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Scholarship Recipients for 2012/13 Academic Year

The NCC Education Foundation is proud to announce the awarding of five \$1,000 academic scholarships at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Mark Lundeen



Justine Ernesti



Corey Schindler



Damon Steinbrink



Lacy Waltman

The scholarship program is named in honor of Michael S. Turner and has been in existence since the 1993/94 academic year. Since that time, 149 scholarships totaling \$114,700 have been provided to worthy students at UNL, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, and Chadron State College. This year, all the recipients are from UNL. They are:

Mark Lundeen, son of Bradley & Deborah Lundeen of Minden, will be a freshman majoring in agribusiness. The Lundeen's are members of Cooperative Producers Inc. in Hastings and the Aurora Cooperative Elevator Company.

Justine Ernesti, daughter of Donald & Wendy Ernesti of Wisner, will be a sophomore majoring in agribusiness. The Ernesti's are members of Central Valley Ag Co-op in O'Neill.

Corey Schindler, son of Dale & Renee Schindler of Elgin, will be a sophomore majoring in agribusiness. The Schindler's are members of Central Valley Ag Co-op in O'Neill.

Damon Steinbrink, son of Robert &

Linda Steinbrink of Loomis, will be a sophomore majoring in ag economics. The Steinbrink's are members of CHS Agri Service Center in Holdrege and All Points Co-op in Gothenburg.

Lacy Waltman, daughter of Jeff Waltman, will be a senior majoring in agribusiness. The Waltman's are members of Country Partners Co-op in Spalding where Jeff serves on the board of directors.

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Summer Ag Teachers Convention

The Council and the CHS Foundation joined together to sponsor a break during the Nebraska Ag Teachers Summer Convention held June 5-7 in Kearney.

During the break, Ed Woeppel provided remarks on behalf of the Council. In his remarks, he thanked the teachers for their role in preparing the next generation of agricultural leaders. He also indicated that this is a prime time for agriculture to retain the "best and brightest" students in the rural areas of the state. Because of the recent prosperity in agriculture, opportunities exist for good careers for students, and the industry needs the "best and brightest" if we want to remain as an efficient industry.

While at the meeting, Woeppel also provided copies of cooperative videos and curriculum to new teachers and new programs that had joined the ranks in the past three years.

The following article regarding secondary containment is provided by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality:

Liquid Fertilizer Containment - Some Important Reminders from NDEQ

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality would like to remind owners of tanks used to store liquid fertilizer that a diking system may be necessary for secondary containment.

"If a spill occurs and there is no secondary containment, the fertilizer could impact our streams, lakes and ground water," said NDEQ Director Mike Linder. "These secondary containment rules are there to protect our environment and avoid costly cleanups."

What is secondary containment and when is liquid fertilizer containment required?

Secondary containment is a structure that is designed, constructed and maintained to hold a release of liquid fertilizer from a storage facility. Secondary containment is required when the capacity of a single container exceeds 2,000 gallons or when the capacity of two or more containers exceeds 3,000 gallons.

However, there is an **exception** to the above requirements.

The exception is that a container or containers with an **aggregate capacity of 6,000 U.S. gallons or less** (such as a tip tank) may be excluded from the aggregate capacities **only** when the container is located at the field of application, any time during the period March 15 through October 1. In addition, the container must be:

- Located a minimum of 500 feet from surface waters of the state and a minimum of 100 feet from any well;
- Located in that field for a period not to exceed 21 consecutive days. The field of application includes all contiguous property under the same owner, including areas that are separated by a road;
- Placed on relatively level terrain;
- Inspected for leakage and sound-

ness immediately prior to the initial use each year; and

- Structurally sound, free of any obvious defects, and compatible with the fertilizer placed in the container. Leaky or faulty containers and attached hoses must be repaired or replaced at the time of detection.

Note that a container used in a chemigation system is **not** an exception and must be included as part of the aggregate capacity.

If you use containers (tanks) to store fertilizer that do not meet the conditions identified above, the containers must be located within a secondary containment facility that meets Title 198, Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Agricultural Chemical Containment requirements. There is no registration or permit. However, a construction

plan is required and for facilities constructed after July 1, 1994, it must include certification from a Nebraska registered engineer that the facility design complies with the regulations.

Loadout Facilities

A loadout facility or loadout pad is also required when fertilizer is stored in excess of 5,000 gallons. However, a loadout facility is not required when loadout activities are done at the application field.

A copy of the Title 198 regulations and a guidance document titled "Fertilizer and Pesticide Containment in Nebraska" are available on the NDEQ website www.deq.ne.gov. For more information, contact the NDEQ at PO Box 98922, Lincoln NE 68509, or Thomas Trewhitt, P.E. at (402) 471-4239.

NCC-PAC Interviews Candidates for State Senator

In mid-July, the NCC-Political Action Committee interviewed 23 state legislative candidates. The interviews were held July 17-18 in Omaha and July 19 in Lincoln.

During the interviews, PAC members had the opportunity to hear from candidates and learn more about the issues important to the candidate. In addition, the interviews allowed time for committee members to provide information to candidates. By sharing information, the candidates have a greater understanding of the cooperative business model and the issues that are important to cooperatives. Through this

interaction, candidates are often surprised to learn of the size and scope of Nebraska's farmer-owned cooperatives.

The NCC-PAC, which was established in 1999, is a very important part of the Council's legislative program. Through these interviews, candidates gain a greater understanding of cooperative issues and are aware of the importance of the cooperative system prior to serving as a state senator.



The NCC-PAC committee interviewing District 19 candidate Jim Scheer of Norfolk (at end of table).

PSC Maintains A & E Rates

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC), conducted a public hearing on the Schedule A and E rates on May 9, 2012. These schedules govern the maximum rates for state licensed grain warehouses for Receiving and Handling (R&H) grain, as well as Storage and Insuring (S&I).

Prior to the hearing, the Council's Grain-Adhoc Advisory Committee reviewed the existing PSC rules, rates, and notes. The committee recommended to the Council's Board of Directors that no changes be made to Schedule A or E.

The PSC commissioners met on May 16 and voted to maintain the current A&E schedules at right:

SCHEDULE "A" RATES

The following schedule "A" rates and charges apply to state-licensed public grain warehouses commencing May 16, 2012.

These charges shall be full compensation for receiving, handling, storing, delivering and insuring of commodities listed

Commodity	Receiving, Handling, and Delivering by Truck, Rail or Barge	Storage and Insuring
	Cents Per Bushel One-Time Combined Charge	Thousandths of a Cent Per Bushel Per Day
	Shall Not Exceed	Not to Exceed
Barley	33	150
Corn	33	150
Grain Sorghum	33	150
Millet	33	150
Oats	33	150
Rye	33	150
Soybeans	33	170
Sunflower Seed	33	150
Wheat	33	150
Grain Bank Grain	Receiving and handling included in storage rates	150

Schedule "E" Rates

Covering Dry Edible Beans and Popcorn
Received by Truck or Rail

These Schedule E charges shall be the maximum compensation allowed for receiving, handling, storing, and delivering and insuring. Warehouses may charge less than the rates listed below.

	Storage & Insurance	Receiving Charge	Delivering Charge
Dry Edible Beans	Not to exceed .0039 per cwt. per day	15 cents per cwt.	15 cents per cwt.
Popcorn	Not to exceed .0025 per cwt. per day	A one-time combined charge not to exceed 30 cents per cwt.	

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS...

November 2012

- 15 NCC Board and Committee Meetings - Kearney Holiday Inn
- 15 NCC Membership Reception - Kearney Holiday Inn
- 16 NCC Annual Meeting - Kearney Holiday Inn

December 2012

- 13 Director/Manager Workshop - Ogallala Quality Inn & Conference Center
- 14 Director/Manager Workshop - York Holiday Inn

January 2013

- 3-4 Director Certification Program - Kearney Holiday Inn
- 30 Cooperative Issues Symposium - Lincoln Cornhusker
- 31 Cooperatives For Tomorrow - Lincoln Cornhusker

March 2013

- 4 Board Officer Seminar - LaVista Embassy Suites

NCC RADIO SPOTS

The Nebraska Rural Radio Network provides the Council with complimentary network airtime to present a 3-4 minute update on current cooperative issues. We use this when we have key information to provide to the membership. This allows the Council to have one more method of communicating with our members.

The radio spots air at approximately 1:15pm MT on KNEB and at 2:17 pm CT on KRVN and KTIC. Our scheduled air times over the next few months are:

August 3, 17 & 31
September 14 & 28
October 12 & 26



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