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NDA AND AGRICULTURE MAKE THE STATE FAIR, A GREAT FAIR

LINCOLN—From farm-friendly livestock competitions to favorite foods on a stick, state fairs are a beloved tradition centered around agriculture. The Nebraska State Fair runs through Sept. 2 at Fonner Park in Grand Island. Since Nebraska agriculture is at the core of the State Fair, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is on hand making sure that this year's celebration will be a great one.

Raising Nebraska, an interactive experience for people wanting to learn more about agriculture and natural resources, is especially busy during the State Fair. During Nebraska's Largest Classroom events at the Raising Nebraska building, NDA staff will share fun facts about Nebraska agriculture. NDA's Food Safety staff will be in the Raising Nebraska building, too, showing students how important it is to fight germs by washing their hands the right way.

Throughout the State Fair, NDA Animal and Plant Health staff will be available to share program information and talk with Nebraskans about agriculture. NDA veterinarians and staff are helping at the birthing pavilion this year, teaching people about livestock care and the importance of biosecurity to help prevent animal diseases. A state veterinarian booth located on the south wall of the cattle barn will have NDA staff available to answer questions.

NDA staff with information from our Noxious Weeds program will be available at the Pinnacle Bank Expo building throughout the fair for several days, as well.

Youth organizations like 4-H and FFA continue to play a pivotal role at the State Fair, ensuring that the next generation of farmers and agricultural leaders is actively involved in Nebraska's ag industry. NDA staff will honor the 4-H and FFA members who entered our Poultry Photography contest by announcing the winners of the contest at the State Fair. Winning photos will be featured in a 2025 calendar that also includes biosecurity tips to keep poultry flocks healthy.

Livestock competitions, gardeners' best produce selections, and baked goods competitions reinforce the importance of agriculture in feeding the nation. These events not only highlight the quality and diversity of Nebraska agriculture, but they also serve as educational opportunities for people to learn more about agriculture and where food comes from.

Agriculture produces the food, feed, and fuel that Nebraskans rely on every day. When you are enjoying your day at the State Fair, be sure to take time to experience the best agriculture that Nebraska has to offer.

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