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DELEGATES SELECTED TO ATTEND THE 44th ANNUAL NAYI

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) today announced the selection of nearly 190 Nebraska high school juniors and seniors to attend the 44th annual Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) next week from July 6-10 on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s East Campus.

“This is one of the largest NAYI delegations in the 44-year history of the Institute,” said NDA Director Greg Ibach. “NAYI is designed to educate youth about agriculture, how to get involved in the agricultural industry, as well as about the numerous career opportunities available to them in the future. The week also will provide the delegates an opportunity to network with industry leaders, top-notch speakers, and agricultural representatives.”

During the five-day Institute, the delegates will participate in agriculture policy discussions, agricultural career explorations, and group discussions. Motivational speakers, a farm management program, and a media experience will help the delegates develop leadership potential, strengthen their pride in Nebraska’s agricultural industry and enable them to help tell the story of agriculture, Ibach said.

Since its inception in 1971, NAYI has reached well over 5,000 youth from across Nebraska. The Institute is the longest-running agricultural youth institute of its kind in the nation. Delegates are able to attend the Institute free of charge because of the generous donations of numerous agricultural businesses, commodity groups and agricultural organizations.

NAYI is coordinated by the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC), which is comprised of 21 college-age men and women selected by NDA.

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You can follow along with the activities taking place at NAYI by searching and liking the Nebraska Ag Youth Institute page on Facebook.

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For those on our email press release list, a complete list of the 2015 NAYI delegates and their hometowns is attached. You can also find this information online at:

www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/index.html.

Photos of the delegates can be requested by emailing christin.kamm@nebraska.gov.

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