

February 23, 2024



# The Ninety-Three

## District Meeting Registration

**Southeast** - Thursday, March 14th - Southeast Community College Career Academy, Lincoln

**Northeast** - Friday, March 15th - Northeast Community College Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

**Central** - Thursday, March 21st - Holthus Convention Center, York

**Panhandle** - Wednesday, March 27th - Prairie Winds Community Center, Bridgeport

**West Central** - Thursday, March 28th - Quality Inn & Conference Center - Ogallala

### General Agenda for District Meetings

- Registration - 8:00 - 9:00 am
- Business Meeting - 9:00 - 10:15 am
- Affiliate Breakout Sessions - 10:15 am - 12:00 pm
- Lunch - 12:00 - 1:00 pm

## Registration Open Now

[Registration](#)

[View the Agendas Here](#)

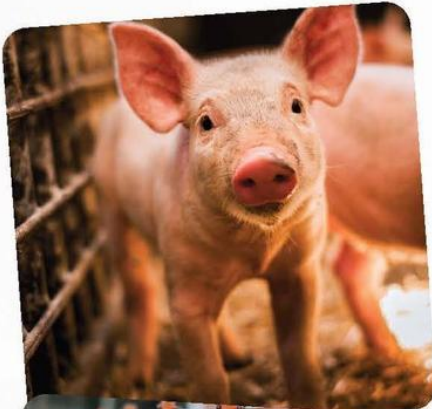
**\*\*Affiliate district representatives, if you have not done so already, please email [riley.sigler@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:riley.sigler@nebraskacounties.org) with your breakout agendas as soon as possible.\*\***

**Alliance for the Future in Agriculture Modern**

# Livestock Facility Tours

SAVE THE DATE

# MODERN LIVESTOCK FACILITY TOUR



Make plans to join AFAN for a livestock facility tour following your local NACO meeting this spring!

If a livestock operation comes to your county, will you be prepared to make a decision? Join us to..

- *See a modern livestock facility*
- *Hear from the farmer how it operates*
- *Smell what it smells like*
- *Taste....some ice cream*



Site locations will be given out during lunch at your local district meeting.

For questions, call our office at 402.421.4472.



## **\*Tours to follow district meetings\***

March 14, Lincoln, Southeast Community College Career Academy

March 15, Norfolk, Lifelong Learning Center

March 21, York, Holthus Convention Center

**\*Site Locations will be given during the meeting\***

# PREVIOUS TOURS

This was AFAN's second consecutive year of hosting livestock facility tours for elected officials. This year's tour was held in Colfax and Platte County area. The tour consisted of three site tours along with a program during lunch. The event was well attended by county board members, planning and zoning administrators, and assessors.



"This was a great opportunity to see what modern livestock facilities look like. I was impressed with the operations, especially the dairy, they are well run, clean, and have very little odor. I was also able to learn about all the regulations a livestock operation has to comply with." - *Tim Cornwell, Chair of Nance County Supervisors*

"What an amazing experience learning about exciting new innovations and diversity in Agriculture, thank you AFAN!"  
- *Judy Migner, Adams County Zoning Administrator*

"AFAN provides a great educational opportunity for county decision-makers in being able to see modern livestock facilities, talk to the producers, and network with other county leaders to learn about zoning best practices from other counties. I'd strongly recommend attending one of these sessions."

-*Chad Nabity, Hall County Regional Planning Director*



To be considered, students must complete the required application form, submit a seven-semester transcript from an accredited Nebraska high school and prepare a written essay on the importance of county government.

Scholarship recipients must plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution within the state of Nebraska and may use the NACO scholarship for any costs associated with their continuing education.

**Applications are due March 15, 2024.**

[Click Here for the Application and More Information](#)

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## 2024 NAEM Award Nominations Due Next Week

Nominations for the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management annual awards are due **February 29th by 5:00 pm** to Gregg Goebel - [ggoebel@otoecountyne.gov](mailto:ggoebel@otoecountyne.gov) or mailed to: Otoe County EMA, Attn: Gregg, 1021 Central Ave, Nebraska City, NE 68410

More information [here.](#)

Nomination Forms:

[2024 EM Support Professional](#)

[2024 EM Professional of the Year](#)

[2024 NEW EM Professional of the Year](#)

[2024 Lifetime Member](#)

[2024 Deputy Director or Administrative Assistant of the Year](#)



## NACO West Update

Crews are currently working on the building's roof.





## **Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Funding Opportunity Webinar Recording**

The recording of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Webinar from Thursday, February 22, 2024 is now available.

The webinar will included:

- An overview the program
- Specific details about eligibility and applying

-Insight from the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

-Testimonials from prior applicants about success and challenges

[Watch the Webinar Recording Here](#)

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## **NACo County Explorer Bridge Inventory Profiles**

# NEBRASKA BRIDGE INVENTORY | 2023

NUMBER OF BRIDGES	SHARE OF COUNTY-OWNED BRIDGES	SHARE OF STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES	SHARE OF OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGES
<b>15,348</b>	<b>71.3%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>64.8%</b>

## STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT BRIDGES

A bridge is classified as structurally deficient if the deck, culverts, superstructure or substructure are rated in poor or worse condition.

**1,213**

Share of <b>County Owned</b>	<b>84.1%</b>
Share of <b>City/Town Owned</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
Share of <b>Other Locally Owned</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>Total Locally Owned</b>	<b>89.8%</b>

## OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGES

Off-system bridges are located on a public road that is not part of the federal-aid highway system.

**9,940**

Share of <b>County Owned</b>	<b>93.2%</b>
Share of <b>City/Town Owned</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
Share of <b>Other Locally Owned</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total Locally Owned</b>	<b>97.4%</b>

**Source:** NACo Analysis of the U.S. Department of Transportation – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – 2023 [National Bridge Inventory Data](#).

**Notes**

**Structurally Deficient (SD):** This term was previously defined in [www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/0650dsup.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/0650dsup.cfm) as having a condition rating of 4 or less for Item 58 (Deck), Item 59 (Superstructure), Item 60 (Substructure), or Item 62 (Culvert), OR having an appraisal rating of 2 or less for Item 67 (Structural Condition) or Item 71 (Waterway Adequacy). Effective Jan. 1, 2018, FHWA changed the definition of structurally deficient bridges. This term will be defined in accordance with the [Pavement and Bridge Condition Performance Measures final rule](#), published in January of 2017, as a classification given to a bridge which has any component elements – the deck, superstructure, substructure or culverts – rated in poor or worse condition [a rating code of 4 or less].

**Good (G), Fair(F), Poor(P):** Bridge Condition is determined by the lowest rating of National Bridge Inventory (NBI) condition ratings for Item 58 (Deck), Item 59 (Superstructure), Item 60 (Substructure), or Item 62 (Culvert). If the lowest rating is greater than or equal to 7, the bridge is classified as Good; if it is less than or equal to 4, the classification is Poor. Bridges rated 5 or 6 are classified as Fair.

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The NACo County Explorer Bridge Inventory Profile is a tool provided by the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers detailed information about bridges within a particular county.

**Click the link below to view the bridge inventory for your county and download the 1-pager.**



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## Why Employee Mental Health Should be Part of Your Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) Strategy



Many U.S. counties and organizations are prioritizing the implementation of effective DEIB strategies to better support employees of diverse cultures and backgrounds. One DEIB strategy that is often overlooked is employee mental health, a fundamental part of people's overall wellness. In fact, 45% of people who did not receive mental health care reported workplace issues. This is why it's vital for counties to create a foundation to better understand and support the mental wellbeing of a diverse workforce and offer helpful tools and resources. [Read more.](#)

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## 2024 Outstanding County Board Member of the Year Nomination Form

Nominations for the 2024 Outstanding County Board Member Award are open to county board members who have been in office for at least two (2) terms. Criteria used for selecting the 2024 recipient includes: member will have been active on regional boards, been chairman of their county board, participated in the legislative process, or appointed to a statewide committee. Regular attendance at NACO educational opportunities, events and meetings is also required. Please keep your answers concise but be sure to include all pertinent information. Announcement of the recipient of this award will be made after the Wednesday evening meal at the County Board Workshop in Kearney.

**Submit nomination form to [candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org](mailto:candace.meredith@nebraskacounties.org) by May 3, 2024.**

[Click Here for the Nomination Form](#)

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## RESOURCES

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[County Employment Opportunities](#)

[Legal Calendar](#)

[2024 Election Calendar](#)



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