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NDA TO HOST AG FORUM IN WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 21-22

LINCOLN—The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) will host an ag forum in Washington, D.C., June 21-22, to promote Nebraska agriculture and provide opportunities to discuss trade and other ag issues. The forum will give top agricultural leaders from the state opportunities to meet with federal policy makers and foreign Embassy dignitaries.

“Agricultural trade is important to Nebraskans,” said NDA Director Steve Wellman. “Since trade policies and regulations start at the federal level, this forum is an important way to connect Nebraska farm and commodity groups to the federal government and to the foreign markets we serve.”

Wellman and NDA Agricultural Trade Representative Stan Garbacz will attend the forum along with representatives from Nebraska Farm Bureau, Nebraska Cattlemen, Nebraska Pork Producers, Nebraska Corn Board, Nebraska Soybean Association, Nebraska Wheat Board and the Nebraska Dry Bean Commission.

On June 21 in the morning, the Nebraska delegation will hear an update from US Grains and meet with Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Governor Pete Ricketts will then join the delegation and host a luncheon, funded by the Nebraska Corn Board, for Foreign Ambassadors. After lunch, the delegation will meet with Sen. Deb Fischer and then attend an evening Congressional reception at the Capital Visitor’s Center.

On June 22, the delegation will meet with a national food manufacturer in the morning and the Chinese Embassy next before hosting a lunch for Chinese Ambassadors. Afternoon meetings are being finalized and will include additional federal leaders and Embassy dignitaries.

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