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AG YOUTH COUNCIL CONNECTS URBAN YOUTH TO LIFE ON FARM

LINCOLN –The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council’s (NAYC’s) annual Urban Youth Farm Tour connects urban youth with life on the farm so they can experience agriculture up close and learn firsthand how food is produced. More than 150 Lincoln elementary-school students and their teachers joined the NAYC members as they visited beef, dairy and grain farm operations near Wahoo last week.

“By visiting these farms in person, the children are able to see for themselves where their food comes from and what agriculture is all about,” said NDA Director Steve Wellman. “The tours also give NAYC members a chance to teach young students not only about farm animals, but also the responsibility of caring for those animals and the land.”

NAYC consists of 21 college students who have been selected by NDA based on their enthusiasm, interest and leadership in agriculture.

“The Urban Youth Farm Tour is always an enjoyable event,” said Wellman. “I’d like to personally thank the farmers and ranchers in the Wahoo area who take time out of their busy schedules to host these tours and share the story of Nebraska agriculture. I’d also like to thank the Nebraska Corn Board for sponsoring the transportation costs for students to attend the tours.”

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