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NDA ANNOUNCES DELEGATES ATTENDING 2024 NEBRASKA AG YOUTH INSTITUTE

LINCOLN – High school students continue to show their passion for agriculture and their enthusiasm to attend Nebraska’s premier youth ag event, the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI). The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) received a record number of applications from high school juniors and seniors across the state to attend 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 8-12 on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s East Campus.

“We were overwhelmed, but not surprised, by the record number of applications we received from students interested in attending NAYI,” said NDA Director Sherry Vinton. “NAYI is an incredible opportunity for young leaders to expand their knowledge of agriculture and connect with peers and network with agricultural professionals from around the state. These students are the future leaders and innovators of Nebraska’s ag industry. They will be the ones working together in the future to strengthen our state’s number one industry.”

NAYI is in its 53rd year, making it the longest running ag youth program of its kind in the nation. This year’s theme, “Leading Your Legacy,” is appropriate because students participating in NAYI start a legacy of exceptional ag leaders in Nebraska. NAYI features motivational speakers, discussions on agricultural issues, career development, networking opportunities, leadership activities, a farm management game, a formal banquet, and a dance. NDA selects students to attend NAYI based on their leadership skills, interests, and involvement in agriculture.

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

“The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council does a fantastic job showcasing the opportunities here in our state. It is our hope that after NAYI, the delegates will be better prepared for whatever path they choose in life and know that they will always have a part to play in Nebraska agriculture,” said Director Vinton.

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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.

For more information about the opportunities available to support the youth attending NAYI, potential sponsors can visit nda.nebraska.gov/NAYIsponsors/.

To learn more about NAYC or NAYI 2024, 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 #NAYI24.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: A list of the 2024 NAYI delegates and their hometowns is attached. Photos of the delegates can be requested by emailing agr.webmaster@nebraska.gov.

2024 NAYI Delegates and Returning Delegates

First Name	Last Name	Hometown	* = denotes selected as a Returning Delegate
Gavin	Bell	Alliance	
Kayel	Lambert	Alliance	
Seth	Meyring	Alliance	
Josie	Sanders	Alliance	
Sadie	Pritchard	Alma	
Breanna	Bosshamer	Amherst	*
Javelynn	Graham	Amherst	
Noah	Trampe	Amherst	
Josh	Pierce	Amherst	
Paisley	Zodrow	Arapahoe	
Aaron	Fuchs	Arlington	
Libby	Hegemann	Arlington	
Brooke	Hilgenkamp	Arlington	*
Ethan	Furne	Arnold	
Tucker	Rut	Arthur	
Cale	Buss	Atkinson	
Naomi	Sanchez	Atkinson	
Teagan	Butterfield	Atkinson	
Elley	Engelhaupt	Atkinson	
Hannah	Olson	Atkinson	
Rylee	Poessnecker	Atkinson	
Morgan	Bonifas	Aurora	*
Emilia	Huls	Aurora	*
Kourtney	Hort	Axtell	
Brody	Rouse	Axtell	
Avery	Stritt	Axtell	
Amy	Albro	Bayard	
Kaden	Van Winkle	Beatrice	
Lilee	Chevalier	Bennet	
Emma	Huntley	Bennington	
Marie	Ford	Bertrand	
Bethany	Pelton	Bertrand	
Cody	Plambeck	Bladen	
Katy	Soucek	Bladen	
Aidyn	Bonifas	Bladen	
Kathryn	Picton	Blair	
Somer	Schultz	Blair	
Ava	McFarland	Bloomfield	
Libby	Macklin	Blue Hill	
Chase	Ostdiek	Blue Hill	*
Demi	Lapaseotes	Bridgeport	
Tyler	Sears	Burr	
Kallista	Joy	Burwell	

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Wyatt	Larsen	Burwell	*
Kaitlyn	Simpson	Burwell	
Miles	Wright	Burwell	
Colter	Wright	Burwell	
Elizabeth	Bernt	Butte	
Addison	Bailey	Callaway	
Casey	Conway	Campbell	
Lane	Conway	Campbell	
Addison	Schmidt	Campbell	
Charlee	Ryan	Central City	
Dakota	Sage	Central City	
Hazel	Anderson-Beguín	Chadron	
Kenli	Boeselager	Chadron	
Jadyn	Tidyman	Chadron	
Claire	Woepfel	Chambers	
Alex	Johnson	Champion	
Brianne	Kuhr	Clarkson	
Raina	Krebs	Clearwater	
Callen	Jedlicka	Columbus	
Emma	Klug	Columbus	
Luke	Monson	Craig	
Roman	Gilmore-Metz	Crawford	
Alexa	Tollman	Crawford	
Emma	Kuhlman	Creighton	
Josie	Anthony	Crofton	
April	Guenther	Crofton	
Stella	Heapy	Curtis	
Kyla	Patel	Curtis	
Evan	Quackenbush	De Witt	
Gavin	Hardeman	Decatur	
Keyton	Kampa	Decatur	
Colton	Isernhagen	Deshler	
Ellie	Peters	DeWitt	
Mikayla	Krieger	Diller	
Owen	Vyhnalek	Dorchester	
Emma	Houghton	Dunbar	
Delaney	Rogers	Dunning	
Drew	Knoerzer	Elwood	
Calie	Cockburn	Emerson	
Rhyanne	Mackling	Emerson	
Kalli	Hoskovec	Enders	
Bobbi	Guggenmos	Ericson	
Jayna	Guggenmos	Ericson	
Madison	Woehrle	Eustis	

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Michael (Mikey)	Bartu	Exeter	
Peyton	Komenda	Fairmont	
Hallee	Sheffield	Farnam	*
Morgan	Shaner	Fort Calhoun	
Grant	Kahrs	Franklin	
Baylor	Behrens	Friend	
William	Vyhnalek	Friend	
Jacob	Weber	Friend	
Carson	Asche	Geneva	
Bailey	Hafer	Geneva	
Carlee	Mashek	Gibbon	
Karsyn	Herren	Gibbon	
Bryson	Bickel	Gordon	
Maggie	Fisher	Grant	
Morgan	Johnson	Greeley	
Nevaeh	James	Greenwood	
Olivia	Ord	Guide Rock	
Isaac	Olsen	Harrisburg	
Karli	Bruning	Hartington	
Ava	Noecker	Hartington	
Claire	Rolfes	Hartington	
Evan	Frink	Hastings	
Lynsie	Lancaster	Hastings	
Gabrielle	Schiaffo	Hay Springs	
Kyndall	Mckinzie	Hayes Center	
Chase	Casper	Hildreth	*
Klayton	Hilbers	Hooper	
Kolton	Kriete	Hooper	
Owen	Meyer	Hooper	
Gavin	Ruwe	Hooper	
Miles	Wulf	Hooper	
Kason	Stateler	Hoskins	*
Deanna	Fittje	Humphrey	
Cash	Davis	Hyannis	
Kathya	Aragon	Imperial	
Brooke	Schilke	Imperial	
Hannah	Beel	Johnstown	
Alyvia	Shultz-Ramer	Kearney	
Tanner	Grubbs	Kearney	
Morgan	Madsen	Kearney	
Riley	Funk	Lawrence	
Audrey	Wilson	Lemoyne	
Jaelin	Wolfinger	Lexington	
Austin	Kamm	Lincoln	*

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Addi	Gropp	Lincoln	
Johanna	Roux	Lincoln	
Garrett	Scholz	Loomis	
Shawn	Kavanaugh	Louisville	
Miriell	Brokaw	Lyons	
Colten	Miller	Lyons	
Sydney	Olsen	Lyons	
Ashlynn	Whitley	Lyons	
Lauren	Sousek	Malmo	
Cameron	Woita	Malmo	
Jadon	Skavdahl	Marsland	
Levi	Huffman	Maxwell	*
Cole	Huffman	Maxwell	
Ryan	Werkmeister	Maywood	
Joseph	Barenberg	McCook	
Abbey	Diaz	McCook	
Maryann	Kassner	McCook	
Addisyn	Mowinkel	Milford	
Katelynn	Reiter	Miller	
Carter	Milton	Milligan	
Hannah	Donley	Minden	
Emma	Grube	Minden	
Larissa	Labenz	Minden	
Mia	Malcom	Minden	
Brent	Senff	Minden	
Clara	Preister	Monroe	
Nolan	Williams	Morse Bluff	
Addison	Pool	Naponee	
Jayden	Adams	Nebraska City	
Lextyn	Harker	Nebraska City	
Brianna	Johnson	Nebraska City	
Kaidyn	Maybee	Nebraska City	
Ceiden	Childears	North Platte	*
Brylie	Robinson	North Platte	
Isabella	Benne	Oakland	
Brandi	Helzer	Oakland	
Thomas	Karnopp	Oakland	
Lillian	Ehlers	Oakland	
Jaedyn	Hajek	Odell	
Ashley	Duis	Odell	
Carter	Behnken	Omaha	
Adam	Knapp	Ord	
Cheyenne	Reineke	Ord	
William	Skibinski	Ord	

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Reagan	Choat	Osmond	
Dylan	Pooschke	Overton	
Parker	Walahoski	Overton	
Abigael	Greaves	Palisade	
Makenna	Mottl	Palmer	
Ainsley	McConnell	Paxton	
Delana	Harmon	Pender	
Aaron	Watson	Plattsmouth	
Keiser	Dixon	Pleasanton	
Avery	Schultis	Plymouth	
Morgan	Havlovic	Prague	
Emilee	Olson	Randolph	
Justine	Pope	Ravenna	
Ashley	Bonifas	Roseland	
Emma	Strampher	Roseland	
Jessalinn	Dieriex	Rushville	
Rebekah	Ketelsen	Saint Edward	
Bela	Jedlicka	Schuyler	
Abigail	Reyna	Schuyler	
Addison	Vavricek	Schuyler	
Allison	Vavricek	Schuyler	
Hannah	Klein	Scotia	
Gillian	Hunke	Scribner	
Callee	Carman	Shelton	
Kirk	Hebda	Silver Creek	*
Lydia	Ziemba	Silver Creek	*
Abby	Hirschman	St. Paul	
Garrett	Hansen	Stanton	
Braeden	Dey	Staplehurst	
Cameron	Berliner	Stapleton	
Elizabeth	Fetty	Stapleton	
Kyle	Kramer	Stapleton	
Leah	Christen	Steinauer	*
Brynn	Almgren	Stuart	
Bart	Beattie	Sumner	
Mikah	O'Neill	Sumner	
Rilyn	Schledewitz	Sumner	
Talan	Storer	Sutherland	
Gracyn	Efeldt	Sutherland	
Carson	Mau	Sutton	
Ty	Gorton	Syracuse	
Hailey	Kirchhoff	Syracuse	*
Isabella	Roche	Tekamah	
Josephine	Turnbull	Thayer	

