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GOVERNOR, NDA DIRECTOR WELCOME AMBASSADOR DOUD TO NEBRASKA



LINCOLN – Governor Pete Ricketts and Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) Director Steve Wellman welcomed Gregg Doud, Chief Agricultural Negotiator for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, to Nebraska on Thursday and Friday.

During his visit, Ambassador Doud:

- met with dry edible bean producers and Congressman Adrian Smith in Scottsbluff;
- met with sugar beet growers near Bridgeport;
- toured fields to learn more about dry edible bean and sugar beet harvests;
- toured New Alliance Bean and Grain company with the Governor and Congressman Smith and Director Wellman;
- hosted a round table meeting at the Nebraska State Fair with NDA Assistant Director Breinig and Nebraska agricultural commodity groups to discuss trade opportunities;
- helped crown the Supreme Champion Female and Supreme Champion Bull at the open class beef show at the Nebraska State Fair.

“We were pleased to welcome Ambassador Doud to Nebraska and enjoyed meeting with so many of our agricultural producers,” said Wellman. “I’d like to thank the Nebraska Dry Bean Commission for their hospitality and for hosting the group during the Scottsbluff and Alliance portion of our visit and the staff at the Nebraska State Fair for their assistance during our stop in Grand Island.”

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Field Picture: Gov. Ricketts, NDA Director Wellman and Ambassador Doud join Lynn Reuter, Executive Director of the Nebraska Dry Bean Commission and local producers to participate in dry bean harvest.

Meeting Room Picture: Gov. Ricketts, NDA Director Wellman, Ambassador Doud and Congressman Adrian Smith join members of the Nebraska Dry Bean Commission and other Scottsbluff area producers to discuss international trade and its benefit to Nebraska agriculture.

Inside Raising Nebraska Picture: Ambassador Doud addresses agricultural producers and commodity representatives during a roundtable discussion inside the Raising Nebraska exhibit at the 2020 Nebraska State Fair. Photo Courtesy of the Nebraska State Fair.

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