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DELEGATES SELECTED TO ATTEND THE 43rd ANNUAL NAYI

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Department of Agriculture today announced the selection of 202 Nebraska high school juniors and seniors to attend the 43rd annual Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) this year from July 7-11 on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s East Campus.

“This is the largest amount of NAYI delegates in the 43 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.

Since its inception in 1971, NAYI has reached over 5,000 youths 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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For up-to-date information about NAYI, please join them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NebraskaAgYouthInstitute.

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A complete list of the 2014 NAYI delegates and their hometowns is attached and is also available 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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