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As we begin our 36th program year, we thank those who value our work to form agricultural leaders. It is uplifting to see how many have joined together to ensure our industry's voice will be heard in Nebraska, the nation and the world!

In mid-September we will welcome LEAD 36 to their first seminar. Shortly thereafter, they will travel to southwestern Nebraska to learn about natural resources, water and energy. These are the first two of twelve in-state seminars LEAD 36 will experience (along with national and international seminars) during their two-year program.

LEAD 35 will soon learn the destination of their 2017 international study seminar. After the announcement, the Fellows will learn about the countries' people and cultures, government and politics, agriculture, economics and industries, and educational system.

The Nebraska LEAD Program is a cooperative venture. Individuals, foundations, organizations, colleges and universities provide much-needed in-kind donations. We thank these educational institutions for hosting us and helping keep our costs low:

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Lastly, we appreciate your support of LEAD. With today's technology, we can get caught up in the "immediate and now" communication of text messaging, Facebook®, and Twitter®. It is rewarding to know that you are holding this report. Stay tuned for the next chapter in 37!



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Jacob Robison (LEAD 34)
Agribusiness /Producer

"I applied to LEAD to be exposed to and learn from a diverse group of farmers, ranchers and agricultural related experts from across Nebraska. From organic farming, to conventional row crop, from cow/calf ranchers to finishers, from bankers to implement dealers and manufacturers, LEAD exposed me to so much more than I could have done by myself in a lifetime. Our National and International Travel Seminars exposed me to even more, political, social, and economic issues from across the nation and world. I have had the opportunity to listen to and learn from so many people, industries and points of views that will all greatly impact and influence the way that I move forward with my career and farming operation."



Teri Zimmerman (LEAD 34)
Agribusiness /Producer

"The LEAD Program has broadened my view and knowledge of issues and challenges from all across our state. LEAD has ingrained a deeper understanding in me that to be the best, truly committed leader I can be, I need to keep an open mind, to fully engage with others and listen to all sides of an issue."

The resources and contacts LEAD provides is absolutely invaluable. I am so grateful for the opportunity to learn from my LEAD fellows, LEAD alumni, and the presenters sharing their knowledge and diverse experiences and perspectives. The friendships and experiences I have gained through the LEAD program are priceless."

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