Participant Criteria
• Up to 30 highly motivated men and women, generally between the ages of 25-55, with demonstrated leadership potential selected annually from five geographic regions across Nebraska.
• Three years of Nebraska residency is required.
• Participants must be involved in farming, ranching, or agribusiness, complete a written application, and interview with a district screening committee. The Board of Directors of the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council is responsible for the final selection of participants.

Participant Expectations
• Attend all seminars
• Secure spouse’s and employer’s full support for program participation (if applicable)
• Possess a sincere commitment to self-improvement
• Maintain an open mind and interest
• Pay a modest annual participant fee

Program Delivery
• Twelve three-day, theme-driven seminars are conducted monthly from mid-September through early April. Over two years, participants visit almost every public and private college and university in Nebraska.
• First-year focus is on local, state, and national issues, with a ten-day national study/travel seminar in February.
• Second-year focus is on the international community and includes a 14- to 16-day international study/travel seminar.

Program Outcomes
Graduates say they have gained:
• Self-confidence, a positive can-do attitude
• Problem-solving and decision-making skills
• Public speaking skills and a belief that they can make a difference
• New contacts and networking
• A broader view and understanding of “the bigger picture”
• Opportunities to seek out new role models and learn about different leadership styles
• Skills in proper etiquette.

The application deadline of June 15, 2018 for Nebraska LEAD Class 38 is rapidly approaching.
Questions? Need application materials?
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Dear Friend,

“There is no time like the present.” Whoever coined this phrase does not live in the fast-paced world we live in today. If you’re like me, you blink and it seems like ten years have passed. Because time goes quickly, we hope you will consider making an application to the LEAD Program now.

Many times I have seen people wait until their lives appear to slow down before contacting us. Waiting sometimes means they no longer fall into our preferred range of 25-55 years of age. In other words, now is the time! I know firsthand that participating in LEAD requires a time commitment, thus I challenge you to begin preparing today in order to become a member of LEAD 38 beginning in the fall of 2018.

Now is the time to begin those discussions with your families and business associates about participating in the LEAD Program and make a plan of how you will handle your time away from home and work. Then take the next step: contact Kimberly at kbraaten2@unl.edu and request an application. We accept applications throughout the entire year with an application deadline of June 15, 2018.

We believe the success of our industry is dependent on preparing and motivating men and women in agriculture for more effective leadership. We hope you will join us in our mission. Apply today! If you have any questions about the Nebraska LEAD Program, do not hesitate to contact me at 402-472-6810. I look forward to hearing from you!

Terry Hejny, Ph.D.
Director
LEAD 20 Alumnus