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AG YOUTH COUNCIL CONNECTS CITY KIDS TO LIFE ON FARM

LINCOLN –This week, the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC) will introduce elementary-school students in the city to life on the farm. The NAYC’s annual Urban Youth Farm Tour connects students from Lincoln with nearby farmers and ranchers so the children can experience agriculture up close and learn how food is produced. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) sponsors the NAYC.

On Friday, April 20, the NAYC members will be joined by nearly 250 students and their teachers from elementary schools in Lincoln as they visit operating beef, dairy and grain farms near Wahoo. The Nebraska Corn Board sponsors transportation costs for the students to attend the tour.

“These tours are really important because they help children learn about agriculture, Nebraska’s number one industry,” said NDA Director Steve Wellman. “The tours also give the NAYC members a chance to teach young students not only about farm animals and where food comes from, but also the responsibility of caring for animals.”

The NAYC consists of 21 college-age men and women who have been selected by NDA based on their enthusiasm, interest and leadership in agriculture. The NAYC is celebrating 47 years of promoting agriculture to Nebraska youth, from preschoolers to high school students.

“The Urban Youth Farm Tour is always a fun event,” said Wellman. “I’d like to personally thank the farmers and ranchers in the Wahoo area who are willing to take time out of their busy schedules to host these tours and share the story of Nebraska agriculture.”

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NOTE TO MEDIA: *Members of the media are invited and encouraged to join the tour which will take place on several farms in the Wahoo area. Tours may be rescheduled depending on weather. Please call Christin Kamm at (402) 471-6856 or email christin.kamm@nebraska.gov for more information. On the day of the tour, Christin will be available at (402) 440-7251.*