

*NAYI was the best part of my summer. I enjoyed NAYI because it allowed me to reach out and meet new people who are the future of Nebraska. I appreciated the opportunity to meet new people, and the knowledge I gained from the speakers was terrific. I was pushed to go outside my comfort zone all week to grow as a member of society and as a person in agriculture. If you are considering going to NAYI, go. You won't regret it. It was a fantastic week filled with fun and great people.*

Drew Knoerzer, Elwood  
2023 NAYI Delegate

*Throughout my time on NAYC has been the best experience. I have not only had a lot of fun, but I have made lifelong connections with many passionate people in the agriculture industry. I am so excited to see what the future holds with these amazing leaders in both the agriculture industry and the great state of Nebraska. I am very thankful for my NAYI and NAYC experiences and I can't wait to meet more eager people in the agriculture industry.*

Kailey Ziegler, Waco  
Current NAYC member

*At NAYI, I've been fortunate to experience uncanny support in pursuing my passion for agriculture. NAYI provided me with the extraordinary opportunity to cultivate lifelong connections with a multitude of fellow agricultural enthusiasts. NAYI has inspired me and many others to learn, grow, and create a network of like-minded individuals. I recommend NAYI to anyone who has the chance, you won't want to miss it.*

Caleb Burnside, Stapleton  
2022 & 2023 NAYI Delegate

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# NAYI 2024



Applications due April 15



For 53 years, the **Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council's (NAYC)** main goal has been the promotion of agriculture to Nebraska's youth. The NAYC consists of 21 college-age men and women who have dedicated their time and energy to educating youth about agriculture. The Council is selected annually to serve a one-year term. Membership is limited to three years.

Throughout their year, the NAYC participates in an array of agricultural programs including Elementary Classroom Visits, National Ag Week, the Nebraska State FFA Convention, mentorship programs, as well as their premier event, the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI). All of these events give Council members a chance to learn more about agricultural opportunities available right here in Nebraska, as well as share their knowledge with the youth of this great state. The Council also holds an annual Industry Tour, which gives members the opportunity to learn more about Nebraska's diverse agricultural industry.



Fifty-three years ago, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture realized it had to do something about the ever-increasing problem of young people leaving the farms and ranches of Nebraska.

The idea of an Institute to expose young people to the opportunities available in agriculture was tried for the first time in 1972. The original **Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute** program was developed through cooperation between the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and 18 college-age young men and women who formed the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council which now carries on the NAYC tradition of passion for the agricultural industry.

The delegates are what make NAYI what it is. Their enthusiasm and genuine interest make the week an unforgettable experience. Delegates are chosen through an application process highlighting their interest, involvement,

leadership and achievement in agriculture. These delegates have the opportunities to share their ideas with local, state and national speakers, along with young people from all across Nebraska.

Funding for NAYC activities comes from the former Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. These funds have been invested and the interest drawn from them is released to programs.

Agricultural businesses and commodity organizations graciously sponsor the vast majority of the expenses for NAYI. Just as agriculture is an ever-changing industry, NAYI is an ever-changing program, keeping pace with today's agriculture. Even though the program is constantly being developed, the original goal will remain the same – to keep Nebraskans involved and interested in agriculture.

