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NDA DIRECTOR WELLMAN'S STATEMENT ON OMNIBUS SPENDING PACKAGE

LINCOLN—Today, Nebraska Department of Agriculture Director Steve Wellman issued a statement about the omnibus spending package which clarifies that farmers and ranchers are not required to report livestock manure data under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), a law intended to regulate toxic Superfund sites.

“I want to applaud Senator Fischer for her efforts to provide clarity to Nebraska’s farmers and ranchers regarding reporting requirements within the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). It was never the intent of the law to include animal agriculture, and this legislation solidifies that intention. Thanks to this provision based on Senator Fischer’s FARM Act that was included in the omnibus package passed this week, Nebraska’s farmers and ranchers will not have to report animal waste emissions.”

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