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RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS APPLY TO ATTEND 2023 NEBRASKA AG YOUTH INSTITUTE

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) received a record-breaking number of applications from current high school juniors and seniors across the state to attend the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) this summer. NAYI brings together hundreds of students every year to learn more about Nebraska agriculture, network with ag leaders and explore career opportunities. This year, NAYI will be held July 10-14 on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s East Campus.

“NAYI is an incredible opportunity for young leaders to expand their knowledge of agriculture and connect with peers from around the state,” said NDA Director Sherry Vinton. “I’m encouraged by the record-breaking number of students, 270 of them, who applied to attend NAYI. These students are the future leaders and innovators of Nebraska’s ag industry, and they will be the ones who will continue to help grow our state’s number one industry.”

NAYI is in its 52nd year, making it the longest running ag youth program of its kind in the nation. This year’s theme is “For the Future.” NAYI features motivational speakers, discussions on agricultural issues, career development, networking opportunities, leadership activities, a farm management game, a formal banquet and a dance.

NAYI is coordinated by the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC), which is comprised of 21 college-aged students selected by NDA for their passion and interest in the ag industry. During NAYI, NAYC members provide valuable insight and advice about agriculture, college coursework and career-building.

To learn more about NAYC or NAYI 2023, visit nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/. Follow NAYI activities on Facebook by searching and liking the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute and on Instagram by following @the_nayc or #NAYI23.

NDA, agri-businesses, commodity groups and industry organizations sponsor NAYI so those selected to attend can do so free of charge. Anyone interested in helping sponsor NAYI is encouraged to reach out to NAYC Advisor Christin Kamm at christin.kamm@nebraska.gov. Potential sponsors are also encouraged to visit: nda.nebraska.gov/NAYIsponsors/ to learn more about the opportunities available to support the youth attending NAYI.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: A list of the 2023 NAYI delegates and their hometowns is attached.
Photos of the delegates can be requested by emailing agr.webmaster@nebraska.gov.