

For 100 years Nebraska Farm Bureau has worked to improve the lives of Nebraska farmers and ranchers by saving members time, money, and working to help cut through red tape. Here's just a few of our accomplishments over the last decade as we march forward to do the same for the next 100 years.

2008

- Led a coalition to support livestock expansion in the state and oppose animal rights activists.
- Helped secure dollars for state's property tax credit program, reducing agriculture property taxes by \$24 million or roughly 52 cents/acre.
- Helped pass state law giving beginning farmers with a 3-year exemption from personal property taxes on ag machinery and equipment, worth roughly \$1,700 a year to beginning farmers.

2009

- Defeated federal climate legislation that would have increased input costs. If passed, was projected to decrease net farm income by \$5 billion annually.
- Defeated state legislation to repeal sales tax exemptions on agriculture inputs and sales of livestock.
- Helped pass state law preventing local governments from regulating sale and distribution of seeds, fertilizers, and soil conditioners regulated by the state.

2010

- Saved corn farmers \$1/acre by helping pass state law eliminating the use of checkoff on corn to fund state water resources fund.
- Helped pass state law protecting farmer's and rancher's ability to raise livestock by ensuring common care practices aren't construed as animal cruelty under state law.
- Defeated federal climate change/cap and trade legislation.

2011

- Helped successfully repeal burdensome Form 1099 regulations contained in the health care reform law.
- Successfully advocated for passage of Free Trade Agreements with South Korea, Panama, and Colombia that increased direct agriculture exports from Nebraska by \$123.6 million year.
- Helped pass state law directing a portion of state sales tax for road construction and maintenance to improve state transportation infrastructure.

2012

- Defeated onerous regulations proposed by the Dept. of Labor to prevent children from working on farms and ranches.
- Helped pass state legislation to assure farm home sites are valued and taxed as working farms and not compared to residences in platted and zoned areas.



2013

- Helped save the average Nebraska farm \$25,000 in new state sales taxes by stopping sales tax from being applied to agriculture inputs including seed, fertilizer, machinery, equipment, fuel, and energy.
- Turned back animal rights extremists by successfully stopping the inclusion of "one-size fits all" housing and care standards for egg-laying hens in the Farm Bill which would have set federal precedent.
- Sponsored drought workshops to help farmers and ranchers work through drought related business decisions and advocated to open CRP acres for emergency haying and grazing.

2014

- Helped pass state law repealing the sales tax on repair parts for agricultural machinery and equipment saving Nebraska farmers and ranchers roughly \$9 million in sales taxes each year.
- Helped pass a farm bill that strengthens federal crop insurance and offers funding for livestock producers suffering from forage and animal losses due to drought, blizzard, and other natural disasters.
- Helped pass state law to exempt drivers of farm-plated vehicles from Commercial Driver's License (CDL), drug and alcohol testing, hours of service, and other regulatory requirements.

2015

- Established a service to help members work through new Farm Bill programs to evaluate which options were best for their farm or ranch operation.
- Helped pass state law initiating development of a state livestock siting matrix to help counties evaluate local livestock permits and advance livestock industry growth.
- Defeated effort to require USDA consider how food is raised and the impacts of food production on the environment in establishing food recommendations in USDA Dietary Guidelines.

2016

- Expanded opportunities for Nebraska farmers by helping pass state law allowing farmers to enter into agreements allowing farmers to feed and care for pork processor owned hogs.
- Helped ensure continued use of biotechnology in agriculture by helping pass federal law pre-empting a patchwork of state-by-state GMO food labeling laws.
- Defeated flawed OSHA regulations that would have driven up prices and limited farmer access to anhydrous ammonia fertilizer.

2017

- Led the state coalition that successfully helped rollback of EPA's "Waters of the U.S." rule, a massive expansion of federal regulatory authority over private land.
- Helped ensure livestock farmers continue to have access to livestock haulers by securing a delay in U.S. DOT Electronic Logging Device regulations that don't recognize realities of hauling live animals.
- Successfully protected funding for key programs for agriculture including the property tax credit fund, water sustainability fund, and the Nebraska Brand Committee during budget cutting legislative session.