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Dear LEAD Friends:

Last year was certainly one for the ages! A whole year has now passed providing us the opportunity to review the overall operations of the Nebraska LEAD Program. Once again, Nebraska's agricultural industry continued to face the challenges of weather extremes, volatile commodity prices, international trade policy issues, and the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. This makes the need for professionally trained leaders in our industry greater than ever as we continue to prepare the men and women in agriculture for more effective leadership.

The Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council (NALC) Board of Directors with support from LEAD staff decided in August of 2020 to place a "pause" on the Nebraska LEAD Program for the 2020-2021 year. The suspension of regular LEAD programming from September 2020 through August 2021 was not an easy decision, but one the board felt was in the best interest of all people involved with the program. Our priorities were the safety of participants, staff, and others involved in programming and the guality of the program. We refused to risk compromising LEAD 39's and LEAD 40's program experience.

Though we were "pausing" this past year, we did not sit still. During our "fallow" year, we were able to conduct a "deep dive" into all aspects of the program – Selection/Recruitment, Program Delivery/Curriculum, Communications, and Resource Development. New life springs from fallowed ground and we are confident that we will be providing the highest quality programing possible into the future.

And while our "field" did not produce our accustomed crop of leaders this season, our 1,100 plus LEAD alumni have and will continue to provide strong leadership and advocacy for Nebraska agriculture.

The Nebraska LEAD Program is a cooperative and collaborative venture as individuals, foundations, organizations, colleges and universities provide much needed financial and in-kind resources. During our "pause" year, we received extremely strong support from Vice Chancellor Mike Boehm and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. IANR continues to provide your program director and office space. While many of our expenses are covered with private contributions, we know that without the on-going support of IANR, we would not be where we are today.

LEAD Program family, we are pleased to present our Annual Report. Your continued trust and investment in the Nebraska LEAD Program is never taken for granted, but rather, greatly appreciated.

In closing, we are doubling down on the future. With your ongoing support, we will emerge to achieve our mission for the next 40 years. Thank you!



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Each year up to 30 highly qualified individuals with leadership potential are selected statewide to participate in our two-year program. For information about making application to LEAD or to nominate a possible candidate, visit our website at www.lead.unl.edu or call 402-472-6810.

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