC'D UP:** Dr. Joe Jeffrey (center) has been the voice of the cattle chute demos at Husker Harvest Days for years. He not only knows about cattle handling, but also has a few stories to tell along the way.

become an audience favorite as they look forward to seeing the latest chutes and technology demonstrated. It also helps that they are entertained by Jeffrey’s banter.

Just as COVID-19 threw a monkey wrench into last year’s show, all ranchers know that things don’t always go as planned when working with cattle. That’s the case for on the farm or even at the HHD demos, as calves have been known to sneak through a chute before getting caught in the headgate.

That’s just par for the course, according to Jeffrey. Bringing the equipment

and cattle together at HHD is a good way for producers to compare chute features, while seeing them in action.

The demonstrations, located on Lot 860 in the Livestock Industry Building at the corner of Eighth Street and West Avenue, take place each day at Husker Harvest Days at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The demos are sponsored this year by Arrowquip and Ramsey Ranch Supply in Bartlett. They are situated in a prime spot amid livestock exhibits, breed association displays, and beef- and livestock-related equipment and machinery.

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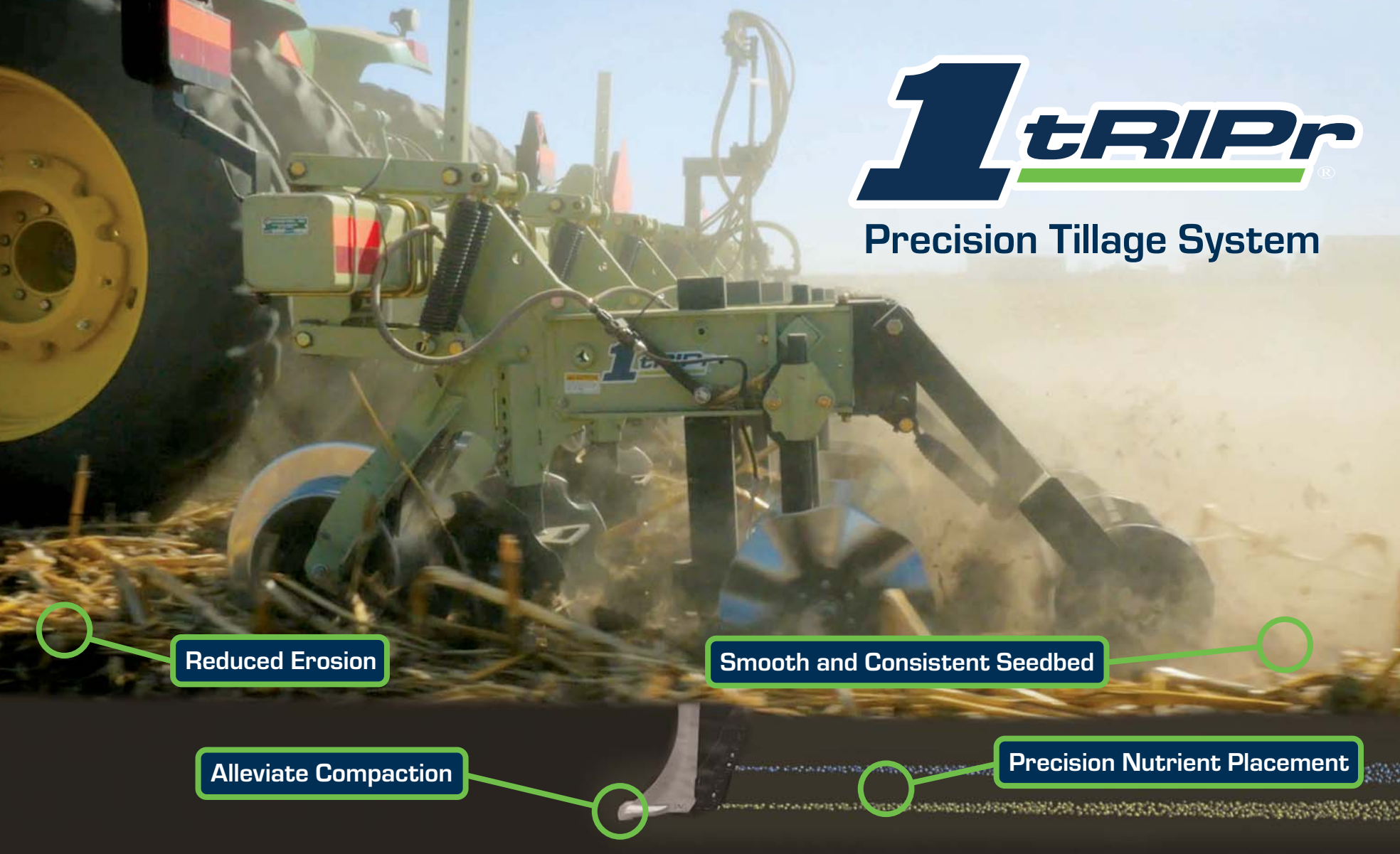
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# Beef talks seek to engage, enlighten

THE BEEF INDUSTRY is facing its share of challenges, yet a range of opportunities still remains. Producers attending Husker Harvest Days will get a chance to enhance their management skills, gain some insight on marketing and learn more about how customer tastes are changing.

The beef seminars will be held between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily in the stands where livestock demonstrations take place, in the Livestock Industries Building, Lot 860 at the corner of Eighth Street and West Avenue. In the two hours, visitors can hear from three speakers:

**Doug Ferguson.** Also known as Mr. Cattlemaster online, Ferguson writes Doug's Market Intel, which now appears on the BEEF website. Ferguson grew up near Beatrice and worked a number of cattle-related jobs. He eventually turned his attention to buying some calves as a business, and attended marketing training with livestock handler Bud Williams, in-

cluding a stint at the Ranching for Profit school. Ferguson's innovative approach to cattle raising and marketing shows him there's always an opportunity to profit — even in a soft market.

Ferguson says his talk will include something on every segment of cattle production.

"I will begin with knowing and understanding yourself, covering where we got our paradigms on marketing and how to

change them," he says. "Then I will discuss managing the inventory triangle, which is our second-greatest marketing advantage."

With that knowledge, Ferguson says he will cover how to use current market conditions by applying simple fundamentals of price relationships to capture value.

**Galen Erickson.** A cattle industry professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Erickson is also the beef feedlot

Extension specialist. He will explore key cattle nutrition questions, especially in a year that's challenging many with drought. His work has included incorporating by-products for growing and finishing beef cattle, and using alternatives to grain for finishing cattle.

His presentation will offer timely insights for producers looking for potential feed alternatives if feed supplies get tight.

**Ann Marie Bosshamer.** As the executive director of the Nebraska Beef Council, Bosshamer is a recognized speaker in the region.

Her role at the council is management of staff and oversight of all checkoff programs, activities and functions. She also serves as a spokesperson for the beef industry and beef checkoff programs.

Bosshamer says she will talk about understanding today's beef consumer. "This session will provide insight into consumer preferences and explore their buying habits and perceptions of the beef industry," she notes.

Make plans to catch these beef-focused seminars that offer a range of insights you can deploy in your operation.

## Beef Program

Time	Program	Presenter/organization
11 a.m. daily	How does sell/buy make sense for your cattle operation?	Doug Ferguson, Mr. Cattlemaster
11:45 a.m. daily	Cattle nutrition	Galen Erickson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
12:30 p.m. daily	Changing consumer trends for beef	Anne Marie Bosshamer, executive director of Nebraska Beef Council



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# Learn how to train your stock dog

“LIE DOWN. HEY, lie down,” Tim Gifford snapped at his border collie Kat. “That’ll do. That’ll do.”

Gifford, a Nebraska cattleman, trains herding dogs to work stock. He is a member of the National Cattledog Association and U.S. Border Collie Handler Association. He uses his dogs on his cow-calf operation to gather cows, move them from pasture to pasture and sort them in an alleyway.

Gifford will share his expertise multiple times a day during Husker Harvest Days. Now in their 10th year at the show, he and his dogs will be demonstrating his techniques at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., along the north side of Flag Road, just outside the exhibit field. If you are planning to attend, here are a few takeaways to expect from his presentation:

**1. Start them young.** If you’re buying a puppy and you know they are going to work livestock, train them. Teach them

basic commands. More importantly, bring young dogs around the stock, Gifford says. It increases awareness and comfort levels with animals.

**2. Herd small stock.** No matter the size of the dog, if it is possible, begin training with small livestock like sheep or young calves. This provides safety for the dog, while also adding to its confidence. Plus, as a handler, Gifford says it is easier to maneuver the stock and the dog with smaller animals.

**3. Get a stick.** Handlers need a sorting stick to train. Sorting sticks are tall and bendable. They provide extra reach for the handler. It can be used to move the animals, but more importantly direct the dog.

**4. Know the commands.** There are five words every dog handler knows:

- “Come by” tells the dog to move clockwise.
- “Away to me” means move counter-clockwise around the stock.
- “Walk up” means to walk toward the

livestock, whether sheep or cattle.

■ “Lie down” typically means stop and lie down.

■ “That’ll do” tells the dog work has finished and it must come back to you.

**5. Move your body.** Combining words with body movement during early training will help the dog understand which way to move. When you say “come by” and make a move to the right, the dog sees and senses the direction.

**6. Reward often.** Gifford says it is important to reward the dog for the work. In the corral or pasture, it can be just a spoken word or a gentle pat on the head. “It lets the dog know they are doing good work,” he adds. And it builds a strong bond between handler and dog.

Gifford has a gauge to know when a herding dog is fully trained. “Ultimately, I want to get to where I don’t have to be in pen to tell her where to go,” he explains. “I



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**GATHERING STOCK:** Border collie Kat gathers up a set of sheep during a past Husker Harvest Days. It is part of the daily stock dog demonstrations by Tim Gifford, where farmers learn how to train from pup on up.

don’t have to sit in corral pens or on the gates. I want her to listen to me and know which way to go.”

## BRING YOUR DOG FOR TRAINING

HHD offers a unique opportunity for you to bring your dog for Gifford and his handlers to work. There will be a fee to work your dog and you must sign a waiver.

If you bring your dog, remember that it must stay on a leash and in the demonstration area. No dogs are allowed on the Husker Harvest Days site.

If you are interested in allowing Gifford to do a little training with your dog or want more information on the demonstrations, contact him at [gifford\\_tim@gmail.com](mailto:gifford_tim@gmail.com) or call 308-631-0387.



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# Learn to meet feed needs by baling corn residue

WITH FEEDSTUFFS LIKELY coming at a premium this drought year, ranchers will want to attend the cornstalk residue workshops and demonstrations during this year's Husker Harvest Days.

Brad Schick, Nebraska Extension beef systems educator, says Extension personnel will be sharing the latest research data, while representatives from equipment manufacturers will cover innovations in their latest products.

The cornstalk residue workshops are 1:30 to 2 p.m. daily, before the alfalfa raking and haying demos. The schedule is subject to change, so sign up for mobile text alerts via [HuskerHarvestDays.com](http://HuskerHarvestDays.com).

Current plans are to follow up the cornstalk residue workshop with baling demonstrations. But "weather and crop

and equipment dependent, we will then be able to bale some cornstalks," Schick says. "That would be the ideal. Two years ago, we weren't able to bale because it rained."

## WORK CONTINUES THROUGH PANDEMIC

Even though the Husker Harvest Days show was canceled in 2020, Extension researchers did not take the year off. Schick says the workshops will begin with Extension sharing information on the effects on soil properties, feed quality and yield after baling.

"Our results haven't changed that much from what we have, but there's always ongoing research. So, if there's short-term data that we can provide, we will," he says.

Some of that information will center on how producers can get the most out of



**ON-SITE LEARNING:** Nebraska Extension beef systems educators will share the latest research on baling cornstalk residue. Presentations run daily from 1:30 to 2 p.m. before the alfalfa raking demos.

their cornstalk residue to meet the needs of their livestock, and doing what's right for future production.

"There's always trade-offs on decisions we make on our ground, and in a year where you need feed, you might have to go beyond what we always feel comfortable with. But in the next few years, maybe leave some more or not take as much off," Schick says. "It also completely depends on your soil type or topography, on how often or how much you should bale. Corn residue can be also changed so it's even higher-quality feed after it's baled. We'll

talk about ammoniation, and making poor-quality feeds higher-quality feeds."

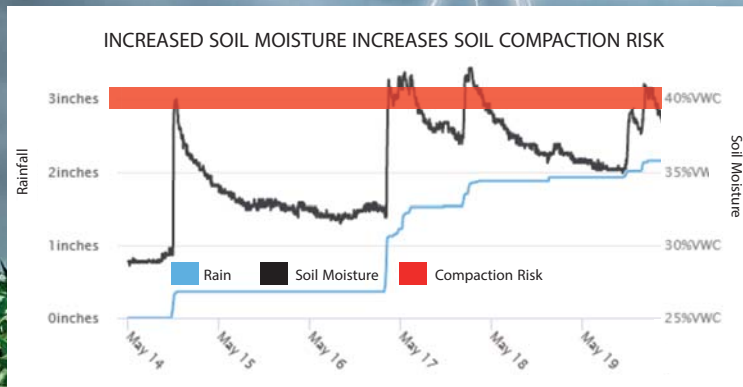
Vendors will follow up the Extension portion to discuss changes in equipment settings and showcase the rakes and balers that manufacturers will have on hand.

Schick says he is looking forward to the in-person show by "being able to talk to other producers who are there and find out how they like to do it, too. Getting shoulder to shoulder with those producers and having those conversations, that's just as valuable as information we have."

Contact Schick at 308-536-2691.

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# Star bull to be at show

THERE AREN'T MANY humans who travel with 24-hour-a-day security, but a world-record-setting bull coming to Husker Harvest Days will have just that.

Traveling to the show site from North America Breeders Inc. in Berryville, Va., the bull, "America," owned by Herbster Angus Farms of Falls City, will give producers attending the show a chance to see his valuable genetics on the hoof.

"Husker Harvest Days is an amazing event that almost everyone who is involved in agriculture attends in our area," says Charles W. Herbster, owner of Herbster Angus Farms. "We visit with many of our customers who purchase Herbster Angus Farms genetics at the show every year. It's a great opportunity for people to see a bull they may want to use in their program but have never had the chance to view in person."

The plan was to bring America to the 2020 Husker Harvest Days, but COVID-19

restrictions canceled the show. So, Herbster made arrangements to bring the bull this year.

America was purchased by Herbster at the 116th Schaff Angus Valley sale in St. Anthony, N.D., in February 2019. When the gavel fell making the sale final, auctioneer Joe Goggins noted the historic nature of the transaction, saying that the numbers involved in the bidding process were not the kinds of numbers normally used at a livestock auction.

So, what is so special about this bull, America? Born in January 2018, SAV America 8018 is valued at \$1.887 million, as the all-time, top selling, world-record son of SAV President 6847. Herbster also owns President, which he purchased from Schaff Angus Valley in 2017. President has a total valuation of \$935,500.

America shattered every record at Schaff Angus Valley, including weighing 1,107 pounds for his 205-day weight.



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**RECORD-SETTING:** SAV America 8018, valued at \$1.887 million and owned by Herbster Angus Farms of Falls City, will be on display at Husker Harvest Days.

A one-of-a-kind breeding piece, with 80% semen interest bringing \$1.51 million, America was a long shot, resulting from a single embryo produced from the last flush out of an aged donor cow, SAV Madame Pride 0075. This cow is a Schaff Angus Valley matron and has produced over \$5.5 million in progeny sales to date.

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"We have always encouraged people to take the opportunity to visually appraise our cattle," Herbster says. "Bringing

America to a central location like Husker Harvest Days lets them do that easily. So many people make decisions on someone else's word or by just looking at a photograph when buying semen," he adds. "We think enough of America to let people see him and make up their own minds on just how good he is," he adds. "America's phenotype is living proof that his fame is more than just hype."

See America up close at the Herbster Angus Farms display at Lot 361. Learn more at [herbsterangus.com](http://herbsterangus.com).





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# Gather family, friends for drinks, games and fun at Syngenta Square



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**TUMBLING DOWN:** Visitors to Syngenta Square took their chance at an oversized wooden Jenga-like game during the 2019 Husker Harvest Days.

NEED A REST from touring equipment and watching field demonstrations at Husker Harvest Days? Well, there is a place to sit back, relax, enjoy a beer, visit with friends and play some games. Syngenta Square is back at Husker Harvest Days.

This venue offers Husker Harvest Days attendees a chance to relax after a long day at the show. Syngenta Square will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 14-15 — which will allow visitors a chance to relax while some traffic moves off the site. The last day of Husker Harvest Days, Sept. 16, it is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## LOCAL BEERS SHOWCASED

Adult beverages will be served in the tent. Working with Nebraska Brewers Guild, Syngenta Square will offer a range of locally made beers.

While show visitors can purchase beverages in the square, the company is also offering attendees the chance to earn a free beverage through a visit to the company booth.

The Syngenta exhibit and Syngenta Square are not far from each other. Show visitors can take the tour of the exhibit at Lot 1106 and then walk right out of the gate and into the tent.

Food and nonalcoholic beverages are offered by the Grand Island Senior High's food booth, The Hula Hut, nearby.



**ON TAP:** Syngenta Square offers a variety of beers to choose from during Husker Harvest Days. It is a place for showgoers to relax and visit with other farmers and ranchers from across the country.



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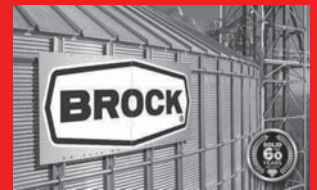
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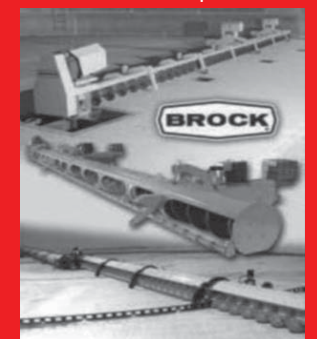
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# Watch horse gentler tame wild colt

THE CHESTNUT COLT leaped off the stock trailer, ran to the far side of the corral and then back toward the trailer. Cutting from side to side, it desperately tried to find its way back inside the trailer, but the door was closed. Realizing there was no way out, the young colt began circling the corral, staying close to the rail. He was trying to avoid the man in the burgundy shirt, cowboy hat and chaps standing in the center of the pen.

With a wound lasso rope clutched in his hand, Ron Knodel stood still. Then slowly, he began to move in sync with the horse. "I'm trying to catch his eye," Knodel says. But the animal was flighty.

The brand on the colt explained its uneasiness. To mark a horse or burro as a wild horse managed on federally protected land, the Federal Bureau of Land Management uses "freeze branding."

The BLM manages and protects wild horses and burros on 26.9 million acres of public lands across 10 Western states. To manage the population in sync with available pastureland, it places animals in private care. Since 1971, more than 240,000 wild horses and burros were adopted by individuals, many who are ranchers. This was such a horse.

With each lap around the pen, the colt eased its pace until it stood still. Then the Nebraska horse gentler began to work.

The wild horse gentling training sessions conducted by Knodel have been a part of Husker Harvest Days for nearly 21 years. Over that time, he has probably demonstrated his technique with 250 horses.

The Federal BLM wild horse and burro facility in Elm Creek partners with Knodel to provide mustangs for the event. These mustangs have never been handled. After the Husker Harvest Days sessions, the horses are returned to the BLM for adoptions.

Knodel spends his life working with horses in different phases of training. He draws from his experience to bring these wild animals to civility over the course of the show. You can catch him every day Sept. 14-16 at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Lot 51E, just east of Syngenta Square.

**STARTING POINT:** Knodel swings his arm away from his hip, lasso still wound and clutched tight. The animal began to trot along the rail.



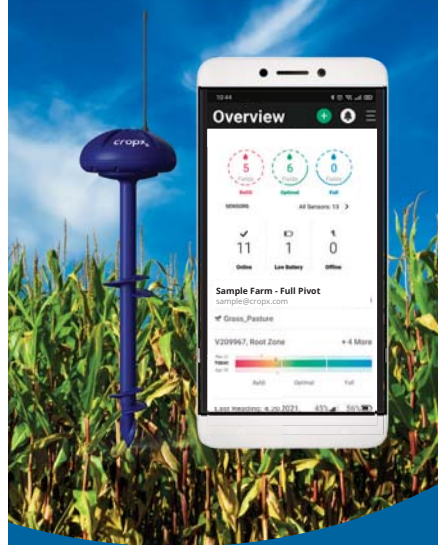
**TRUST ESTABLISHED:** It took just under 30 minutes from the time the wild colt jumped off the trailer until the horse gentler could approach. "The goal," Ron Knodel tells a group at Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island, "is to get this animal to where it will work with you and for you in your operation. It just takes time and patience. It has to be a good experience for horse and handler." The white tufts of hair on the horse tells the tale of a short time spent on Bureau of Land Management property.



**HORSE HANDLER:** Knodel has been teaching farmers and ranchers for 21 years how to tame wild horses during Husker Harvest Days. The Bureau of Land Management provides the animals, and Knodel does the work in front of a live audience.



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“Husker Harvest Days is a tremendous opportunity to connect with farmers and ranchers, hear what’s on their minds, and give them a chance to learn more about Nebraska Farm Bureau,” says NEFB President Mark McHargue.

He welcomes visitors to the Farm Bureau building during Husker Harvest Days.

NEFB’s vision is to achieve a great quality of life and prosperity for Nebraska

farm and ranch families. When floods, blizzards and the COVID-19 pandemic hit, NEFB continued working to give farmers and ranchers a voice in both the Nebraska Legislature and Washington, D.C.



**MARK MCHARGUE**

NEFB’s efforts at the state Capitol pushing for property tax relief means taxpayers will receive a tax credit equal to 24% of their property taxes paid to schools on their 2021 tax return, 3½ times the amount received this year.

The bureau also helped pass legislation to lower agricultural land valuation to 50% for the purposes of taxation for school bonds.

NEFB ensured that agriculture was considered an essential business, qualifying



**STEP ON IN:** The Nebraska Farm Bureau building is the place where farmers and ranchers receive legislative updates from the organization. They can also register to win prizes.

for state and federal financial assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. And the NEFB Foundation continues to ensure children, the state’s future leaders, are exposed to production agriculture.

“Through the pandemic, farming and ranching continued and so did Nebraska Farm Bureau’s efforts to support its members,” McHargue says.

**ENTER TO WIN PRIZES**

At the NEFB building, located at Lot 48 on Main Street, anyone can enter to win a Yamaha Wolverine side-by-side vehicle, a pellet grill from the Alliance for the Future

of Agriculture in Nebraska, and tools from Grainger.

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“Nebraska Farm Bureau is the state’s largest general farm and ranch organization, with members in all 93 Nebraska counties,” McHargue says. “We look forward to visiting with you at HHD or you can visit [nefb.org](http://nefb.org) to see how we are making a difference in the lives of farm and ranch families, and how you can help.”

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# Commodities partner for 'Growing Opportunity'

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS AND adding value is important in all segments of agriculture. Nebraska's corn, grain sorghum, soybean and wheat producers are partnering at one location with their exhibits during this year's Husker Harvest Days for a "Growing Opportunity."

You can learn about the latest developments in value-added agriculture and gather new information at the Ag Commodities Building along Main Street during Husker Harvest Days.

The eight groups will also communicate value-added opportunities and the importance of agriculture trade within their commodities.

The eight entities in the effort are Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers Association, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Nebraska Soybean Association, Nebraska Wheat Growers Association, Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board, Nebraska Corn Board, Nebraska Soybean Board and the Nebraska Wheat Board.

## Bright future for corn



Nebraska Corn — with over 21,000 corn farmers who invest in the Nebraska corn checkoff through the Nebraska Corn Board and the over 2,400 due-paying members of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association — is a partner in "Growing Opportunity."

Through NCB's focus areas of market development, research, promotion and education coupled with Nebraska Corn Growers Association's pillars of advocacy, education, partnerships and leadership development, the future of the corn industry in Nebraska is getting stronger.

Farmers from the corn groups will discuss key initiatives that are enhancing demand, adding value and ensuring sustainability for the state's corn industry.

While at the Nebraska Corn booth, grab an ice cold can of Coca-Cola (one of the many uses of Nebraska corn), and sign up or renew your memberships. PHOTO BY MINDY WARD

## High demand for wheat



Did you know 20% of the calories consumed globally comes from wheat? Wheat is a high-demand product that impacts billions of lives daily. This is why the Nebraska Wheat Board and the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association work hard to develop trade markets, increase variety potential, and support state and federal legislation that benefits Nebraska's wheat producers.

Visit the Ag Commodities Building at Husker Harvest Days to learn about the latest wheat varieties released from the University of Nebraska's Small Grains Breeding Program, discuss potential trade opportunities for Nebraska wheat and sign up to become a member of the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association. PHOTO COURTESY OF ISTOCK

## Sorghum shows versatility



The Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers Association and the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board work collaboratively through the sorghum checkoff to promote the value of U.S. sorghum abroad.

"Sorghum exports represent a large portion of the U.S. sorghum market," says Lynn Belitz, president of the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers. "Trade policy and international market development are, therefore, a top priority in our efforts to achieve greater profit opportunities for producers."

She says producer education is also an important component of the group. In addition to market information, the sorghum booth will feature sorghum production information and yield data.

"Consumer demand for sorghum as a versatile, healthy ancient grain continues to expand," says Mike Baker, chairman of the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board. "We'll have our famous sorghum cookies to share with show attendees." PHOTO BY MINDY WARD

## Soybean finds its spot



Agriculture has a \$21.4 billion impact on Nebraska's economy, and the Nebraska Soybean Board is dialed in to ensure the state's soybeans are a major player. Food, feed, industrial uses — anywhere there is a need for meal and oil — Nebraska soybeans are finding a place at the table. Through investments in research, education, communication, domestic and international marketing, the soybean checkoff is "growing opportunity" for the crop. Nebraska Soybean Association directors will discuss with producers the benefits of becoming a member. By joining, you can help provide a voice for Nebraska soybean farmers at the state and federal level. PHOTO BY MINDY WARD

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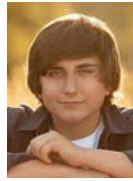
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**Lexi Schaffert, Greeley.** Lexi will attend the College of Technical Agriculture to become a veterinary technician. She is the daughter of Luke and Jacie Kelley and a graduate of Central Valley High.

**Jacob Snyder, Shelton (not pictured).** Jacob is the son of Kevin and Debra Snyder. He plans to attend Central Community College to study precision agriculture. He is a graduate of Shelton High.

**Jacob Wells, St. Paul.** Jacob plans to study ag education at UNL. The St. Paul High graduate is the son of Justin and Cami Wells.

# Students receive HHD ag scholarships

THE AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE of Nebraska and Farm Progress awarded Husker Harvest Days scholarships to nine Nebraska youth.

The Husker Harvest Days agricultural scholarship winners were chosen from Nebraska 2020-21 high school seniors pursuing advanced degrees in agriculture, agribusiness or other agriculture-related fields from an accredited university, college or technical school in the state.

The students selected were active in high school and extracurricular activities, engaged in their respective communities

and maintained high grade point averages. 2021's scholarship winners include:

**Kade Caspersen, Saint Libory.** Kade is the son of Travis and Anna Caspersen. A graduate of Palmer High, he plans to attend Northeast Community College and study animal science and agribusiness.

**Keeley Conrad, York.** Keeley is a graduate of York High and will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study horticulture. Her parents are Josh and Jenny Conrad.

**Alaina Furasek, Valparaiso.** Alaina will attend the University of Nebraska and study animal science. She is the daughter

of Danny and Andrea Furasek.

**Tucker Jankovitz, Grand Island.** Tucker is the son of Randy and Jamie Jankovitz. The Northwest High graduate plans to attend UNL to study agribusiness.

**Lincoln Kelley, Clarks.** Lincoln plans to study fisheries and wildlife at UNL. He is the son of Bobby and April Kelley and attended Cross Country Community Schools.

**Madison Kreifels, Syracuse.** Madison, a graduate of Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca High, is the daughter of Matthew and Sarah Kreifels. She plans to study ag and environmental sciences communication at UNL.

## HHD STILL HONORS '20 GRADUATES

Even though the 2020 Husker Harvest Days was not in person, nine Nebraska youth earned scholarships:

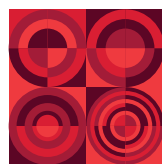
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# Colleges to highlight their ag, tech programs

THREE NEBRASKA COMMUNITY colleges exhibit every year at Husker Harvest Days to meet with potential students and their families and highlight their agriculture and business-related programs.

Much of the programming at Husker Harvest Days for the community colleges is hands-on skills, so students get a real taste of the programming and careers related to the college coursework. Here are the colleges that will exhibit their programs:

**Central Community College.** The college has been participating at HHD since the beginning. Located at Lot 232, CCC will not only promote its precision agriculture program, but also talk about two related programs — its one-year national certification program for a heavy-equipment operator technician and its energy tech-

nology program, which teaches students how to design, maintain and repair the instruments used to harness wind and solar power, and battery storage.

Students visiting the college's booth can learn more about both of these programs and several other programs related to agriculture and agribusiness.

**Northeast Community College.** The college will be buzzing with activity at its outdoor exhibit at Lot 919. NECC will bring its precision-ag mobile classroom to the show to provide applied technology demonstrations, such as its welding simulator.

The college plans to have sessions throughout the show to give details on its agriculture and applied technology programs. NECC will be featuring displays and interactive exhibits on crop and livestock



**PRECISION TECH:** Three Nebraska community colleges will be placing the spotlight on their precision-agriculture and applied technology programs at their exhibits during the show this year.

technology. Students and families can try out new technologies and learn more about NECC agriculture and applied science programs at this exhibit.

**Southeast Community College.** The college will be offering precision-agriculture exhibits, along with details on the agriculture and precision-ag programs and technologies offered at SCC. Through the college's precision-agriculture certificate program,

students will learn how to best utilize data to make management decisions. SCC will demonstrate some of those capabilities at Husker Harvest Days.

At Lot 222, find information about SCC programs that are useful for agriculture and applied science students, while preparing them to return to their own farming operations or for careers in agriculture and agribusiness.

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# Stop by Big Red for latest UNL work

AG EDUCATION DISPLAYS on “Knowledge That Helps Cultivate Opportunities” will be offered by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Nebraska Extension at Husker Harvest Days.

The displays will be located in the UNL “Big Red Building” at Lot 827. Teams of Extension educators and specialists will share their field-proven experiences with new research-based, unbiased information. The variety of topics being offered should provide a wealth of information that could lead to more success and well-being in the lives of participants.

Farm and ranch economic and financial decisions can be hard to make. Faculty from the UNL Center for Agricultural Profitability will provide information to help people make good farm management decisions. The teams will cover these areas:

**Beef systems.** Cattle production is one of the most important agriculture industries

in Nebraska. The Beef Systems Team will provide information to help producers manage feed costs and maintain animal performance.

**Animal manure management.** Livestock always produce manure. Members of the UNL Animal Manure Management Team will emphasize that using livestock manure to fertilize cropland is nature’s original recycling program, and recycling locally available manure is the key to protecting the environment.

**Cover crops.** Just like the use of manure on fields, planting cover crops will improve the ability of the soil to grow a crop. The Cover Crop Team will demonstrate how the small effort made to plant a cover crop will result in a large payback both financially and in land quality.

**Water.** Increasing soil organic matter, boosting water infiltration and reducing loss of soil nitrogen protect the quality of both surface and aquifer-held water. The

Water Issues Team will provide information on managing soil water and applying irrigation to increase crop production while conserving natural resources.

**Digital ag and on-farm research.** There have been significant improvements in the equipment that farmers use to produce their crops and to record yield data. The Digital Agriculture and On-farm Research Team will highlight the ease of conducting on-farm research and how farmers can use reliable yield data to guide them on future management decisions.

**Pests.** Pests change in their occurrence and response to control tactics; thus, they’re a challenge to manage. The Pest Management Team will highlight research on pest control, pesticide resistance management and emerging pest problems.

**Trees.** Trees bring significant value to farms and landscapes by blocking the wind, reducing soil erosion and providing habitat for wildlife. The Community

Environment Team will provide information that will help farmers and home residents select the right trees and maintain tree health.

**Mental health.** Stress can happen to all people, and it is important to understand that it is normal to feel overwhelmed, particularly during tough times. The Healthy Lifestyles and Wellness Team will help people learn to maintain their well-being and be able to recognize when family and friends may need assistance.

**LEAD program.** To prosper, communities need people to provide leadership. The administrator of the Nebraska LEAD Program will share information about how participants can develop the skills needed to help lead rural communities.

**Ag careers.** Young people need training to establish a career and contribute to their communities. The Agriculture Career Zone Team will offer information on agricultural careers, preparation for post high school training and markers for career success.

In addition to providing program information, the institute’s faculty will be available to answer crop and animal production questions.



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# 4 join NRD Hall of Fame

OVER THE PAST several years, the Nebraska Association of Natural Resources Districts has used the backdrop of Husker Harvest Days to announce its conservation heroes with the NRD Hall of Fame.

Due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of Husker Harvest Days in 2020, NARD will be honoring Hall of Fame inductees for both 2020 and 2021 at this year's farm show. The announcement ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sept. 15 on the Husker Harvest Days Hospitality Tent stage.

The honorees at this year's HHD follow:  
**NRD board member 2020 — W. Eugene Haarberg.** Nominated by the Upper Republican NRD, Eugene Haarberg of Imperial is being honored posthumously. Haarberg was lauded during his lifetime for service on the Upper Republican NRD board of directors from the district's inception in 1972 until 2000.

As a lifelong Chase County farmer, he first served as a representative of Class

II cities, working with the Unicameral to establish the NRD and the Groundwater Management and Protection Act that authorized NRDs to regulate groundwater.

**NRD board member 2021 — Ted Hughes.** Ted Hughes of Neligh was nominated by the Upper Elkhorn NRD. He was first appointed to that NRD's board of directors in 1986 to fill a vacancy in Sub-district 6. He was elected to that same position in 1988 and went on to serve there for 34 years.

As a farmer in Antelope County, Hughes has always been interested in natural resources and environmental quality. He advocated strongly over the years to find local solutions to local problems, and helped the NRD develop programming and policies following that same principle.

**NRD employee — Leon Koehlmoos.** Nominated by the Lower Loup NRD, Leon "Butch" Koehlmoos of Ord is a former general manager of the Lower Loup NRD. He retired in 2017 after serving for 39 years.

## Natural resource aid honored

Annually, the Natural Resources Districts announce three outstanding individuals to induct into the NRD Hall of Fame — board member, employee and supporter. These individuals have made significant contributions to protect the state's natural resources.

Current NRD managers and Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) directors vote for nominated candidates. NRD Hall of Fame inductees are also formally honored at the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts' annual conference.

NARD works with individual districts to protect lives, property and the future of Nebraska's natural resources. NRDs are unique to Nebraska, and act as local government entities with broad responsibilities to protect Nebraska's natural resources.

Major Nebraska river basins form the boundaries of the 23 NRDs, enabling districts to respond to local conservation and resource management needs. Learn more at [nrddnet.org](http://nrddnet.org).

Under his management, Lower Loup designated its first groundwater quality area and commissioned a study, the Elkhorn-Loup Modeling Project, that sought to determine the effects on future groundwater development. The study served as a precursor in the establishment of processes to grant variances and certify irrigated acres.

**NRD supporter — Doug Bereuter.** The Upper Big Blue NRD nominated Doug Bereuter of Almo, Calif. A former Nebraska legislator from 1974 to 1978 and then a U.S. representative in 1978, serving for 26 years

in the House, Bereuter helped create the natural resources fund for special projects and assisted in making the NRD the implementing agency for the Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

In Congress, he was instrumental in helping pass legislation that opened the door for federal assistance through the Water Resources Development Act.

While the inductees will be officially announced at HHD, they or their families will receive their awards at the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Conference in Kearney on Sept. 27-28.

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# Natural Resources Hub offers 3 reasons for you to visit

THE NATURAL RESOURCES Hub on Lot 39E at Husker Harvest Days offers visitors a chance to take home free trees and seeds, and some advice.

Here are three things you won't want to miss while lingering in the Natural Resources Districts Building:

**1. Free trees and seeds.** Husker Harvest Days visitors can pick up a free native prairie grass seed packet at the Natural Resources Hub. Prairie seed goes quickly, so make the NRD Hub your first stop.

The NRD Conservation Tree Program helps landowners plant thousands of trees each year to benefit people and animals. Colorado blue spruce tree seedlings are also free to visitors in the Natural Resources Districts' building.

All 23 Nebraska NRDs administer tree planting programs to provide trees and shrubs for local landowners. Each district varies, but possible services include:

- planting
- weed barrier installation or control
- irrigation

**2. Water testing.** The Water Well Standards Program with the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy will also be on-site to provide free water testing, which can screen for nitrates within minutes. Private well owners should bring a cup-sized sample of water in a clean container.

**3. Cost-share conversation.** Along with the NRDs, agriculture producers can meet with various conservation agencies that offer assistance, cost-share opportunities and agricultural programs all at the Natural Resources Hub.

Some of the organizations include the Nebraska Forest Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Farm Service Agency, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture, and Central Platte NRD's Native Prairie and Pollination Awareness Program.

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“We can’t get it out enough about avoiding contact with electrical lines that have fallen on the ground,” says Todd Bailey, safety director and purchasing manager for the Southern Public Power District based in Grand Island. “Prime examples: As farmers return to their fields in the spring, we know that they’re getting out there with the disk or cultivator. We seem to always have individual farmers that hit a guy wire or a pole, and that wire comes down.”

After a hot wire falls is when the trouble can begin. Bailey stresses the importance of staying in your vehicle or the cab of your farm equipment to wait for a utility company to show up.

Bailey says too many unknowns in such

situations can lead to injury or death. The risk potential is increased as more and larger agricultural equipment is on the roads and in the fields.

“Now we have agricultural sprayers, along with airplanes spraying, that may come in contact with the lines,” he says.

Linemen from multiple electrical utilities that make up the Southern Public Power District will be at the south end of the show grounds to demonstrate the power that is in the overhead lines, and why farmers and motorists need to avoid it.

## REPETITION BREEDS FAMILIARITY

“A lot of what we talk about out there might seem repetitive to folks who have been there time and time again,” says LeAnne Doose, public relations coordinator with Southern Public Power District. However, “our local farmers will sometimes employ people from a nearby town who is not on the farm daily and exposed to our mes-

sages constantly. ... It’s always necessary to bring that information forward, because there are those occasions when there’s somebody to whom this is brand-new information. And we know that the more our local farmers and customers hear our safety information, the more likely they are to remember when they are working hard on their farm.”

## HOT DOG UNDER FIRE

Utility linemen will have a hot-line trailer to demonstrate the damage that 7,200 volts can do to multiple items, such as a hot dog. A lineman, using proper safety equipment, will lay a hot dog on the power line, and unlike a hot dog hot off a grill, the tube steak will not have grill marks on the outside, but rather “when you break that hot dog open, there’s a burn line that goes right through the center,” Doose says.

“What that demonstrates to people is that when you touch a power line, it burns



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**IT’S HOT:** Technicians at the hot-line trailer demonstrations will explain the importance of safety around power lines on the farm. The orange embers at the bottom of the pole show what happens when metal comes in contact with electric wires.

you on the inside,” she adds.

Bailey says other demos, that occur every 15 to 20 minutes depending on crowd flow, will show what happens when a variety of items such as a kite string, irrigation pipe or critters come in contact with a power line.

“We show how every service that we have has a primary cutout, which is called a fool’s door, and we show that exploding when it comes in contact with, maybe, a squirrel or a ‘coon,” he says. “What you see on this trailer is a complete small version of a line feeding into a residential home.”

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# Power of propane to be highlighted at HHD exhibit

HOMEOWNERS AND FARMERS have long known the benefits of heating their homes, shops and barns with propane, but that is only the tip of the iceberg of how propane can be used on farms.

Some of those other uses will be on full display by the Propane Education & Research Council. Find the display at the Nebraska Propane Gas Association located at Lot 654 on Sixth Street during this year's Husker Harvest Days.

"The Husker Harvest Days show offers a great opportunity to showcase the many benefits of propane-powered irrigation engines and farm equipment," says Mike Newland, PERC director of agriculture business development.

"We are excited to return to the show in-person this year to discuss the use of new propane equipment directly with the producers who can benefit from it the most, as well as feature equipment both on display and in action," he says.



CURT ARENS

**PROMOTING PROPANE:** Mike Newland, director of agriculture business development at the Propane Education & Research Council, will be at this year's Husker Harvest Days, sharing how incorporating propane as an energy source around the farm or ranch offers savings.

**PROPANE INCREASES EFFICIENCY**

Some of that equipment on display at this year's booth includes several models of new propane-powered irrigation engines, including Industrial Irrigation's new Reliable Horsepower engine line, and en-

gines from Husker Power Products and Anderson Industrial Engines.

There will also be water pumping demonstrations of a Reliable Horsepower engine to give attendees a firsthand look at the engine's power and efficiency. This line features seven different engines that are all certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, including propane-dedicated engines and VI-fuel engines.

In addition to these propane ag products, the booth will have a propane-powered pickup, provided by Otte Oil & Propane from Davey; a standby generator; and a propane grill.

Visitors to the Nebraska Propane Gas Association will also have the opportunity to win an Orca cooler by signing up for the Ag Post e-newsletter by PERC.

**DISCUSSING FARM INCENTIVES**

PERC will also be offering its Propane Farm Incentive Program again, which provides

up to \$5,000 toward the purchase of qualifying propane-powered irrigation engines and other equipment.

The Nebraska Propane Gas Association also is offering an additional \$750 incentive to producers who irrigate in Nebraska, — adding up to a potential \$5,750 available to show attendees interested in buying new propane-powered irrigation engines.

Manufacturer representatives, as well Nebraska Propane Gas Association and PERC representatives, will be on-site to discuss the benefits of propane equipment and provide information on national and state incentives available toward equipment purchases.

Husker Harvest Days attendees and producers can learn more about propane-powered farm equipment, including grain dryers, heaters, work trucks, generators and propane's versatility on the farm by visiting [propane.com/agriculture](http://propane.com/agriculture).

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# Antique farm equipment gets new show location

ANTIQUE FARMING EQUIPMENT has been a popular attraction at Husker Harvest Days for more than 30 years. Farmers, both young and old, enjoy seeing where agriculture has been with these antique displays, along with learning about where agriculture is going through the present-day farm technology exhibits and demonstrations on the show grounds.

Visitors looking for older equipment at Husker Harvest Days should head to the antique tractor exhibits in the southeast corner of the show grounds on Lot 1122. This year the location of the display moved, but there are plenty of exhibitors

to talk with, many of them have attended each and every HHD show dating back to the beginning.

During the show's 40th anniversary in 2017, several exhibit organizers brought tractors and tillage implements that were not quite antiques but had been used during the first show in 1978. Some of the organizers at this year's event actually helped in fall 1977 to prepare the field site before the first show in 1978.

Many of the tractors on display have been meticulously restored to their former glory, so they have a little shine in the paint and gloss on the tires. Organizer



**OLD IRON:** These antique tractors may be old iron to some, but for many farmers who recall driving them in their youth, these machines trigger memories in the tractor seat. For younger generations, antique tractors are interesting to see and to contrast with the massive, high-tech machines of today.

Howard Raymond of Wellfleet says at this year's show, organizers are planning to display antique lawn tractors and small engines, as well as large farm tractors.

While many of those helping with the antique displays use the latest in tech-

nology and equipment on their own farms, they enjoy looking back to the history of agriculture and preserving that heritage.

So step back in time at Husker Harvest Days and visit the antique tractor display for the latest in old iron.

# Nebraska National Guard to display its equipment

WHETHER IT'S PROVIDING relief to humans and their livestock during blizzards or floods, or helping during a pandemic, the Nebraska National Guard is always quick to answer the call.

When the state's National Guard isn't busy delivering hay and other relief supplies to those in need, it finds time to show up at Husker Harvest Days for one of the show's most popular exhibits. Guard members and their display will be stationed near the southwest entrance.

Staff Sgts. Matthew Wonder and Schuyler Schoenhofer say the National Guard will have an impressive showing at this year's Husker Harvest Days, as requests have been made to have a CH-47 Chinook helicopter, a Blackhawk helicopter and a UH72 Lakota helicopter at the show, Wonder says. He assures that at least one of the helicopters will be on the show grounds.

As in years past, show visitors will be able to climb aboard the helicopters and visit with a pilot.

"Everyone is allowed to walk up, look in the cockpit," he says. "They can go into the actual loading area. They are free to roam about; they just can't go into the cockpit."

A request has also been made to have



**REACHING NEXT GEN:** The Nebraska National Guard brings out helicopters and Humvees to show Husker Harvest Days visitors. They also engage the next generation with a STEM trailer.

an 1165 up-armored Humvee, and visitors will be able to sit in the Humvee, look under the hood and see how up-armored Humvees are different.

## FOCUS ON YOUNGER GENERATION

Another exhibit the National Guard hopes to have on display is a STEM trailer, to show attendees how the Nebraska National Guard fits into the science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines that make up STEM curricula.

"Our focus is that younger generation

coming over to our booth," Schoenhofer says, "so the STEM trailer is targeted toward them to show them how we [National Guard] fit into the STEM careers."

Also at the show will be some virtual-reality items and a station where showgoers will be able to build and program a mini robot. Visitors will also be able to drive and control an explosive ordnance disposal robot.

The STEM trailer and the Humvee are confirmed for the show, while the helicopters' presence depends on them not being

needed for military service.

"Our biggest focus, especially this year, is just letting people get their hands on different items, or hands on the equipment that we have that we use whether here or overseas," Schoenhofer says.

And, as usual, the Nebraska National Guard will offer items such as yardsticks, towels or hats, so visitors aren't leaving empty-handed.

## ON CALL WITH GUARD

Various units of the Nebraska National Guard were called to duty to help in the fight against COVID-19, as soldiers were brought in to facilitate the testing and direction of operations associated with the pandemic at Lincoln, Omaha and other areas across Nebraska.

About 300 Nebraska Guardsmen were also sent to Washington, D.C., during President Joe Biden's inauguration, as well as providing support for local police during protests.

The Nebraska National Guard began with the official organization of the Nebraska militia by an act of the territorial legislature in 1856.

Visit the Nebraska National Guard display during Husker Harvest Days on Lot 99W in the Southwest Quadrant.

# Efficiency key to top irrigating state of Nebraska

NEBRASKA IS THE most irrigated state in the country in terms of acres. That's why it is fitting that Husker Harvest Days, the largest totally irrigated working farm show, calls the state its home.

Nearly 8.6 million acres are under irrigation in Nebraska. Compare that to 1954, when about 2.1 million acres were under irrigation. At that time, there were just 11,500 groundwater irrigation wells in the state. Today, that number has soared to 96,000 or more. But the change has come in technology and efficiency of use. Farmers are producing much more grain with less water.

In the 2019 Nebraska Water Productivity Report by the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute, researchers noted several facts about irrigation in the state that make the management of its water resources stand out.

## CENTER-PIVOT EFFICIENCY

Nebraska may be the most irrigated state, but farmers and ranchers won't let water go to waste. In an observed shift to more efficient irrigation systems that moved from gravity flow toward center pivots, one study showed that irrigation application across Natural Resources Districts at Central Platte, Lower Niobrara and Tri-Basin, as an example, had dropped by 20% between 2004 and 2013.

The development of the center-pivot sprinkler has a lot to do with this improvement in efficiency. In 1954, more than 90% of irrigated acres were being watered from flood irrigation systems.

When Frank Zybach invented his center-pivot sprinkler in the late 1940s, and it became more commercially available, it was a game changer. Today, about 91% of irrigation water is applied through center pivots in Nebraska, with 9% by gravity flow and less than 1% through modern low-flow or subsurface drip.

## ACRES UP, WATER USE DOWN

While irrigated acres in Nebraska have quadrupled since 1959, total applied irrigation water between 1978 and 2012 shows an increase of just 14%. Nebraska may be the most irrigated state, but its total applied irrigation water is close to one-third of California's.

Pivots could be the difference, with 78% of irrigated acres in California covered with gravity systems, compared to only

22% watered with center pivots.

Both irrigated and rain-fed yields have gone up since 1960, with improved crop genetics, high-producing hybrid varieties, and better management techniques and technologies for nutrients, water and soil.

Irrigation started as early as the 1850s

in the Nebraska Territory, just after the region had been opened to settlement. Over 9,000 acres were under irrigation as early as 1889. But farmers, ranchers and the irrigation industry have worked hard over the past several decades to develop and adopt delivery methods like the pivot

and subsurface drip to conserve water and still get just enough water to the crop when it needs it to boost yields and productivity without wasting resources.

➤ Turn to Pages 70-71 for a timeline of Nebraska's irrigation practices.



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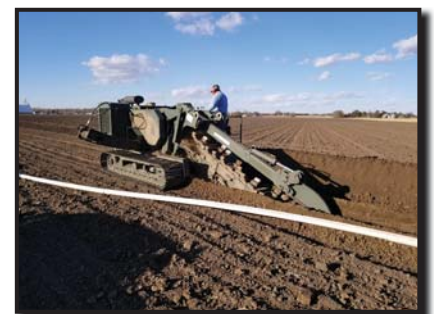
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## Nebraska irrigation through the years

<b>1889</b>	<b>1926</b>	<b>1949</b>	<b>1954</b>
About 9,026 acres are being irrigated in Nebraska, according to a 1956 Nebraska Farmer article.	One of first irrigation wells in Cheyenne County is completed by George A. Coulter, according to Nebraska State Historical Society.	Frank Zybach applies for patent on "Zybach Self-Propelled Sprinkling Apparatus," the first center-pivot irrigation system, according to Wessels Living History Farm.	Zybach and A.E. Trowbridge sell patent rights to Robert Daugherty of Valley Manufacturing, according to Wessels Living History Farm.



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**1955**  
Nebraska has 1.4 million irrigated acres, according to an article in Nebraska Farmer's 1956 irrigation issue.

**1968**  
First electric-drive center pivot, the Electrogater, is developed by Reinke of Deshler, Neb., according to the Irrigation Association's Irrigation Museum.

**1970**  
Over 2,000 center-pivot systems are in Nebraska alone, according to Wessels Living History Farm.

**1977**  
About 800,000 acres are under irrigation scheduling in Nebraska, according to a 1978 Nebraska Farmer article.

**2014**  
Nebraska's irrigated acres are nearly 8.3 million, according to NDA statistics. Center-pivot irrigation makes up nearly 98% of the acres under sprinkler irrigation. About 55,000 center pivots are being used in Nebraska to irrigate roughly 6.7 million acres.

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# Goodbye, good friend

## IN MEMORIAM

BY DON MCCABE

I NEVER WORKED with anyone as hard-driving as Terry Butzirus. Terry was Nebraska Farmer's advertising and sales manager for four decades, and never left a stone unturned when locating ag companies and persuading them to advertise their products or services.

Terry passed away April 22, at age 65, after fighting a chronic lung condition.

I was his colleague for nearly 35 years, although I was on the editorial side of the magazine.

A native of Hastings, Terry was well-known throughout the Midwest and Plains states by ag companies big and small. He always followed up by visiting those clients, spending long days on the road in the process. Clients appreciated how he got to know them personally while servicing their accounts.

"If there's smoke coming out the chimney," he said of any business he drove by, "I'll stop and get them to advertise."

Wayne Carroll, former sales manager at Landoll Co., a Kansas-based firm that makes tillage tools, trailers and construction equipment, knew and dealt with Terry

for over 30 years. "He was a great guy who always had time to do business and then just visit. He was very knowledgeable about the industry," Carroll says.

Phil Landoll, special projects manager for Landoll, says Terry was like part of the family: "When we got together for business, we'd often manage to find time for golf."



TERRY BUTZIRUS

At Husker Harvest Days, Terry was always behind the scenes contacting advertisers and making sure their needs were met. He would spend at least two weeks in Grand Island before the show to help get exhibitors situated.

"He helped make HHD what it is today," says Diane Bybee, his assistant advertising manager at Nebraska Farmer who worked alongside Terry for 40 years. "He knew the ag market and was a straight shooter about the advantages of advertising with the magazine."

Nebraska editor Curt Arens appreciated the help Terry gave him concerning state agriculture and ag companies. "He helped build advertising sales and helped build Husker Harvest Days," Arens says.

At home in Lincoln, Terry was dedicated to his wife, Pat; sons Atlee and Stuart; and daughters Heather and Heidi; and his five granddaughters. He was active in sports with his family.

*McCabe is the former editor of Nebraska Farmer. He writes from Lincoln.*

## 'A great guy to work with'

BY CURT ARENS

YOU REALLY CAN'T talk about live cattle handling demonstrations at Husker Harvest Days without mentioning John Kearney. He was a vital part of the cattle handling demos, including the first session that demonstrated only three livestock chutes.

For well over 30 years, John worked with Lexington veterinarian and entertainer, Dr. Joe Jeffrey, to educate HHD audiences. John, age 72 of Overton, passed away on July 13, 2020, at the CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

Born on Jan. 16, 1948, John graduated from St. Ann's High School in Lexington in 1966. He worked for area farmers until he entered the U.S. Army in 1968. After his service, John worked as a welder at Perkins Manufacturing, and later as a salesman for Big Valley and Behlen Manufacturing, traveling all over the country to farm shows like HHD.

### FOUNDING FATHER

When HHD added live cattle handling and side-by-side chute demonstrations, John was one of the early

organizers. "He was a great guy to work with," says Jeffrey of his old friend. "He was fun to be around. John always had his talk ready to go during the chute presentations, and we would try to trip him up. But he never missed a beat."

Jeffrey, along with chute operators and sales staff from different companies, who put on the cattle handling at HHD worked hard to build the demonstrations into something that was educational and entertaining. "We had a lot of fun teasing each other," Jeffrey says. He notes how early organizers like John worked together to make the demonstrations as popular as they have become.

Jeffrey says that John was very good with people and knew how to talk with producers. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, going out to eat and attending church. He was buried with military honors at St. Ann's Cemetery in Lexington.

The team at Husker Harvest Days, as well as Nebraska Farmer magazine, extends our sincere condolences to the Kearney family, and gratitude for all of John's hard work in building up HHD cattle handling over the years.

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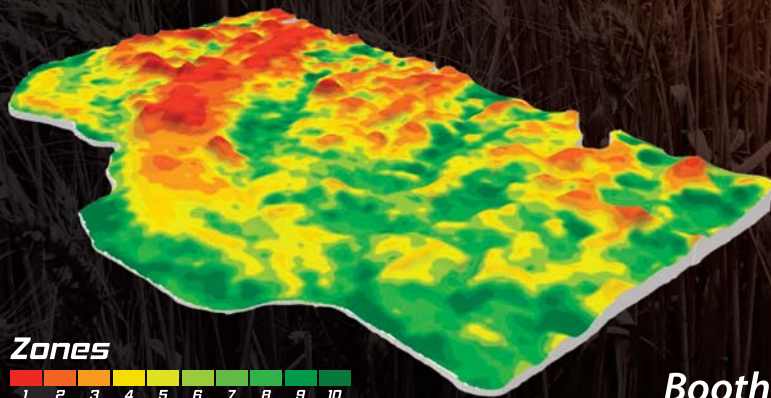
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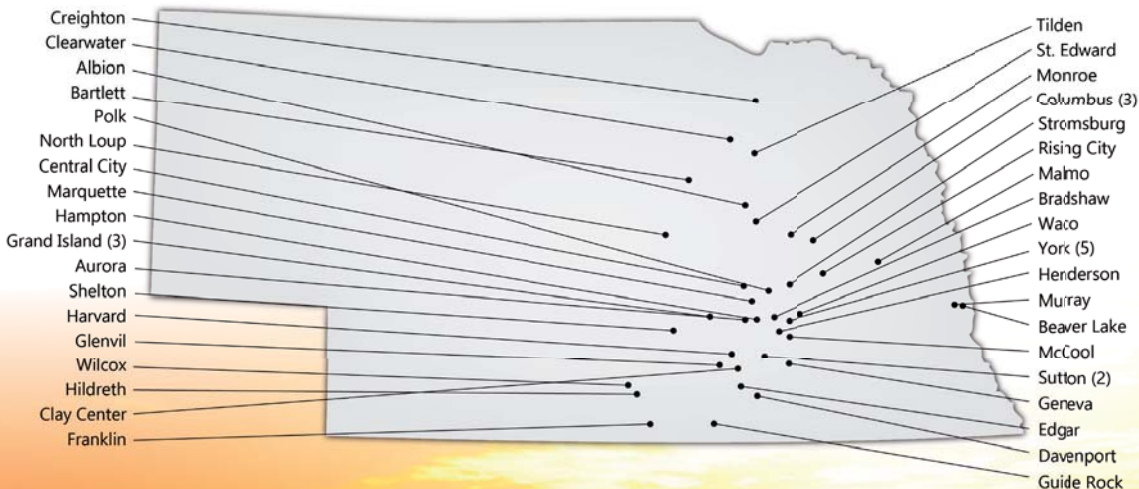
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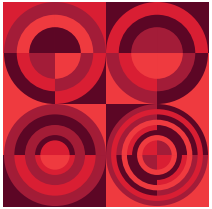
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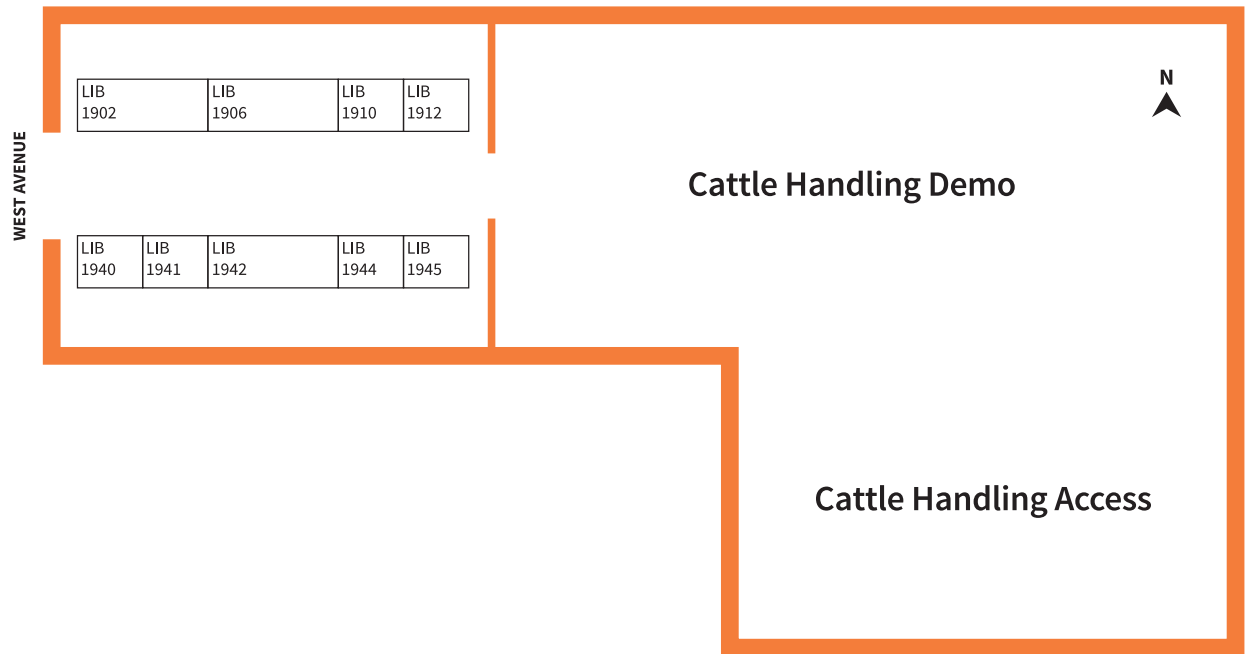
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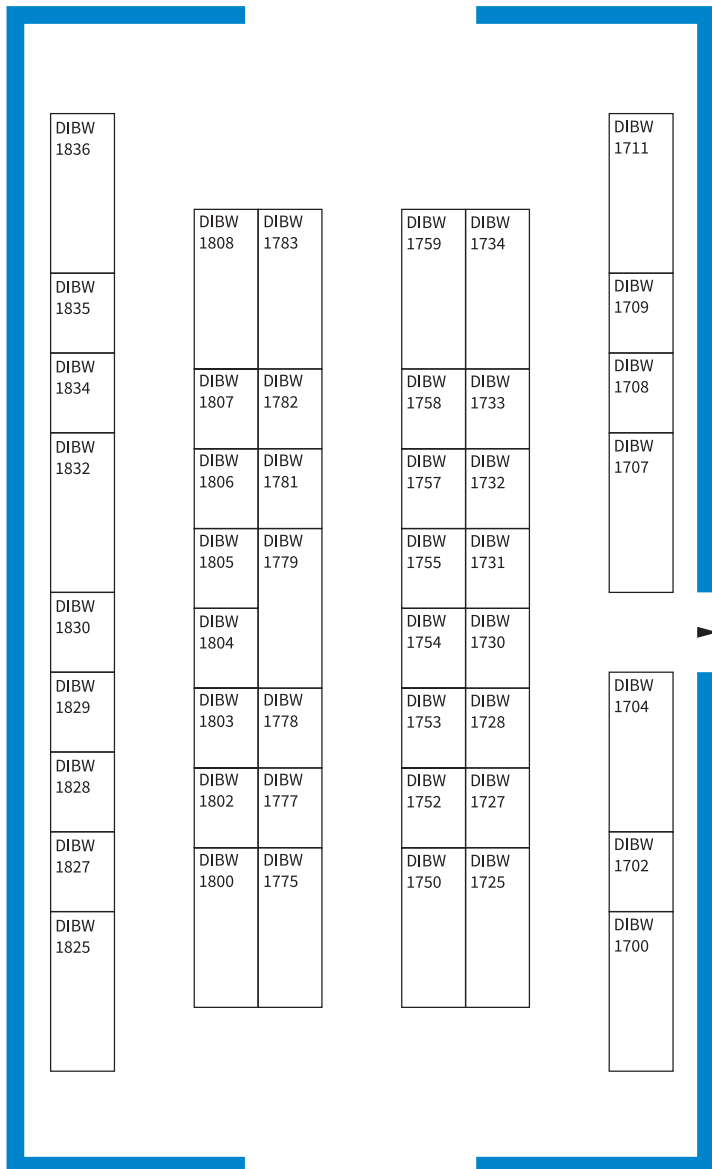
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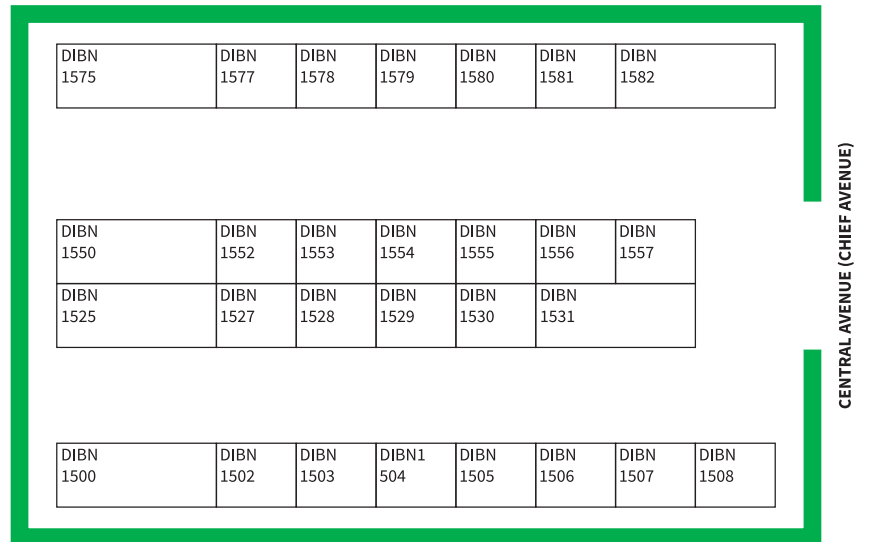


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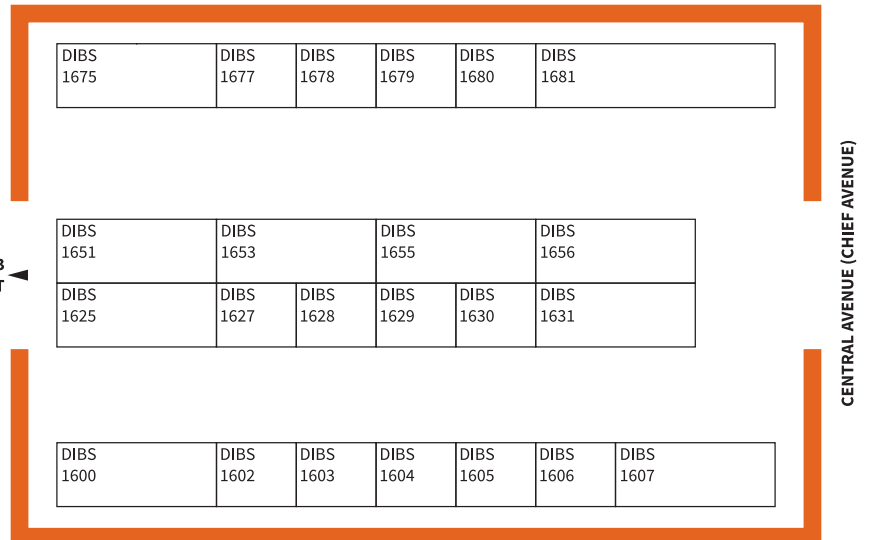
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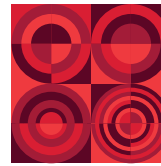


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**Diversified Industries Building SOUTH**





# HUSKER HARVEST DAYS 2021

**Map of Husker Harvest Days 2021 Exhibitor and Volunteer Parking**

**Map Orientation:** NORTH SHUTTLE ROAD (top), SOUTH SHUTTLE ROAD (bottom), WEST SHUTTLE ROAD (left), EAST AVENUE (right).

**Map Legend:**

- Information (i)
- First Aid (+)
- Light Towers (♦)
- Fire Station (🚒)
- Gazebo Bus Stop (🚐)
- ATM (\$)
- Restrooms (♿)
- Gates (1)

**Map Features:**

- EXHIBITOR AND VOLUNTEER PARKING:** Located at the top and bottom of the map.
- EXHIBITOR AND VOLUNTEER PARKING:** Located on the right side of the map.
- Stock Dog Demo:** Located on the right side of the map.
- SHOW OFFICE:** Located at the bottom center of the map.
- GAZEBO BUS STOP:** Located on the left side of the map.
- Nebraska National Guard:** Located on the left side of the map.
- BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Located on the right side of the map.
- Syngenta Square:** Located on the right side of the map.

**Map Grid and Exhibitor Locations:**

**WEST AVENUE (Left Side):**

- 3W: 168, 164, 162, 156, 154, 152, 148, 146, 144, 142, 140
- 4W: 167, 163, 161, 159, 157, 256
- 5W: 268, 266, 264, 262, 260, 258
- 6W: 263, 255, 253, 251, 249, 245, 241, 239
- 7W: 367, 363, 361, 460, 355, 351, 349
- 8W: 468, 452, 450
- 9W: 568, 564, 459, 457, 556, 451, 449, 447, 445, 542
- 10W: 560, 558, 552, 550, 546, 544, 538, 536
- 11W: 68, 64, 551, 549, 545, 44
- 12W: 67, 57, 55, 53, 49, 45, 41, 37, 35
- 13W: 768, 663, 661, 659, 657, 754, 649, 639, 637, 635
- 14W: 868, 763, 761, 759, 755, 751, 749, 846, 842
- 15W: 968, 863, 861, 857, 853, 849, 847, 841
- 16W: 1068, 959, 957, 955, 951, 949, 947, 945, 943, 1042
- 17W: 1168, 1164, 1154
- 18W: 1161, 1157, 1155, 1153, 1151, 1149, 1147, 1145, 1143, 1141, 1139, 1137

**CENTRAL AVENUE (Middle):**

- 134, 130, 128, 124, 120, 118, 116, 114, 112, 110, 108, 106, 104
- 133, 129, 127, 125, 123, 121, 117, 216, 113, 109, 206
- 234, 232, 230, 226, 224, 222, 220, 218, 214, 212, 210, 208
- 334, 330, 326, 316, 211, 310
- 333, 327, 422, 315, 313, 309, 410
- 434, 430, 426, 416, 414
- 429, 427, 425, 421, 419, 415, 413, 512
- 531, 529, 527, 525, 523, 519, 18
- 533, 34, 32, 30, 24, 20, 10, 6
- 33, 29, 25, 5
- 629, 627, 625, 621, 619, 718, 613, 710
- 733, 725, 723, 721, 719, 717, 713, 709, 705, 703
- 833, 827, 819, 815, 912
- 934, 932, 930, 928, 922, 920, 918, 916, 914
- 1034, 929, 927, 925, 923, 921, 919, 915, 1006
- 1134, 1126, 1122, 1011, 1106
- 1133, 1125, 1123, 1121, 1117, 1115, 1113, 1111, 1109, 1107, 1105, 1103, 99E

**EAST AVENUE (Right Side):**

- 1E: Raven Industries
- 6E
- 7E
- 9E
- 10E
- 12E
- 13E
- 15E
- 16E
- 17E
- 19E
- 21E
- 22E
- 24E
- 26E
- 30E
- 32E
- 35E
- 36E
- 38E
- 39E
- 40E
- 41E
- 42E
- 43E
- 44E
- 47E: Syngenta Square
- 51E

**Exhibitor and Vendor Locations:**

- JOHN DEERE** (3W-5W)
- AGI** (2W-3W)
- Manitou** (3W)
- Precision Planting** (3W)
- Midwest Ford Dealers/Ford** (3W)
- AGURU MACHINERY** (3W)
- ZIMMATIC BY LINDSAY** (3W)
- AGCO** (3W)
- Apache** (4W)
- Mid-Plains Equipment** (4W)
- AGCO** (4W)
- Landoll** (4W)
- Forever Feeders** (4W)
- Sukup** (5W)
- Busch Equipment Co. LLC** (5W)
- MORTON BUILDINGS** (5W)
- Reinke** (6W)
- Country Lifestyle** (6W)
- West DI** (6W)
- South DI** (6W)
- MacDon, Inc.** (6W)
- West DI** (6W)
- South DI** (6W)
- SUNCO** (7W)
- NEW HOLLAND AGRICULTURE** (7W)
- Rowse Hydraulic Rakes Co., Inc.** (8W)
- FOOD GRAND ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL** (8W)
- CLAAS** (9W)
- KUHN** (9W)
- Polaris** (10W)
- Nebraska National Guard** (10W)
- CASE IH AGRICULTURE** (10W)
- Big Iron** (11W)
- Kubota** (11W)
- Vermeer** (11W)
- Antique Tractor Area** (11W)
- syngenta** (11W)



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