

Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT

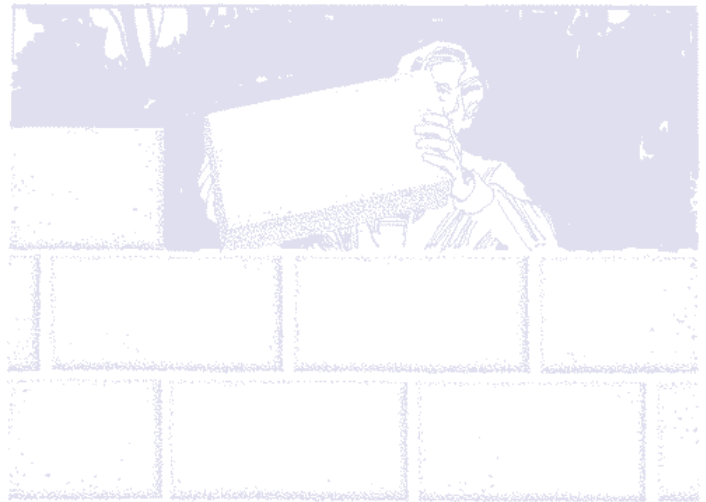
August 31, 2006

Building for the Future of Nebraska's Agricultural Cooperatives

The Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation has been established by the Nebraska Cooperative Council for the purpose of enhancing the educational offerings to the cooperative and agribusiness industry. Education has always been one of the core values of the cooperative movement in Nebraska.

Specific allowable uses of Foundation funds are:

- **Scholarship programs** for high school graduates to continue their education at Nebraska post-secondary institutions that provide agribusiness management programs.
- **Continuing education programs** for local cooperative directors and employees.
- **Youth education programs** for projects such as curriculum development or cooperative day camps.
- **Travel/study scholarships** for cooperative employees to attend programs such as the Graduate Institute of Cooperative Leadership (GICL) or educational events of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives (NCFC).
- **Intern scholarships** to allow students to explore cooperative career opportunities and conduct research projects for cooperatives.
- **Special educational projects** that would enhance the cooperative movement in the state. An example would be the Cooperative Recruitment Project that we conducted or the Director Certification Program video update project.



2005/06

FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

- The Foundation completed the endowment fund for the Scholarship Program in Honor of Michael S. Turner.
- To date we have received contributions of \$182,134.34 and grants totalling \$70,022.74.
- The Foundation has submitted several proposals to regional cooperatives for funding to improve and update current Council educational programs.
- The Foundation has submitted proposals to various foundations to generate funding for additional youth programming.

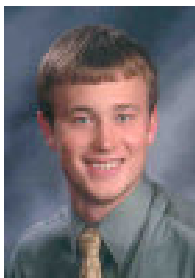
2006/07 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation awarded eight scholarships totaling \$6,200 for the 2006/07 academic year to students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources and the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) at Curtis.

The scholarship program was initiated for the 1993/94 academic year with funding from voluntary contributions from cooperatives which are members of the Council. Since the program's inception, 107 scholarships totaling \$79,350 have been awarded.

To be eligible for the scholarships, students must express an interest in or be majoring in agricultural business/economics at UNL; or business/management or ag production systems with the business option at NCTA; or agribusiness at Chadron State College. Eligibility is restricted to sons/daughters of a parent/legal guardian who has been an active member, director, or employee for at least the prior three years of a cooperative which has been a member in good standing of the Council for at least five years. Other criteria are used by UNL, NCTA, and Chadron State in selecting recipients.

The seven recipients of \$800 scholarships at UNL include one incoming student and six upperclass students. They are:



Jared Niewohner, son of John & Joan Niewohner of Lyons. Jared is an incoming student majoring in Ag Sales and Agribusiness. The Niewohner's are members of Central Valley Ag Co-op in O'Neill.

Michael Bartels, son of David & Nancy Bartels of Riverton. Michael is a junior majoring in Ag Economics. The Bartels' are members of Midland Co-op in Funk.

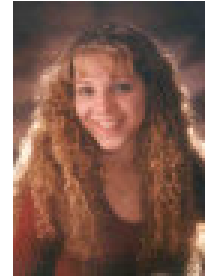
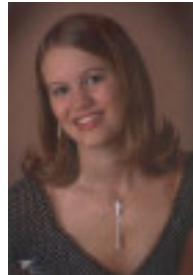


Scott Leibbrandt, son of Steve & Deb Leibbrandt of Imperial. Scott is a junior majoring in Agribusiness. The Leibbrandt's are members of Frenchman Valley Farmers



Co-op in Imperial.

Rebecca Small, daughter of Allen & Marilyn Small of Genoa. Rebecca is a senior majoring in Agribusiness. The Small's are members of Central Valley Ag Co-op in O'Neill.



Amy Kastanek, daughter of William & Sheryl Kastanek of Crete. Amy is a sophomore majoring in Agribusiness. The Kastanek's are members of Farmers Cooperative in Dorchester.

Krista Rasmussen, daughter of Terry & Betty Rasmussen of Arlington. Krista is a sophomore majoring in Agribusiness. The Rasmussen's are members of Central Valley Ag Co-op in O'Neill.



Justin Cech, son of Frank Cech and Bonnie Cech of Clarkson. Justin is a junior majoring in Agribusiness and Ag Economics. The Cech's are members of Cooperative Supply Inc. in Dodge and the Schuyler Coopera-

tive Association.

The recipient of a \$600 scholarship at NCTA is **Shawnda Hendricks**, daughter of Cecil & Beverly Hendricks of Imperial. Shawnda is a second-year student majoring in Ag Business. The Hendricks' are members of Midwest Electric Cooperative Corporation of Grant.



"Through its scholarship program, the Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation encourages students to study agricultural business/economics," according to Deino Sather, Foundation Board Chairman. "The program continues to be an important part of our efforts to help youth understand the cooperative way of doing business and interest them in pursuing careers in the agricultural industry."

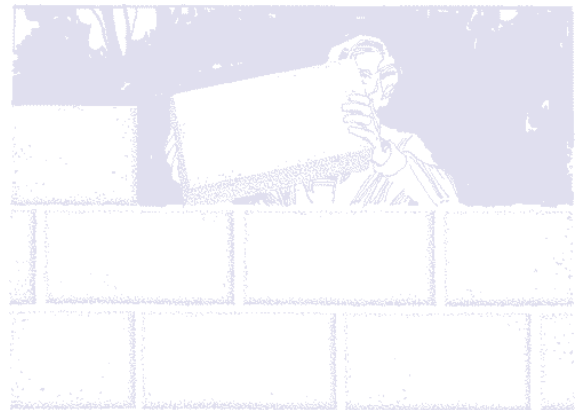
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NEBRASKA COOPERATIVE COUNCIL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Years Ended August 31, 2006 and 2005

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Years Ended August 31, 2006 and 2005

		<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>		<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
ASSETS				Revenue and Support:		
Current Assets:				Contributions - General	\$ 2,645	\$ 2,091
Cash and Cash Equivalents:				Interest Income	4,979	4,498
Cash - Restricted	\$	3,034	\$ 26,764	Other Income	<u>2,528</u>	<u>712</u>
Certificates of Deposit - Restricted		39,103	15,000	Total Revenue and Support	<u>10,152</u>	<u>7,301</u>
Accrued Interest Receivable - Restricted		<u>983</u>	<u>634</u>	Expenses:		
Total Current Assets		<u>43,120</u>	<u>42,398</u>	Scholarship Program	\$ 4,700	\$ 9,800
Investments:				General Operating	1,817	1,671
Certificates of Deposit - Restricted		81,152	87,767	Youth Education	1,000	0
KRVN Golden Notes - Restricted		6,000	0	Co-op Recruitment Project	<u>0</u>	<u>30</u>
Deferred Annuities - Restricted		<u>50,028</u>	<u>47,500</u>	Total Expenses	<u>7,517</u>	<u>11,501</u>
Total Investments		<u>137,180</u>	<u>135,267</u>	Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	2,635	(4,200)
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 180,300</u>	<u>\$ 177,665</u>	Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>177,665</u>	<u>181,865</u>
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS				Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$ 180,300</u>	<u>\$ 177,665</u>
Net Assets - Restricted		<u>\$ 180,300</u>	<u>\$ 177,665</u>			

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