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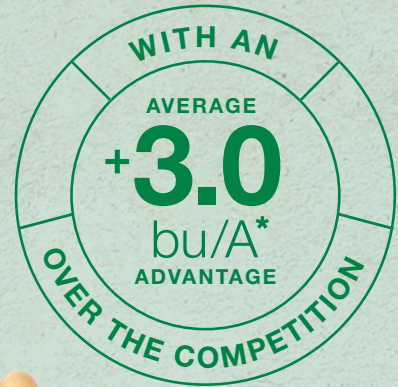
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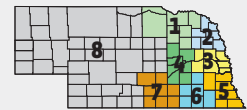


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Brent Parks, agronomist with WinField United, takes notes in a soybean plot near David City, Nebraska.

*Note from the*  
**EXECUTIVE  
 DIRECTOR**



*By Andy Chvatal*

As Nebraska's soybean fields turn golden and the combines begin to roll, it's the perfect time to pause and recognize the hard work, dedication and resilience of our state's soybean growers. Harvest season is the culmination of months of planning, planting and nurturing crops through unpredictable weather, shifting markets and long days. Each acre represents not just seed and soil, but the livelihood, commitment and optimism of Nebraska farm families.

This time of year is both exciting and demanding. Long hours in the field, machinery that needs to run smoothly and the pressure of timing can test even the most seasoned farmers. Yet harvest also brings a deep sense of pride and accomplishment—watching the results of a year's effort finally come to fruition. The soybean crop not only feeds and fuels communities here at home but also contributes to markets across the globe, reminding us how vital Nebraska agriculture is to the world.

Supporting our farmers is a top priority for the Nebraska Soybean Board. As part of our strategic plan, we have a dedicated staff and committee focused on Farmer Support. Now, more than ever, it is essential that we provide guidance, resources and programs to help Nebraska soybean growers thrive in and out of the field.

As growers gear up for harvest, we extend our best wishes for a safe, efficient and rewarding season. May the weather cooperate, equipment hold steady and yields meet or exceed expectations. Beyond the bushels, may this harvest bring peace of mind, gratitude and optimism for the year ahead. Nebraska's soybean growers exemplify resilience, and we are proud to support them as they carry forward the legacy of feeding, fueling and sustaining communities near and far.

Best of luck for a successful harvest!

**Checking In With The Chairman**

**SUPPORTING  
 FARMERS  
 AS WE LOOK AHEAD**

*By Mark Caspers, NSB Chairman, Auburn*



Greetings, fellow Nebraska soybean producers. As I write this in mid-September, harvest is just starting to get underway here in southeast Nebraska. It seems like the growing season flew by, as did my term as chairman of the Nebraska Soybean Board (NSB). At our November meeting, we will once again hold officer elections. As always, change is inevitable, and we will welcome a new director for District 4 as Eugene Goering terms off after faithfully serving Nebraska soybean producers for 12 years. The November meeting will also see NSB, along with other commodity groups, meet with AFAN as we work to grow livestock production in Nebraska. In addition, at this meeting, we will begin work on refreshing our strategic plan.

The 2025 growing season has definitely been an interesting one on my farm. I finished soybean planting in April, the earliest that has ever occurred on my farm. By the second week of May, the soybeans were about 6 inches tall and beginning to wilt from lack of moisture. I remember having a telephone conversation with a neighbor around the middle of May while walking through a soybean field and commenting on how parched the soybeans looked. He replied, "There is not a rain in the forecast until July." Fortunately, the next week it started raining, and we had good rains throughout the growing season.

Earlier in September, I helped man the NSB booth at Husker Harvest Days, and it was great to see so many people, especially the younger visitors, excited to learn more about one of Nebraska's primary crops and the many uses for soybeans. It was also nice to see familiar faces and catch up with several fellow producers I haven't seen for quite some time. As usual, we had some of the MEG Corp team there to educate and promote the use of biodiesel to Nebraska farmers.

As we enter harvest this fall, U.S. soybeans face some export challenges, making the promotional efforts of your soybean checkoff more important than ever. At the same time, NSB continues to focus on farmer support, providing guidance, research results and resources that help producers make informed decisions on their farms. A reminder to keep safety a priority as you ready your machines and harvest your crops. Be sure to also get your SCN sample bags and send in your samples, as fall sampling behind the combine is ideal.

Wishing you all a safe and bountiful harvest!

Soy Action Center

# POLICY WINS FOR GROWERS



By Kent Grotelueschen, NSA President, Octavia

As harvest season demands farmers' full attention, the Nebraska Soybean Association (NSA) and American Soybean Association (ASA) focus on their ongoing commitment to advocating for policies that provide certainty and support for growers. We are fortunate to have state and national leaders, along with the ASA team in Washington, working on your behalf, even during busy times.

Recent policy achievements for growers highlight significant advancements aimed at strengthening the soybean industry.

- ▶ **Emergency Commodity Assistance Payments:** Soybean growers received \$30 per acre through the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program, giving financial stability during challenging times.
- ▶ **Enhanced Reference Prices and Tax Provisions:** The soybean reference price increased from \$8.40 to \$10 per bushel, with the effective reference price for 2025 crops rising to \$10.71. In addition, estate tax exemptions were raised to

\$15 million per individual and made permanent, alongside a permanent 20% deduction for pass-through income.

- ▶ **Biofuel and Trade Support Measures:** Funding for Market Access Program and Foreign Market Development doubled, renewable volume obligations for bio-based diesel increased by 67%, and tax credits for soybean oil-based biofuels were doubled with eligibility limited to North American feedstocks. Our work continues stressing the urgency of resolving trade disputes with China to restore export markets for our number one export customer.

Our organization's leaders and ASA DC staff will continue guiding advocacy work on your behalf. Your voluntary membership dues support our policy work; checkoff funds do not. Contact the NSA office at 402-441-3239 to learn more about becoming a member and our special seed bonus offer.

Have a safe and bountiful harvest.

*Kent Grotelueschen*



Leaders from NSA and across the U.S. gathered in Washington, D.C., for ASA's summer board meeting and Capitol Hill visits. Top issues during the visit with Congressman Adrian Smith included trade access, renewable volume obligations, clean fuel credit, regulatory reform and farm bill. Nebraska leaders in attendance included NSA director Chandra Blasé, NSA Young Leader Travis Runge, NSA director Lucas Miller, Ag Voices of the Future UNL student Isaac Stromburg and ASA director Dennis Fujan.



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# John Deere Expands Biodiesel Compatibility to **B30**

By NSB staff, adapted from a John Deere press release

**N**ebraska soybean farmers could see new demand for their crop following an announcement from John Deere. The company recently approved the use of B30 biodiesel, a 30% biodiesel blend, across its entire portfolio of Tier 4 engines. Previously, only blends up to B20 were approved.

The announcement was made in late August and highlighted at the 2025 Farm Progress Show in Decatur, Illinois, where all John Deere equipment in the Ride and Drive area operated on B30 biodiesel.

"At John Deere, we're committed to supporting and growing the use of renewable fuels in our equipment," said Pierre Guyot, senior vice president of John Deere Power Systems. "We believe strongly in the role that renewable fuels play in supporting the agriculture economy and are excited to offer our

customers—including those who grow the very crops used to make renewable fuels—the opportunity to leverage higher blends of fuels like biodiesel in their own equipment."

Industry leaders welcomed the move as a win for farmers.

"This is a win-win situation for U.S. soybean farmers and rural communities," said Caleb Ragland, president of the American Soybean Association and a Kentucky soybean farmer. "Higher blends of biodiesel mean greater demand for the soybeans we grow and cleaner-burning fuel for equipment in the field. John Deere's leadership in approving the utilization of B30 in their machinery helps move renewable fuels forward, while directly supporting the farmers who help produce them."

Scott Fenwick, technical director for Clean Fuels Alliance America, said, "John Deere's approval of B30 demonstrates true leadership in supporting America's farmers and advancing sustainable fuels. Biodiesel is engineered to deliver the performance fleets and equipment owners expect, while exceeding ASTM quality specifications. By embracing higher blends, John Deere is assuring customers they can rely on a clean, homegrown fuel that reduces carbon emissions and strengthens rural economies."

For Nebraska soybean producers, higher biodiesel blend approvals could help strengthen demand for soy oil, one of the key drivers of the soybean crush market, while continuing to provide a reliable, cleaner-burning option for powering equipment in the field.



To learn more about John Deere's renewable fuel efforts, visit [JohnDeere.com/renewablefuels](https://www.johndeere.com/renewablefuels).



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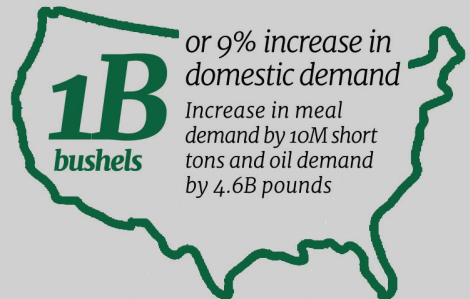


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# 5030

YEARS OF CHECKOFF WORK

YEARS UNDER LEADERSHIP AS NSB

## DECADES OF DEDICATION

**F**arming has never been easy, but this year feels especially tough. Input costs remain high, margins are tighter and markets are uncertain. Adding to the challenge, this growing season has been marked by unpredictable weather patterns. High winds, disease pressure and limited rainfall in certain regions have further stressed crops.

Even in this environment, there are reasons for optimism. Demand for domestic soybean crush continues to rise, creating new opportunities here at home. More soybeans are being turned into meal and oil in the United States, and soybean oil is seeing record use in the biofuels sector. More than half of U.S. soybean oil production is now being used for biofuels, providing a stable outlet for your soybean crop.

The Nebraska Soybean Board (NSB) knows how much is at stake and remains focused on making every checkoff dollar work for farmers. From funding research on new genetics to backing production tools that help growers manage pests and boost yields, the Board continues to invest in innovation that pays off in the field. NSB also supports demand-building efforts, at home and abroad, to keep soybeans moving into markets that strengthen prices for producers.

This work is not limited to economics alone. The board also invests in consumer and youth education, helping connect the next generation to agriculture and ensuring farmers have the freedom to operate and be continually proud to do so.



**As NSB marks 50 years of the soybean checkoff and 30 years of farmer-led leadership,** its mission has not changed. The goal remains to grow value for Nebraska farmers by maximizing checkoff investments.

This fall, as combines roll through fields across the state, know that NSB is working alongside you. The challenges are real, but so are the opportunities. And while conditions may shift from year to year, one thing will not: the Board's commitment to supporting Nebraska soybean farmers today and for years to come.

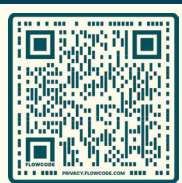
For more information or to share input on how the checkoff can better serve you, contact the NSB office in Lincoln at **402-441-3240** or email **info@nebraskasoybeans.org**.





# GROWING POPULATIONS DRIVE DEMAND FOR PROTEIN

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# NEBRASKA'S MAKING MOO'VS TO STRENGTHEN HOOF-HOLD ON DAIRY

*Milk, meal and momentum will be operational in Seward in 2027*

**A** dairy cow produces more than milk, cheese or yogurt. Each adds about \$12,000 in local economic impact through feed, jobs and property taxes. Multiply that by the thousands of cows needed for Nebraska's new \$165 million DARI Processing LLC plant, and the ripple effects will reach farms, businesses and rural communities.

The Tuls family broke ground on the Seward-area facility in June, making DARI the seventh dairy company to invest in Nebraska processing and the first to do so in more than six decades. Once operational in 2027, the plant will produce aseptic, shelf-stable milk under the Moo'V Real Milk brand.

Milk is perishable, which makes location critical. Today, Nebraska's milk is often hauled out of state. Once DARI comes online, more will stay in Nebraska, reducing freight costs, improving freshness and keeping more value here. That growth means more cows, more soybean meal and more opportunity for crop and livestock producers to benefit together.

For soybean farmers, the tie is clear. "A typical dairy ration includes about eight pounds of soybean meal per cow per day," said Steve Martin, executive director of the Alliance for the Future of Agriculture

in Nebraska (AFAN). "To support the 20,000 cows needed for this plant, that's about 160,000 pounds of soybean meal daily. That's real demand for Nebraska-grown soybeans."

And the benefits don't stop at feed. Manure from those cows can return to nearby fields, cutting fertilizer costs while improving soil health, water-holding capacity and long-term sustainability in corn-soybean rotations.

### Partnerships Driving Growth

The Nebraska Soybean Board has supported this momentum through its partnership with AFAN. "The investment the Nebraska Soybean Board made in AFAN made it possible for us to go out and recruit dairy processing companies," Martin said. "That's going to drive demand for milk, cows and feed."

Those efforts also help put Nebraska on the map. "This creates news about the dairy industry in Nebraska," Martin added. "When companies look for their next spot, they see our water resources, our feed resources and the row crop farmers who can supply the feed."

It is a full-circle return on soybean checkoff investments, supporting partners like AFAN who recruit these partnerships

and strengthen markets for soybeans, livestock and rural communities.

For soybean farmers, it all circles back to the crop: more soybeans in feed, more nutrients for the soil and more value flowing back into rural communities. And with DARI's groundbreaking, Nebraska is making a true "Moo'V" toward keeping more value close to home.

### From Milk to Meal to Community Growth



- ▶ **1.8 million lbs of milk per day** — plant demand that will require 20,000 more cows.
- ▶ **160,000 lbs of soybean meal daily** — steady new markets for Nebraska soybeans.
- ▶ **Manure back to fields** — lowers fertilizer costs and improves soil health.
- ▶ **\$12,000 per cow in annual impact** — economic ripple effect for farms, jobs and local services.



A trade group from Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa visited Jason Penke's family farm before attending Soy Connex.

## SOYBEAN EXPORTS:

# Optimism, Skepticism and Everything In Between

By Wesley Wach, NSB Demand & Utilization Coordinator

As the demand for domestic feedstocks grows, paired with uncertainty in foreign policy, many wonder if anything is happening at all in the realm of exports. It might not seem so, but reality says yes.

While trade as we know it is not going away, it certainly is changing. That optimism comes from Jim Sutter, CEO of the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) as he opened at their premier event, Soy Connex, also known as the Global U.S. Soy Summit. It is here where U.S. Soy buyers, sellers, growers and industry partners gather every year, creating an environment that builds relationships—a backbone of trade. Against a backdrop of changing trade dynamics and increasing global demand for reliable, high-quality soy protein

and oil, the 2025 event gathered more than 700 attendees from 59 countries in Washington, D.C., from August 20 to 22. The Nebraska Soybean Board (NSB) was a sponsor of this event, with numerous staff and growers in attendance.

“About 50% of Nebraska’s soybeans get exported, including some of mine that get crushed locally and exported as soybean meal through the Pacific Northwest,” says Victor Bohuslavsky, who farms near Seward, serves as a director on the United Soybean Board and attended Soy Connex. “We sell into a global market, and events like Soy Connex help us play in that sandbox.”

Opportunities to connect face-to-face with others around the world make the event stand out. Attendees got a real-time crop update from a farmer panel during

the program. Plus, the “Ask a Farmer” lounge made it easy for customers to meet face-to-face with U.S. Soy farmers.

“I visited with a marketer from Pakistan who understands the quality of U.S. Soy,” Bohuslavsky says. “He has had poor experiences with soy from other origins and wants to buy our soybeans.”

The Trade Team Invitational at the event connected 315 key buyers and 43 exporter companies to strengthen trade relationships and explore market opportunities. To complement this time in Washington, D.C., many international attendees participated in trade team tours before or after the conference. One of these groups visited NSB District 2 Director Jason Penke at his farm near Oakland, NE. Participants were from Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.



Jason Penke answers questions for a trade group from Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa at his family's farm.



A delegation from a prominent feed milling company in Thailand visits with NSB secretary Mike Tomes.

The visit highlighted the U.S. soybean industry's transparency and readiness to meet global demand, giving international buyers a firsthand look at the sustainable practices, innovation and stewardship that are core to the U.S. Soy value proposition.

"People buy from people; they trust people," Bohuslavsky says.

Relational trust is one thing, but price and market certainty are another. There is optimism with trade, but skepticism is also prevalent. Just a few blocks away from Soy Connex, at the White House, global tariffs have been brought to the front of everyone's minds. One country in particular, China, has yet to purchase soybeans for the upcoming marketing year.

Nebraska farmer and NSB District 1 Director Anne Meis participated in a

private breakfast session with the Chinese Soy Connex delegation, focusing on the historic and enduring role of U.S.-China soy trade. At the end of the day though, price has the final say.

In the 2023/24 market year, U.S. Soy exports to the Greater China Region represented 23% of the U.S. Soy market share and was the #1 export market. Soybeans are also America's top agricultural export, contributing \$31.2 billion to the U.S. economy in the 2023-24 marketing year and traded in more than 80 countries, according to USDA. Year over year, the USDA also projects a 4.3% year-over-year increase in global soybean demand.

What do the signals point to, though? Besides China, what about demand elsewhere?

U.S. soybean export demand is not bad at all elsewhere. Actually, the numbers say it is quite good. According to the USDA, new-crop bean sales to all known destinations at the end of August are the highest they have been since 2018. While this will not fully replace China's demand, it is a silver lining.

Regardless, the U.S. will continue to be one of the pivotal and best sources of soybeans. Checkoff investments will also continue to focus on foreign markets. Relationships with international customers built over decades of collaboration are key to a profitable and reliable soy industry.

Many are wondering what trade will look like in the coming year. Good? Bad? The answer is probably somewhere in between.

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# Make Saturday Mornings Work for You

Market Journal delivers weekly news, analysis and education for Nebraska producers

Around here, ag has a mind of its own. Weather, markets and demand call the shots, which is why many growers kick off their weekend with Market Journal at 7 a.m. on Nebraska Public Media, a trusted routine for practical, research-driven updates.

Produced by the University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources in partnership with the Nebraska Rural Radio Association, Market Journal is Nebraska’s only statewide agricultural TV program. For more than two decades, it has delivered timely, unbiased information that helps producers make confident business decisions.

“Our edge is unbiased information,” said Market Journal host Bryce Doeschot. “The show is only as strong as the university experts behind it.”

## STAYING RELEVANT WEEK TO WEEK

The team’s challenge is keeping content timely within a weekly broadcast. “We meet weekly, track crop calls and researcher meetings, and scan what is most relevant to producers here at home,” said Bill Dodd, Market Journal producer. “The most challenging part is staying timely. When a bomb cyclone hit in 2019, we rebuilt the show in a week to cover what producers needed. We are here to serve producers.”

One standout segment is Crop Talk, supported by Nebraska soybean farmers and your checkoff dollars. Each week, extension specialists share what they’re seeing in fields and what management steps deserve attention now. At this year’s Soybean Management Field Days, Crop Talk highlighted the irrigated soybean TAPS competition, where producers compared strategies side by side to

see how seeding rates and irrigation efficiency shaped yield potential.

These broadcasts extend from field updates with local growers to expert analysis on markets, technology and crop health. Recent segments have covered soybean gall midge, white mold and weather-driven management strategies, topics that matter directly to farmers’ bottom lines.

“Funding from groups like the Nebraska Soybean Board is absolutely critical to maintain broadcast standards and keep information unbiased and accessible—a farmer-first source of information,” Doeschot said.

And for many Nebraska producers, it’s more than a broadcast. It’s part of their Saturday morning routine: tune in at 7 a.m. with a cup of coffee, and you’ll find timely updates, expert insight and farmer-driven stories designed to help you work smarter through the week ahead.



NSB Chairman Mark Caspers with Market Journal host Bryce Doeschot at Husker Harvest Days.



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# TURNING 2025 DISEASE LESSONS INTO 2026 YIELD GAINS

By Dylan Mangel, Extension Plant Pathologist

A wet spring is always welcome, but in 2025, it came with a cost. Excess moisture created ideal conditions for the pathogens that rot soybean roots, particularly the one that causes soybean sudden death syndrome (SDS). Soybean plants are most vulnerable to disease during germination, when they rely on limited energy reserves and have less to contribute to pest defense. Extended rains after planting left soils saturated across much of Nebraska, providing the perfect environment for SDS to establish and spread.

These developing plants encountered the pathogen (*Fusarium virguliforme*) where it survived in the soil on previous crop residue. This pathogen prefers high soil moisture and compaction, which are both conditions that might slow the emerging seedling. Around this time, the fungus infected the seedlings and remained, spreading slowly within the root tissue for the entirety of the infection. The fungus never moved up to the leaves, despite causing foliar symptoms. This foliar damage came exclusively from fungal toxins that moved upward to the top of the plant. Overall, this combined stress reduced yield by reducing root uptake of water and nutrients and limiting the leaves' ability to capture sunlight. Additionally, fields with soybean cyst nematode were prone to increased sudden death syndrome damage (request free soil testing here: [go.unl.edu/scnsample](http://go.unl.edu/scnsample)).

All this being said, soybeans hold up in cool, wet soils better than corn. With earlier planting dates becoming more common, this ability gives growers a chance to push higher yields, but also raises the stakes for variety selection and seed treatment planning. As you review

the 2025 season, take time to study your notes and field observations. Use those insights to guide decisions about variety selection, seed treatments and soil testing so that disease management investments are made where they are most likely to deliver the greatest return.



SDS symptoms differ between tolerant varieties and susceptible varieties. There are four rows of a tolerant variety planted between two susceptible varieties. Source: Dylan Mangel



Interveinal chlorosis foliar soybean sudden death syndrome symptoms. Source: Dylan Mangel



Fungal growth on pulled sudden death syndrome root. In some cases, this blue growth is not present or appears gray. Source: Dylan Mangel



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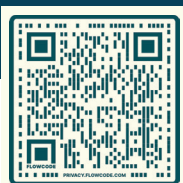
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# Control of White Mold

## IN 15" VS 30" ROW SPACING

White Mold (*Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*) is an increasing problem for Nebraska soybean producers. Once a field is infected, control of this pathogen is very hard even with a corn-soybean rotation. This disease infects through the flowers; mushroom-like structures emit spores which then spread up to plant flowers, which can completely kill the plant if not prevented. Unfortunately, once you see white mold in your soybeans, it is effectively too late for preventative control. Once white mold has infected a plant, sclerotia from the pathogen form and can be spread while harvesting, where they will overwinter into the next soybean growing season. Field conditions that increase white mold pressure include high-humidity

environments, tight plant spacing, and poor airflow. Opting for a 30" row spacing vs. 15" row spacing is a planting decision that may improve control of white mold in fields with past pressure.

That's where the Nebraska On-Farm Research Network (NOFRN) comes in. NOFRN is a statewide program designed to "answer farmers' questions in farmers' fields." In collaboration with UNL Extension, farmers can participate in the network by implementing trials for testing products, practices, or input decisions in their own fields using their own equipment. Trial design can be implemented with a joint effort between extension faculty and the farmer, with heavy lifting such as prescription mapping and data collection done by

UNL Extension. With over 115+ trials across the state in 2025, the possibilities of ideas are endless.

Dylan Mangel, a UNL soybean plant pathologist, is conducting an On-Farm Research Study in Saunders County, determining the effectiveness of 30" row spacing vs. 15" row spacing, with and without a foliar fungicide treatment across row spacing to determine the ability to control the disease under these conditions. So far, field observations have shown that white mold is more common in 15-inch rows than in the adjacent 30-inch row treatments. A final yield analysis will be collected after harvest to determine the effectiveness of this planting decision.



UNL plant pathologist Dylan Mangel assessing white mold infestation levels.



White mold infestation levels on July 29 in 15" row spacing.



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The Nebraska On-Farm Research Network is proudly sponsored by the Nebraska Soybean Board. If you are interested in participating in the Nebraska On-Farm Research Network in 2026, reach out to Adam Leise at [aleise2@unl.edu](mailto:aleise2@unl.edu) or 402-360-3213.

# THE ART OF PLANNING: LOOKING BACK & AHEAD

Tina Barrett, Executive Director of Nebraska Farm Business, Inc., has spent more than 20 years helping Nebraska farm and ranch families with financial management and planning. We sat down with Tina to discuss the financial outlook and strategies for today's producers.

**Nebraska Soybean Board (NSB):**

Nebraska farm income nearly doubled from 2023 to 2024 but is still far below the highs of 2021. At the same time, debt is rising and working capital is slipping. How should soybean farmers interpret these numbers and potentially prepare for more volatility?

**Tina Barrett (TB):** It would have been nice to have a crystal ball back in 2020–2022 to see how quickly that profitability would fade, because many of the decisions made then are affecting today's numbers. Less financed capital purchases and less “sloppy spending” would have left farms with stronger cash flow and more working capital now. Producers now need to tighten their belts across the operation and carefully evaluate each decision. The key is to ensure choices make financial sense today, rather than doing things simply because “It's what I've always done.”

**NSB:** With short-term debt and interest costs increasing, what steps can farmers take to manage cash flow more effectively?

**TB:** Cash flow management is often driven more by tax decisions than true management decisions, and that can create problems. Selling grain to pay down debt may save interest, but it often

increases the tax bill, making balance between the two critical. Farmers on a cash basis can't reduce debt year after year without recognizing more taxable income than what you spend on family living, taxes and principal payments. While paying taxes isn't popular advice, paying a reasonable amount—based on accrual profitability—gives farms the ability to reduce debt, lower interest costs and build working capital.

**NSB:** Many advisors suggest fall is the best time to plan ahead for taxes. What are the most important things soybean farmers should be discussing in those early meetings?

**TB:** For most farms, fall is a natural time to begin tax planning, but depending on your operation, starting earlier can be even more effective. Early meetings give you time to plan for sales, debt reduction and cash flow without being rushed into last-minute decisions. Tax plans should go beyond just “matching last year” and instead consider your broader goals—such as retirement, land purchases or inventory management. Because every farm's situation is unique, the right strategies are highly individualized, which makes clear communication with your advisor essential.

**NSB:** Farm income averaging can be a useful tool in years with big income swings. How can this strategy benefit Nebraska soybean producers?

**TB:** Farm income averaging is a powerful tool because it lets producers carry current high income back to years with lower income, using unused lower tax brackets without amending returns. It doesn't help bring past high income forward, and it doesn't affect self-employment taxes, but it can significantly reduce the effective tax rate in the right circumstances. We use income averaging for clients every year, even if the benefit is small, because you never know when it will make a big difference.

**NSB:** How does diversification affect tax planning, and what do farmers need to watch out for?

**TB:** Diversification can be valuable, but it adds complexity to tax planning. Investments outside the farm may generate dividends or pass-through income, often reported late in the spring, which can make meeting the March 1 filing deadline difficult without amending later. Diversifying within the operation can also complicate planning, especially with multiple entities and things like passive activity rules that limit how losses



are used. The key is to understand the tax implications before making business decisions—never making the decision solely for tax purposes.

**NSB:** If farmers end the year with extra cash, is it better to invest in repairs, pay down land notes or set funds aside for estate and transition planning? Or something else completely?

**TB:** Having extra cash in a farming operation is always a good problem to have, but how you use it matters. Building working capital, paying down principal or saving for the future all generate taxable income, but even after paying taxes you still have significant cash available to strengthen your business. By contrast, spending on unneeded repairs or capital purchases just to avoid taxes may hurt long-term profitability, since you'll still face taxes later when assets are sold. The best choice depends on your goals, so make decisions based on business needs and long-term strategy—not just the immediate tax impact.

**NSB:** Are there Nebraska-specific tools or resources you recommend to help farmers prepare for tax season?

**TB:** The best preparation for tax season

is keeping accurate, up-to-date records. It's less about which software you use and more about how well it's maintained, since different systems work better for different operations. What matters most is that records are reconciled to the bank, reviewed for accuracy and clearly separate farm and personal income and expenses. Having a good inventory count also helps us estimate accrual income so we can put taxable income in the right place.

**NSB:** What advice do you give families about balancing budgets when farm income is unpredictable?

**TB:** Family living expenses can be one of the hardest areas to budget and control. Setting up a regular monthly transfer from the farm account to a personal account helps create discipline, and separate savings accounts for vacations or major purchases keep spending intentional. The key is to keep personal spending within your means, because overspending can erode net worth just as quickly as low farm profitability. At the end of the day, personal spending discipline is essential to long-term farm success.

**NSB:** What else do you see as top priorities regarding financial health for

farmers in the remainder of 2025 and looking forward into 2026?

**TB:** Input decisions for 2026 are already being made, and because they make up such a large share of total costs, they need to be evaluated carefully. The goal should be maximizing profit, not just yield—for example, a seed promising more bushels per acre isn't worth it if the extra cost outweighs the potential return. Sometimes, using less expensive inputs or reducing application rates can result in lower yields but higher net income. Beyond cost control, the top priority for most operations will be building working capital and improving liquidity heading into 2026.

**NSB:** Anything else you would like to add?

**TB:** The common thread across all of these issues is that good planning has to be proactive, intentional and individualized. What works for one farm may not work for another, and the best strategies balance tax considerations with the long-term health of the business. Avoiding rash decisions, keeping personal spending in check and focusing on profitability rather than just tax savings will position farms to thrive. At the end of the day, financial discipline and flexibility are what carry operations through volatile times.



# UNL Enhances ABC Enterprise Budgeting Tools

*Expanded tools aim to improve farm management and decision-making*

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s Agricultural Budget Calculator (ABC), available at [agbudget.unl.edu](http://agbudget.unl.edu), is becoming an essential online tool for farmers and ranchers who want to better understand their production costs and strengthen their management decisions.

First launched in 2021 with support from the Nebraska Soybean Board, work has continued in developing the program with additional grants received from the Nebraska Corn Board and North Central Extension Research Education Center through USDA NIFA. Analysis tools, cash flow and whole-farm profitability projections were added. This year, the livestock module in ABC went live with a focus on cattle enterprise budgeting.

Specialty crop budgeting is soon to launch in ABC, with a crop marketing plan feature on the slate for development in 2026.

## WHY IT MATTERS

Knowing your enterprise’s cost of production and basing marketing decisions on such information becomes key, especially in down markets. ABC enterprise budgets provide cost of production information on a cash cost and an economic cost basis. In the short run, farms can operate covering cash costs; however, in the long run, economic costs (cash costs plus ownership, opportunity and other non-cash costs) need to be covered to remain a viable business.

A northeast Nebraska producer said this about ABC, “I wanted to let you know

how much I appreciate your work on the ABC calculator. In the past, I have used the UNL crop budgets to help me analyze my farm profitability, but the ABC calculator takes this a big step further. With the addition of the whole-farm module, I was able to compare my soil health system of extended rotations and cover crops to a conventional system of corn-soybean rotation. I could input hard numbers to prove increased profitability.”

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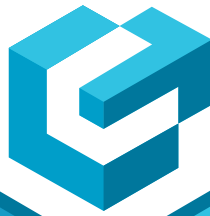
Regular training and Q&A sessions are available to help producers get started and make the most of the program. Learn more and register at [cap.unl.edu/abc](http://cap.unl.edu/abc).

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# Nebraska Farmers Promote Soybean Meal Export Capacity at Port Houston

By Mike Steenhoek, Executive Director, Soy Transportation Coalition

One of the significant developments in the U.S. soybean industry continues to be the investment in processing facilities in order to produce more soybean oil for renewable fuels. Of course, the additional production of soybean oil will result in an additional production of soybean meal. While much of this additional soybean meal will be consumed by the domestic livestock industry, it is increasingly essential to invest in additional export capacity to connect with international markets.

“The increased production of U.S. soybean meal presents a challenge and an opportunity,” says Doug Saathoff, a soybean farmer from Trumbull, Nebraska, and a director on the Nebraska Soybean Board and the Soy Transportation Coalition. “We have an opportunity to export a high-quality, value-added product to international customers. However, in order to do so, we need to have increased infrastructure capacity to allow this to occur.”

The Andersons, Inc., is in the process of expanding its grain export terminal at Port Houston in order to handle and export soybean meal and soybeans from the facility. In addition to facilitating the export of soybean meal, the project has the potential to meaningfully address a couple of other major priorities of the broader soybean farmer community:

- ▶ Given the continued challenges the soybean industry has experienced with low water conditions on the Mississippi River, does this project increase the diversity of the supply chain by “spreading the eggs across more baskets?” The soybean meal that will be shipped to the facility at the Port of Houston will be transported via BNSF Railway or Union Pacific Railroad. It will not utilize the inland waterway system.
- ▶ While large “home run” markets like China remain of great importance to our industry, does this project enhance multiple “base hit”

marketing opportunities for soybean meal and soybeans? The identified markets for the Houston export terminal are: the Middle East/Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America and Asia.

With a storage capacity of 6.3 million bushels, the Houston facility supports the export of more than two million metric tons of grain annually and will now include up to 22,000 metric tons for storing soybean meal for export. Additional upgrades will include a new conveyance system to seamlessly transport goods from storage to the ship loaders, as well as a new ship loading tower to increase the efficiency and speed of loading.

The Andersons projects that the primary states that will feed the soybean meal to their facility will be: Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota and Missouri. It is possible other states will feed into the facility as well given the expansion of soybean processing throughout the country.



The Andersons Inc. will be adding 22,000 metric tons of storage capacity for soybean meal to the existing Port Houston facility. (The Andersons, Inc.)

Because the facility at Port Houston will result in greater resiliency of international marketing and the supply chain, the Nebraska Soybean Board and the following soybean farmer organizations contributed a total of \$275,000 toward the project:

- ▶ United Soybean Board
- ▶ Soy Transportation Coalition
- ▶ Iowa Soybean Association
- ▶ Kansas Soybean Commission
- ▶ Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council

The funding will be used for research, analysis, pre-engineering, design, etc., expenses associated with the facility expansion at the Port of Houston. The Andersons, the owner of the facility, will assume the costs of the actual construction of the project.

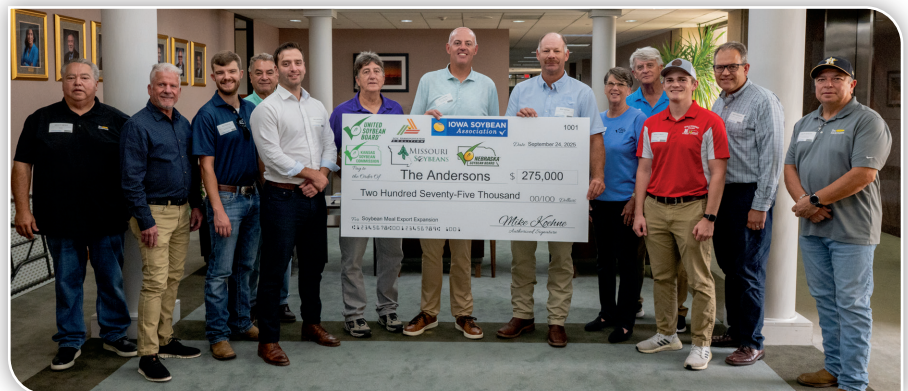
A ceremonial \$275,000 check was presented to The Andersons by a group of soybean farmer leaders on September 24 at a luncheon at Port

Houston’s headquarters. The soybean farmer leaders also received a tour of the export terminal and an update on the expansion project.

“We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to work with soybean farmers on this important investment,” said Matt Dvorak, Houston business manager at The Andersons. “As domestic soybean crush increases, we are identifying new opportunities for the export of

soybean meal via our Houston facility. We look forward to working with the Soy Transportation Coalition and the broader soybean farmer community on this project, which will help connect U.S. soybean meal with international customers.”

During these challenging times, Nebraska soybean farmers continue to invest in tangible projects that will provide real profit opportunities for the industry.



Representatives from soybean organizations presented a ceremonial check at Port Houston on September 24. Photo by Joe Murphy with the United Soybean Board.

## GROWING NEBRASKA'S FUTURE

# Expanding Soil Health, Innovations, and Producer Voices

By Caro Córdova, PhD - Assistant Professor and Statewide Soil Health Specialist, and Katja Koehler-Cole, PhD - Statewide Soil Health Extension Educator

Over the past two years, Nebraska's soil health movement has gained powerful momentum, thanks in part to the organization and leadership of the UNL Soil Health Team. Led by Carolina (Caro) Córdova, PhD, and Katja Koehler-Cole, PhD, with statewide support from dedicated extension educators, the team delivered 10 impactful educational events—including five soil health conferences, three field days, and two soil health assessment trainings—reaching producers in Ithaca, West Point, Hastings, Lincoln, Valentine, and Scottsbluff. This effort was made possible through the combined support of the Nebraska Soybean Board, SARE, and Nebraska Extension.

More than 700 attendees—including soybean growers, ranchers, consultants, agency staff, and students—participated in these events, with producers and consultants influencing practices on over 12 million acres statewide. Together, these efforts are driving real change. Survey results show 75% of producers now plan to “expand or modify” core soil health

practices such as cover cropping, reduced tillage, and crop-livestock integration.

Farmers valued the opportunity for peer-to-peer learning and practical, hands-on demonstrations, often citing the importance of region-specific information. As one producer put it: “The more growth, the better. I appreciated the built-in time to the program for networking—experiences from other growers and carbon intensity scoring were highlights.” Another participant shared, “I have learned that cover crops are a good thing and should be incorporated into our routine. Building and retaining topsoil—it's essential for the future of my farm.”

Across all events, participants consistently rated the programming as “one of the best” educational opportunities and valued their new knowledge at \$10–\$25 per acre—with some reporting even greater economic and agronomic returns.

Many praised the diversity of panels and interactive fieldwork: “Great job, good variety of topics. Enjoyed the soil

health rapid assessments, networking with soil health enthusiasts and experts,” wrote one attendee. Another added, “I will use this knowledge to promote soil health activities to protect our groundwater from nitrates ... solid information that helps drive real change.”

Looking ahead, Nebraska producers are calling for continued hands-on learning, producer-led panels, and more research tailored to western and central Nebraska. With the continued partnership between the Nebraska Soybean Board, UNL Soil Health Team, and producers statewide, innovation and soil resiliency remain strong in Nebraska's soybean fields for this generation—and the next.



UNL Soil Health Conference at Hastings, March 2024. Photo Credit: Katja Koehler-Cole.



UNL-NRCS Soil Health Assessment Training at Ithaca, April, 2025. Photo Credit: Caro Córdova.



UNL Soil Health Team members join keynote speaker Lisa Schulte-Moore, PhD—Professor of Natural Resource Ecology and Management at Iowa State University—following the conference program. Pictured left to right: Marina de Val-Hilden, TJ Prochaska, Lisa Schulte-Moore, Caro Córdova, Katja Koehler-Cole, and Mailson Freire de Oliveira. Photo Credit: Adda Ireba.



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# SOYBEAN INSIGHTS

## Check out NSB's latest videos to stay ahead and informed

Nebraska soybean farmers have two great video resources this season from the Nebraska Soybean Board (NSB) designed to help them stay informed. One gives real-time updates from the field, and the other shows exactly how farmers' checkoff dollars are being put to work.

The Nebraska Soybean Agronomy Update is back for its second year and continues to bring farmers timely, practical information straight from the fields. Each episode features agronomists from local co-ops, input suppliers and the University system who share what they are seeing, what challenges are popping up and what they are doing about it. Farmers get insights on everything from weed and pest pressures to emerging drought conditions, helping them take action before small problems become big ones.

"Seeing real fields with real issues helps farmers make smarter, more efficient decisions," said Anne Meis, NSB director and chair of the Farmer Support Committee. "We appreciate all our agronomy partners who took the time to share their expertise. This digital format makes it easier for farmers to get tidbits of information about what's being seen in soybean fields across the state."

On the new front, NSB just released the Where Your Checkoff Dollars Go video. This short animated video gives farmers a fast, clear look at how their checkoff dollars are used—from funding research and education to promoting soy products here and around the world.

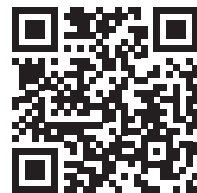
"Farmers want to see how their checkoff dollars are being used, and this video shows how our farmer-led board decides to invest those dollars across

the four core areas: production and crop research, demand and utilization, farmer support and community engagement," continued Meis.

The Agronomy Update and the checkoff video are part of NSB's Farmer Support initiative. They are designed to help farmers make better decisions, save time and see the real value of the work NSB is doing on their behalf. Farmers can watch the videos online through NSB's YouTube channel.



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**NEBRASKA SOYBEAN  
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# Built for producers, backed by the Soy Checkoff

## NEW SOY CAN WEBSITE DELIVERS PRACTICAL TOOLS AND INSIGHTS

There's no shortage of facts and opinions in agriculture today. The real challenge is finding what's meaningful quickly enough to put it to work.

That's the purpose of the new U.S. Soy Center for Animal Nutrition and Health (U.S. Soy CAN) website—highly curated, credible news, resources and tools that deliver direct value to livestock producers and animal health professionals.

Launched in August 2025, the site was built to meet the needs of those on the front lines of the livestock industry. “Our hope and intent in building the website is for it to be the resource of choice for nutritionists, animal scientists and producers to learn the latest about the production and economic value of soybean meal in the U.S.,” said Nathan Augspurger, senior director of animal nutrition and health at the United Soybean Board.

Soybean meal remains the backbone of livestock feed. “Soybean meal is a highly digestible source of amino acids for all species,” Augspurger said. It also delivers energy and biofactors that help animals perform under stress, whether that's respiratory disease in pigs or summer heat in cattle. That broad role is why poultry, pork, dairy and other livestock sectors all rely on soy. And it's why nutritionists, veterinarians, producers and processors now have one central site built around these shared needs.

### Inside the U.S. Soy CAN Website

The new website, [can.ussoy.org](http://can.ussoy.org), brings together years of soy checkoff-funded research and industry updates that were

once scattered across multiple platforms. Its main sections include:

**Species-specific sections** for poultry, swine and dairy, with beef and aquaculture expected as the site expands. Producers can head straight to what matters for their barns or feed mills without sorting through unrelated content.

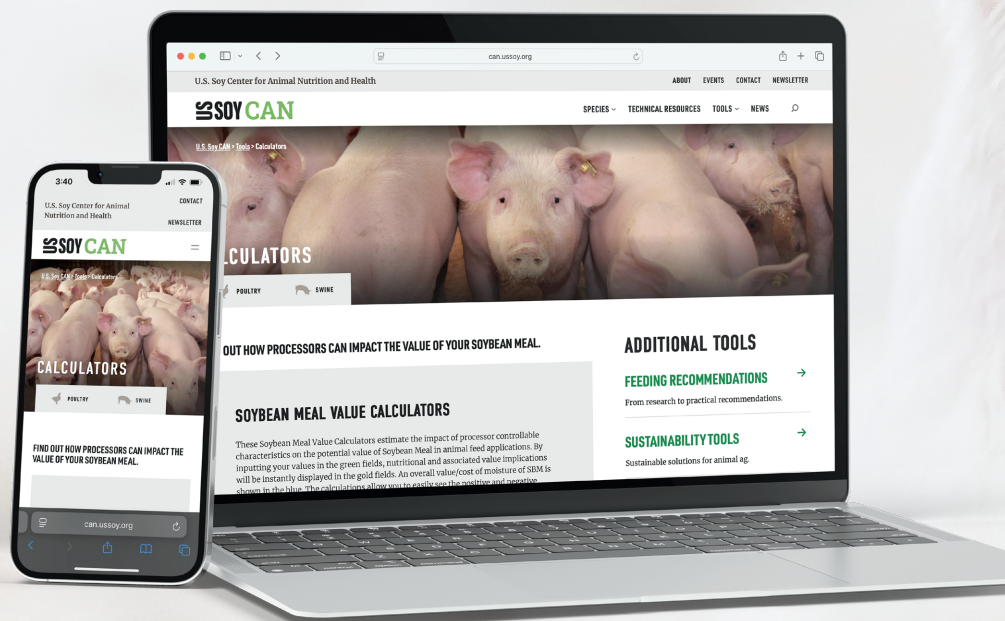
**Technical resources** that provide a library of credible information from the United Soybean Board (USB), state boards, universities and third-party studies. These resources give readers clear, science-backed insights they can rely on.

**Tools** that turn research into practical strategies, including calculators, feeding recommendations and sustainability models that help producers test scenarios, set benchmarks and plan ahead with confidence.

**News** that keeps you informed through articles, podcasts, case studies, presentations and webinars. Each piece is curated with relevance in mind, so busy professionals can find the updates that matter most without digging through noise.

The monthly newsletter is already a go-to for fresh research, tools and updates, and the site will keep expanding. Along with poultry, swine and dairy, future pages for beef and aquaculture will give more producers access to species-specific insights. Additional tools are in development as well, including a swine heat-stress economics model expected to help producers anticipate profitability impacts ahead of summer conditions.

Content comes from trusted sources such as USB, state boards and industry partners. Producers, researchers and technical experts are also invited



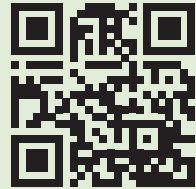
to contribute, with regional stories encouraged for the broader lessons they provide.

For Nebraska producers, U.S. Soy CAN is a clear example of soy checkoff investments paying off. “Checkoff dollars have made investments over the years that have resulted in a lot of information,” Augspurger said. “This site communicates that information in a way that drives implementation at the farm gate.”

Whether you are formulating diets, watching margins or benchmarking herd health, the site makes years of farmer-funded research usable today. And like the soybeans themselves, it feeds the entire system, turning reliable inputs into stronger outcomes across the industry.

### 3 Tools You Can Use Today

- ▶ **Calculators:** Run “what-if” scenarios to see how feed and market changes could affect profitability.
- ▶ **Feeding Recommendations:** Apply clear, research-based guidance organized by species.
- ▶ **Sustainability Tools:** Understand how feed decisions shape long-term environmental outcomes.



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# New Opportunities, Expanding Markets

## Crush Expansion and Renewable Fuels Drive Change and Growth for Nebraska Soybeans

By Ag Processing Inc (AGP) staff

Nebraska soybean farmers are witnessing a pivotal moment as the state's soybean crush capacity expands, creating new opportunities and markets for their crops. Understanding how increased soybean processing, rising use of soybean oil in renewable fuels and growing export efforts are reshaping Nebraska's soybean economy is more important than ever.

At the heart of this transformation is Ag Processing Inc, a cooperative's (AGP) new David City plant. This is AGP's 11th soybean processing facility. The plant began operations in September and has the capacity to crush over 50 million bushels of soybeans annually. In total, it is expected to account for more than 15% of Nebraska's soybean supply.

"The David City facility is a game-changer for our member-owners and the broader soybean community in Nebraska," said Brett Kinney, Merchandiser at AGP. "It

is designed with the space, speed and logistics to meet growing domestic and global demand. That is especially important in a market where meal and oil are becoming more valuable than ever."

While international demand for whole soybeans has softened, domestic consumption is rising, particularly due to state and federal policies supporting renewable diesel. These policies drive higher soybean oil use, and in turn, help keep soybean meal competitively priced for livestock producers domestically and abroad.

"Meal demand depends on our ability to keep it price-competitive, and soybean oil plays a big role in making that happen. Fuel markets have become a critical piece of the soybean value chain," Kinney explained.

The David City plant's advanced infrastructure, including over 13 miles

of rail track for efficient transportation, enhances AGP's ability to supply domestic feed and export markets. For Nebraska farmers, this means stronger local basis, reduced transportation costs and a more stable market for their soybeans during a time of significant industry change.

This growing importance of soybean oil in renewable fuels brings its own set of challenges and opportunities, shaped largely by evolving federal policies and sustainability standards. Nathan Nolte, Sr. Manager of Biofuels at AGP, says the company is monitoring the ongoing regulatory developments shaping the industry.

"We are keenly aware of the EPA's Renewable Volume Obligation (RVO) proposals for 2026 and 2027," Nolte said. "Biofuel advocates are pushing for higher volumes to match industry growth and keep soybean oil demand strong. These



RVOs set federal blending requirements for renewable fuels and directly impact soybean oil markets.”

Other policy factors like Small Refinery Exemptions (SREs) and potential changes to the 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit add complexity to the outlook. Notably, soybean oil recently received a major boost in its carbon intensity rating, excluding indirect land use change, which improves its competitiveness in renewable diesel.

Sustainability regulations in major markets also require increasingly detailed traceability of soybean oil feedstocks. Programs in Canada, California and the European Union now mandate field-level GPS data and certification to maintain market access.

“Ensuring traceability protects market access and strengthens the reputation of U.S. soy as a sustainable, high-quality feedstock for renewable fuels,” said Nolte.

On the export front, AGP continues to diversify its global footprint while securing key traditional markets.

“We have expanded into destinations including South America and Asia and are building relationships in non-traditional markets,” explained Alvaro Cordero, Sr. Export Trader at AGP.

Southeast Asia remains a critical growth region, with Vietnam’s increased demand for U.S. soybean meal directly benefiting



AGP’s new processing facility in David City, Nebraska, can process more than 50 million bushels of soybeans annually.

Nebraska producers. AGP’s outreach also includes markets such as Bangladesh, Indonesia and Thailand, where educational efforts help feed millers better understand and value U.S. soybean meal.

“The recent startup of the David City plant strengthens our ability to meet growing demand and expand market development,” Cordero added.

In addition to David City, AGP’s new export terminal at the Port of Grays Harbor in Aberdeen, WA, is slated to open in mid-2026. AGP is expanding our infrastructure to keep Nebraska soybean meal flowing to global customers efficiently.

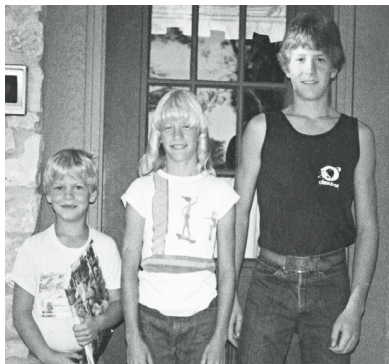
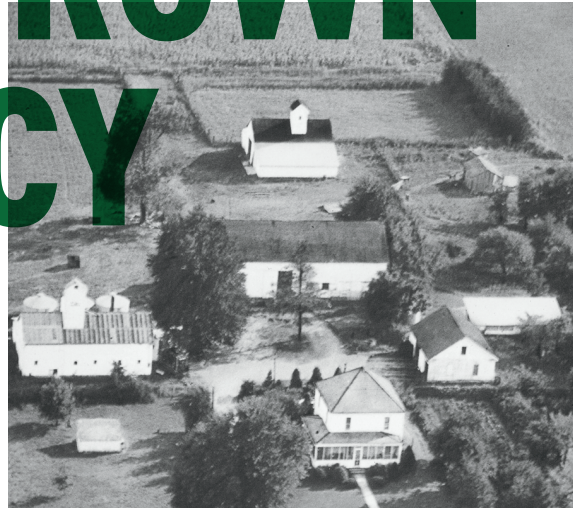
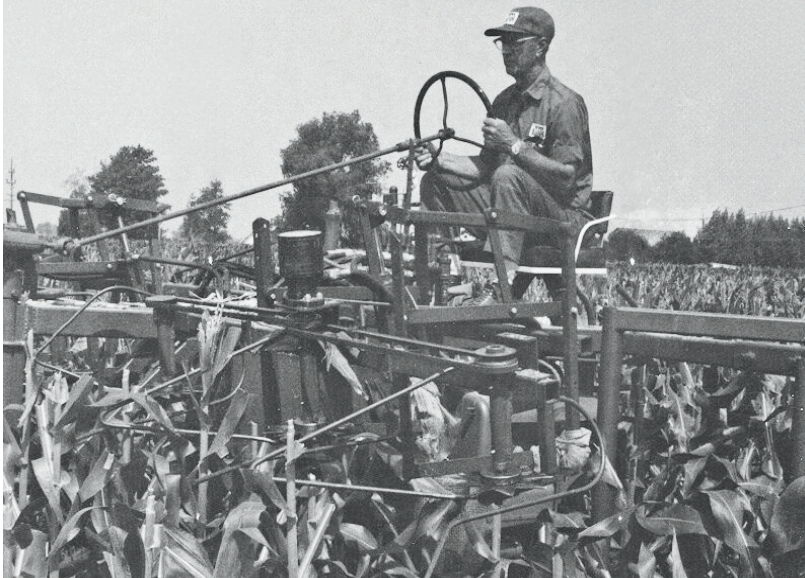
Together, these developments point to a more integrated and value-added soybean landscape in Nebraska. It is one that leverages crushing expansion, renewable fuels demand and export diversification to create lasting benefits for farmers.

As Nebraska producers continue to navigate evolving markets and policies, the message is clear: increased crush capacity and strategic market growth are strengthening Nebraska’s soybean economy, opening doors to new opportunities and delivering value from the farm to the global customer.





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