The mission of the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation is to advance the future of Nebraska’s Beef Industry by investing in research and education programs.
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Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation

Financial Summary

As of August 31, 2017

Scholarship/Grant Accounts

- Beef State Scholarship $235,285.84
- UNL Judging Teams $150,984.07
- Sibert Scholarship $28,409.11
- Heller Scholarship $29,912.70
- Yoachim Scholarship $29,873.00
- Viersen Scholarship $27,413.25
- Bruntz Scholarship $29,786.54
- Beef Pit Scholarship $33,784.66
- Uden Scholarship $38,801.84
- Clarence & Lois Jean Hartmann Scholarship $35,917.50
- Colonel Melvin Huss Scholarship $33,360.62
- Ron & Shirley Huss Scholarship $34,419.06
- Cattlemen’s OpenScholarship $34,771.06
- Bill Pullen Scholarship $27,044.68
- Bill Briggs Family Memorial Scholarship $29,579.14
- Todd Rienbaw Scholarship $29,308.39
- Jim & Helen Gran Memorial Scholarship $28,073.94

Endowed Accounts

- Nebraska Beef Industry $204,223.63
- Nebraska Range $95,228.72
- Operating $5,186.49
- Leadership $22,505.69

Funds at UNL Foundation

- UNL Professorship $307,643.74
- UNL Feedlot Management $42,518.04

Designated Accounts

- Cattle Capital Scholarship
- West Central Scholarship
- Nebraska Hereford

General Account $355,582.68

Total Assets = $2,022,153.94
$52,000 awarded in Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Scholarships at the Nebraska Cattlemen Midyear Conference in West Point, Nebraska in June, 2017.

Jayde Atkins, Broken Bow $1,000 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
McKenzie Beals, Friend $1,200 Robert F. Lute II Memorial Scholarship
Heather Bentley, Miller $1,000 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Michael Borgelt, Wisner $1,000 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Krista Carter, Alliance $1,200 Vance Uden Memorial Scholarship
Corey Conway, Campbell $1,200 Bill Heller Memorial Scholarship
Alexis Corman, Bridgeport $1,000 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Emily Critser, Bellwood $1,200 Martin Viersen Range Management Scholarship
Michaela Cunningham, Fullerton $1,000 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Cassidy Curtis, Columbus $1,000 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
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Cooper Grabenstein, Smithfield $1,200 Cattlemen's Open Scholarship
Karnee Hatch, Maxwell $1,000 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Megan Homolka, Swanton $1,200 Ron & Shirley Huss Scholarship
Marissa Kegley, Kearney $1,200 Ron & Shirley Huss Scholarship
Eric Klitz, West Point $1,200 Donavan Yoachim Memorial Scholarship
Morgan Leefers, Otoe $1,200 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Jason Line, Miller $1,200 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Erika Loseke, Columbus $1,200 Colonel Melvin Huss Scholarship
Krista Ott, Wisner $1,200 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Jesse Paxton, Stapleton $1,200 Vance Uden Memorial Scholarship
John Radil, Comstock $1,000 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Brittany Reynolds, Ansley $1,000 West Central Affiliate Scholarship
Jessica Rudolph, Gothenburg $1,200 Donavan Yoachim Memorial Scholarship
Mathias, Schulte, Kearney $1,000 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Hannah Settle, Raymond $1,000 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Miles Stagermeyer, Pierce $1,200 Cattlemen's Open Scholarship
Collin Thompson, Eustis $1,000 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Leah Treffer, Cozad $1,200 Frank & Shirley Sibert Scholarship
Emiie Vales, De Witt $1,200 Jim & Helen Gran Scholarship
Lydia Vinton, Whitman $1,200 Todd Ricenbav Memorial Scholarship
Andrea Wach, Wauneta $1,200 Bill Pullen Scholarship
Sage Williams, Eddyville $1,000 Retail Value Steer Challenge Scholarship
Hannah Kesterson, Alliance $500 Cattle Capital Affiliate Scholarship
Denton Payne, Alliance $500 Cattle Capital Affiliate Scholarship

NEBRASKA CATTLEMEN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2018.
SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

*ROBERT F. LUTE II ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
established September 30, 1993, with $20,000
Lute was a teacher, lawyer and accountant and had a love for young people and a tremendous respect for education. The foundation became a way for him to unite the two. “Education was very important to both of us,” Kathy Lute said. “Robert knew that education was necessary and not just any type of education. He felt that students needed brawn and brains. He discussed it with me before his death. He wanted money put into a good foundation.” Lute’s father, Robert Sr., and Kathy, Lute’s widow, established an endowed scholarship in Lute’s name after his death.

*MARTIN VIERSEN RANGE MANAGEMENT/CONSERVATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
established in 2005 with $10,000
Bill Rishel, longtime friend of the Viersen’s and former Foundation board member said, “creating a scholarship in Martin’s name is a fitting way for Arlene to honor her late husband’s legacy as a pioneer in rangeland management and conservation.”

*FRANK AND SHIRLEY SIBERT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
established May 15, 1995, with $20,000
“I can remember how broke I was in college. I received a $50 scholarship and it was like finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. I know that college students today need and appreciate any financial assistance they can get. I also know that today’s students will be tomorrow’s leaders. It seems to me that a scholarship to a worthy student today is a good investment in the future,” said Frank Sibert

*VANCE UDEN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
established September 8, 2009, with $10,000
Vance Uden was a long-time Black Angus breeder from Franklin, Nebraska. He owned and operated TC Ranch which produced some of the breed’s leading genetics. Vance earned many awards and was known world wide for cattle while always striving to produce herd sires that would improve the Angus breed. He was a strong supporter of youth and never turned down a livestock judging team that needed a place to work out. As a University of Nebraska graduate and former meats and livestock judging team member, it was very fitting when Connie, Dru and Ty Uden chose to create the Vance Uden Memorial Endowed Scholarship Account that will annually award a $1,000 scholarship to a UNL Senior Livestock Evaluation Team member with preference given to a student majoring in Animal Science and preparing for a career in agriculture.

* DENOTES THESE FUNDS WERE ESTABLISHED IN MEMORY OF VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE
**Bill Heller Endowed Scholarship**

established October 14, 1996,
with $20,000

Bill Heller worked for Syntex and was a strong supporter of the Foundation. After his death, the allied industry group held a golf tournament to benefit the foundation to honor Bill. As a result, an endowed scholarship will forever honor Bill.

**Ron & Shirley Huss Endowed Scholarship**

established in December 2012
with $25,000

Ron and Shirley Huss established this endowed scholarship account to provide an annual $1,000 scholarship to a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Animal Science and preparing for a career in agriculture. Preference will be given to applicants whose course of study focuses on beef production.

**Bill Pullen Endowed Scholarship**

established in December 2012
with $25,000

Bill’s Volume Sales and Service, owner Bill Pullen, of Central City, Nebraska, was awarded The Friend of the Foundation Award at the 2012 NC Convention. Bill has served as one of the main sponsors for the Foundation’s primary fundraiser, the Retail Value Steer Challenge since inception and has donated a steer each year also. After receiving his Friend of the Foundation award, Bill announced he was contributing $25,000 to the Foundation, this became the Bill Pullen Endowed Scholarship. This endowed scholarship will provide an annual $1,000 scholarship.

**Colonel Melvin Huss Endowed Scholarship**

established in December 2012
with $25,000

Colonel Melvin Huss was a well-known auctioneer, cattlemaster and livestock market owner. Huss owned and operated the Lexington and Kearney Livestock Markets. The family established this endowed scholarship to honor their father and provide an annual $1,000 scholarship to a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Animal Science and preparing for a career in agriculture. Preference will be given to applicants whose course of study focuses on beef production.

*Denotes these funds were established in memory of very special people*
NEBRASKA CATTLEMEN - BEEF PIT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

established in 2007 with $6,000
The Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit Scholarship was established by the Beef Pit Committee to provide funds to junior or senior undergraduate students enrolled full time in a Nebraska college or university studying meat and/or food science. This account was fully funded in 2010 with Beef Pit proceeds.

*TODD RICENBAW ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

established in 2016
The Ricenbaw Family and the Nebraska Cattle Beef Pit established the Todd Ricenbaw Memorial Endowed Scholarship which will provide a $1,000 award to a student attending the University of Nebraska majoring in an agriculture field. “Todd loved supporting and promoting agriculture, especially the beef industry, and we believe in young people who will continue to make a difference in agriculture and want to help them in their educational endeavors.”

* DONAVAN YOACHIM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

established in 2002 with $20,000
Donavan Yoachim was a farmer/stockman from the Hebron area who was instrumental in establishing the Nebraska Cattlemen’s Beef Pit at State Fair Park and was a major promoter of the beef industry in Nebraska.

* CLARENCE* AND LOIS JEAN HARTMANN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

established in December 2012 with $10,000
The Nebraska Beef Pit established this endowed scholarship to honor Clarence and Lois Jean for serving on the original committee that established the Nebraska Cattleman’s Beef Pit at the Nebraska State Fair. Clarence was a lifelong farmer/cattlemen and an active member of the Dodge County Cattlemen which contributed an additional $6,500 to this account. This account will provide an annual $1,000, scholarship.
**CATTLEMAN'S OPEN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

established in 2011 with $17,000

The Cattlemen’s Open was a well known golf tournament held at the Holdrege Country Club in Holdrege, Nebraska, and largely supported by cattlemen from across the state for seventeen years. Steve Bohr started the golf tournament as a fundraising event while serving as Chairman of the Nebraska Cattlemen PAC Committee, with help from Wes Nelson.

**BILL BRIGGS FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

established in 2016 with $26,000

Carole Briggs and her family established the Bill Briggs Family Memorial Scholarship Account remembering their husband and father, Bill Briggs, and showcasing the impact the Briggs family has had on the beef industry in Nebraska and Bill’s lifelong career in the livestock feeding business. This endowed scholarship account will provide a $1,000 annual award to a junior or senior level student enrolled at a Nebraska college or university majoring in a beef industry related field and preparing for a career in the beef industry. Preference shall be given to a student with a GPA of at least 2.75.

**JIM & HELEN* GRAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

established in 2016 with $25,000

Jim Gran established the Jim and Helen Gran Endowed Scholarship Account to honor his late wife Helen and his contributions to the Beef Industry in Nebraska. Both were lifelong ranchers and strong advocates for the Nebraska Beef Industry working locally and on the state level in various leadership positions. This endowed scholarship account will provide a $1,000 annual award to a sophomore level student at NCTA majoring in an area of production agriculture and preparing for a career in production agriculture.

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**EDUCATIONAL FUNDING**

**NEBRASKA CATTLEMAN FOUNDATION ASSISTS NEBRASKA CATTLEMAN AFFILIATES AND STATE BREED ASSOCIATIONS W/SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS**

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation allows Nebraska Cattlemen Affiliates and Nebraska State Breed Associations to create accounts within the Foundation to receive charitable dollars to support youth and adult educational activities.

- Nebraska Cattlemen Affiliates taking advantage of this opportunity:
  - Cattle Capital Affiliate based out of Alliance
  - West Central Affiliate based out of Broken Bow

- The Nebraska Breed Association taking advantage of this opportunity:
  - Nebraska Hereford Association

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The Nebraska Beef Industry Endowment was established in December 2009. It will provide grants to beef industry-related research and/or teaching positions at Nebraska post-secondary educational institutions. This award will serve as a thank you and an incentive to those professors/instructors that are providing cutting edge research and/or student instruction in a beef industry related area. This grant will help fund valuable research that might not occur otherwise or allow the continuation of research already being conducted that might not continue because of lack of funding and/or reward a professor/instructor for outstanding educational instruction to their students.

Since 1968, the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation has supported the beef industry by financially supporting research and educational projects/programs. Early on the Foundation was instrumental in prompting research in the area of calf-scours and center pivot irrigation and more recently providing funding for the new research feedlot at the Panhandle Research Center in Scottsbluff and the new educational facilities at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis. Funding scholarships has always been important for the Foundation with thousands of dollars in scholarships awarded to hundreds of students from numerous endowed scholarships accounts and other sources.

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation established the Nebraska Beef Industry Professorship of Animal Science at UNL in December 1994 with $200,000. This fund allows an annual stipend of $10,000 to be awarded to a worthy professor with the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation wanted to duplicate that effort and create a fund that would not be limited just to UNL, but benefit a post-secondary educational institution and/or teaching position anywhere in our great state of Nebraska, thus the Nebraska Beef Industry Endowment was created. The board plans to grant $5,000 annually to an outstanding professor/instructor.

The Nebraska Beef Industry Endowment was endowed with $100,000. The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation board of directors hopes others will see the vital importance of this endowed account and contribute. As the endowed account grows, more grants will be awarded to professors/instructors and/or research projects that benefit the beef industry, especially the beef industry in Nebraska.

For more information please contact any Foundation board member or Jana Jensen, Fundraising Coordinator for the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation at janajensen@neb-commfound.org or 308-588-6299.
HISTORY
The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation created the Nebraska Range and Conservation Endowment in 2011. This endowment will provide grants to range management and conservation research and teaching positions at Nebraska post-secondary educational institutions. This award will serve as a thank you and an incentive to those professors/instructors that are providing cutting edge research and/or student instruction in a range management and conservation related area.

This endowment was created from one-half the net proceeds of the 2010-2011 Retail Value Steer Challenge. The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation voted to move enough money from the general account to fully endow the Nebraska Range & Conservation Endowment at $100,000 at their September 17, 2013, board meeting.

MITCHELL STEPHENSON
Stephenson is the Assistant Professor and Range Management Specialist at the University of Nebraska Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff. His research focuses on better understanding the influence of grazing management on rangelands. Current projects include studies evaluating the benefits of different grazing strategies, targeted grazing for specific management objectives, and the influence of management on cattle grazing behavior.

Stephenson was granted $4,000.

PAST WINNERS:
2012 – Dr. Jerry Volesky
2013 – Dr. Karla Jenkins
2014 – Dr. Karla Jenkins & Dr. Ron Bolze
2015 – Dr. Ron Bolze & Dr. Doug Smith
2016 – Dr. Doug Smith

2016 NEBRASKA RANGE AND CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT WINNER

2016 NEBRASKA BEEF INDUSTRY ENDOWMENT WINNERS

Jeff Heldt presenting the award to Dr. Doug Smith

Jeff Heldt presenting awards to Dr. Dennis Burson, Jo Bek and Mike Roeber.
STATEWIDE SUPPORT FOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAMS

NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF TECHNICAL AGRICULTURE (NCTA) IN CURTIS

In 2017 NCTA received $4,500 from the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation. Those dollars were generated from the Retail Value Steer Challenge.

Front Row: Karly Jensen, Bloomfield; Stephanie Kersten, Gretna; Emily Hausmann, Spencer; Tejlor Strope, O’Neill; Elisia Vogel, Dodge; Madisen Randa, Verdigre; and Caitlin Janke, Wayne; Back Row: Kurt Wortman, Creighton; Owen Shaw, Pisgah, IA; McGwire Mackeprang, Bloomfield; LaKeisha Wheeler, Butte; Lucas Longe, Wayne; Joey Kratochvil, Clarkson; McKway Scott, Westerville; Michael Wolfe, Palmer; and Mike Roeber, Coach, Norfolk;

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE (NECC) IN NORFOLK

In 2017 NECC received $4,500 from the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation. Those dollars were generated through the Retail Value Steer Challenge.

Front Row: Rachel Miller, Basehor, KS; Katharine Schudel, North Loup; Colbey Luebbe, Seward; Back Row: Braden Wilke, Asst. Coach, Columbus; Wyatt Duskie, Jewell, KS; Grant Romshak, Shelby; Nathan Lashley, Curtis; Remy Mansour, Petaluma, CA; Dean Fleer, Pierce; Will Moeller, Grand Island; Peyton McCord, Cairo; Joe Calvo, Bassett; Dr. Douglas Smith, Coach; Not Pictured: Trace Helser, Champion
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

NEBRASKA YOUTH BEEF LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

This is the tenth year the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation has supported this education event held at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL). Over 250 youth from across Nebraska get an inside look at life at UNL and the beef industry as a whole. This event has contributed to the increase in enrollment at UNL – CASN.

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation contributes $2,500 to this program annually.

NEBRASKA YOUTH BEEF LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM JUNIOR AND SENIORS

NEBRASKA YOUTH BEEF LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE

NEBRASKA CATTLEMEN YOUNG CATTLEMEN’S CONFERENCE

NC YCC 2017 participants pose in the Capitol rotunda prior to listening to the Legislature debate bills. Front Row: Kate Benjamin, Lakeside; Kat White, Minden; Tabatha Cornelius, Ainsworth; Erin Laborie, Beaver City; Back Row: Troy Carruthers, Kimball; Andy Reigle, Humphrey; Heath Weichel, Lexington; Alex Heine, Yankton, S.D.; Jacob Hopwood, Holdrege; and Steve Fish, Norfolk.

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation contributed $10,000 - 2017 and 2018.

YOUNG CATTLEMEN CONFERENCE

Jake Mayer, Naomi Loomis and Hank Klosterman stand at the steps of our nation’s Capitol during the NCBA YCC.

Since 1997 the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation has funded one young aspiring Nebraska Cattlemen leader to attend the Young Cattlemen Conference (YCC). In 2016 the Foundation agreed to pay for two representatives. The primary objective of YCC is to develop leadership qualities in young cattlemen and cattlemen and expose them to all aspects of the beef industry.
SUPPORTING UNL

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN

A $100,000 endowed fund was established in 2001 with proceeds from three years of the Five-Star Heifer sale (approximately $40,000 and then completed with proceeds from the Retail Value Steer Challenge). Each year the three UNL agriculture judging teams receive $5,000 in support from this account.

BEEF INDUSTRY SCHOLARS GROUP

The Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars Program (NBIS) is a unique four-year certification program for UNL students. It was created as a component of Beef Education Excellence for the Future (BEEF), an initiative to enhance beef education and research in the state of Nebraska. NBIS is a program belonging to all who have a vested interest in the future of the beef cattle industry.

“Developing Beef Industry Leaders for Tomorrow with Insights from Today’s Beef Industry Leaders.”

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation has contributed to this program for several years and contributed $5,000 in 2011 and 2012. The program received $7,500 every year since 2013.

ANDY BRUNTZ BEEF INDUSTRY SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP

This fund was originally established in 1997 by Andy’s parents, Ann and David Bruntz, to assist with the Southeast Community College livestock judging team’s travel expenses. Andy was a member of that team at the time of his death. In 2014 this fund was modified and now provides an annual grant to the Andy Bruntz Beef Industry Scholars Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.
Supporting UNL

Nebraska Beef Cattle Industry Professorship

The Nebraska Beef Cattle Industry Professorship of Animal Science at UNL was established in December 1994 with $200,000. This fund allows an annual stipend of $10,000 to be awarded to a worthy professor within the University of Nebraska College Agriculture and Natural Resources. Dr. Chris Calkins was awarded this stipend from 1995 – 2011. The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation proudly awarded Dr. Galen Erickson this stipend in 2012 for his cutting edge research with feedlot rations, especially the use of distillers grain and other by-product feed sources in finishing diets for beef cattle. Erickson will receive this award through July 1, 2022.

UNL Feedlot Management Course

The Foundation has funded a $1,000 scholarship each year since 1997 to support the UNL Feedlot Management Course. This fund was established with $20,000 from the Merck-Merial Generations of Excellence funds. This course is an intensive eight week study on and off campus that provides students an opportunity to get real life experience in the feedlot industry, including internships at feedlots.

UNL Animal Science Scholarships

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation voted to present ten scholarships to UNL Animal Science students with 2 - $500 scholarships presented to freshman, 2 - $500 scholarships presented to sophomores, 3 - $1,000 scholarships presented to juniors in the Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars program and 3 - $1,000 scholarships presented to seniors in the Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars Program. Scholarships were awarded at the UNL Alumni Gathering, Oct 8, 2017.

UNL of Nebraska Lincoln®

Front Row: Joseph Kvidera at Timmerman’s (Indianola), Emily Fox at Ford Farms (Cairo), Kerbie Large at Diamond 6 (West Point), Kimberly Johnson at Lincoln County Feedyard (Stapleton); Back Row: Shelby Garland (program recruiter), Dr. Galen Erickson, Dr. Terry Klopfenstein, and Troy Eberle (former intern and current Director of Cattle Operations at ALCC).

Wes Anderjaska, Cassidy Curtis, Austin Underwood, Hannah Esch, Jacy Spencer, Marissa Kegley, Hannah Settle, Shelby Cammack, Tressa Reiner and Jacob Crumly.
Annual Fundraiser

150 Steers were gathered for the Retail Value Steer Challenge!!!

This challenge marked the 18th year of the Foundation’s Retail Value Steer Challenge and the largest test to date. Serving as the primary fundraising event for the foundation, thousands of dollars has been raised over the last fourteen years, which has enabled the Foundation to grant additional scholarships, support leadership development programs for youth and adults and fund research and education projects and infrastructure development. THANK YOU steer donors, we greatly appreciate your support!

Carcass Value Winners
1. Herb Albers Feedlot
2. Nutrient Advisors
3. Homer & Darla Buell/Dave & Carol McCracken

Total Value Winners
1. Todd & Holly Schroeder
2. Loseke Feedlot/Folken Feedyard
3. High Plains Feed Yard

Average Daily Gain Winners
1. TC Ranch
2. Briggs Feedyard
3. Ron & Nancy Kvols

Carcass Value Winners
1. Herb Albers Feedlot
2. Nutrient Advisors
3. Homer & Darla Buell/Dave & Carol McCracken

Ten Year Steer Donors are recognized each year at Midyear Conference. The first group of 10 year donors was recognized eight years ago. We continue to recognize our loyal supporters each year with a 10 year plaque.

Thank You:
- Darr Feedlot and staff
  For hosting all eighteen steer challenges!
- Sponsors
  Your dollars encouraged participation!

Bill’s Volume Sales, Inc
Central City, NE

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
Honoring Donors

Friend of the Foundation

Each year the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation will honor and thank an individual or business that has supported the Foundation in an extraordinary way. Each Friend will receive a special thank you gift and their name will be added to a plaque at the Nebraska Cattlemen office.

Al and JoAnn Svajgr of Cozad were awarded the Friend of the Foundation at the 2016 Nebraska Cattlemen Annual Convention in December. Al served on the NCF board for many years. They have been longtime supporters of the Foundation and all its activities including the Retail Value Steer Challenge. We greatly appreciate their time, talent and treasure they have so graciously shared for many years.

- 2011 – Darr Feedlot, Inc.
- 2012 – Bill Pullen
- 2013 – Gallagher Grace/Mayer
- 2014 – Craig and Teri Uden
- 2015 – Frank & Shirley Sibert
- 2016 - Al & JoAnn Svajgr

Cattlemen’s Heritage Society

- donors that have created planned gifts that will benefit the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation will be welcomed into the Cattlemen’s Heritage Society. Each will receive a special thank you gift and their name will be added to a plaque at the Nebraska Cattlemen office.

- Frank & Shirley Sibert
- Bill & Barb Rishel
- David & Ann Bruntz
- Al & JoAnn Svajgr
- Dave Hunt
- Shari Flaming

Cattlemen’s Legacy Society

- donors that have created endowments within the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation will be welcomed into the Cattlemen’s Legacy Society. Each will receive a special thank you gift and their name will be added to a plaque at the Nebraska Cattlemen office.

- Robert E. Lute II Memorial
- Frank & Shirley Sibert
- Bill Heller Memorial
- Donavan Yoachim Memorial
- Martin Viersen Memorial
- NC Beef Pit
- Vance Uden Memorial
- Cattlemen’s Open
- Andy Bruntz Memorial
- Clarence and Lois Jean Hartmann
- Colonel Russell Huss
- Ron & Shirley Huss
- Bill Pullen/Bill’s Volume Sales
- Bill Briggs Family
- Todd Ricenbaw Family
- Jim & Helen Gran

The Foundation has established recognition societies to thank those promoting philanthropy by creating planned gifts and/or endowments through the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation.
The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation gratefully recognizes the generous support of those donors who have made a gift to the Foundation from July 1, 2016, to September 1, 2017. Donors are listed in alphabetical order by giving levels.

### TRAIL BOSS
**$1,001 - $5,000**
- Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
- Barb & George Cooksley
- Bill’s Volume Sales
- Bruntz Farming & Feeding
- C. Peter McClymont
- Farmer’s Mutual Insurance Company of Nebraska
- Hansen 77 Ranch
- Holiday Inn of Kearney
- Eric & Tom Hansen
- LJ Hartmann Farms LLC

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**$1 - $1000**
- Adam & Tessa Quinttner
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- Al & JoAnn Svajgr
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  - Al & Sallie Atkins
  - Amarillo Brokerage Company
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  - Todd Faessler
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- Feedlot Fencing LLC
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- Denny Fellers
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  - Dick & Bonnie Helms
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  - Chuck & Sue Folken
- Frenzen Angus/Polled Hereford
  - Galen Frenzen
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- F&W Farm LLC
  - Bob Wiseman
- Galen E. Erickson
- Gary White

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**$5,001 - $10,000**
- Darr Feedlot Inc
- Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit
- G.T.I. Inc
  - Greg & Teresa Ibach
- Gohl Bros
  - Tom Gohl
- Gordon Wiegardt
- Hall & Sons Cattle Co
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