The mission of the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation is to advance the future of Nebraska’s Beef Industry by investing in research and education programs.
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Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Financial Summary

As of August 31, 2019

Endowed Scholarships/Grant Accounts $802,905.94
Endowed Accounts $540,488.23
Funds at UNL Foundation $335,757.38
Designated Accounts $96,216.79
General Account $348,770.66

Total Assets = $2,124,139.00

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation contracts with the Nebraska Community Foundation to assist with fundraising and planned giving opportunities.
Foundation Provides Grants for Youth, Education, Beef Promotion, Infrastructure & Historical Preservation

**Youth & Education**
- Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic Beef Judging Contest & FFA Chapter Scholarship - $2,500
- Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge - $2,500
- Big Red Beef Show - $500
- Nebraska Junior Beef Expo - $1,500
- Nebraska Livestock Judging Classic - $2,500
- Nebraska 4-H State Champion Livestock Judging Team - $3,000

**Youth & Beef Promotion**
- Nebraska Beef Ambassador - $6,000
- Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit 4-H/FFA/High School Rodeo Sandwich Voucher - $2,500

**Research**
- University of Nebraska – Reproductive Physiology Professorship $10,000
- University of Nebraska – Nebraska Beef Cattle Industry Professorship $10,000

**Infrastructure**
- University of Nebraska CY Thompson Renovation – East Campus – Student Learning Commons Project - $25,000
- Northeast Community College Facilities Improvement Project – Nexus Campaign for Ag & Water Center Excellence - $15,000 – once project is confirmed
*Robert F. Lute II Endowed Scholarship  
established September 30, 1993, with $20,000  
Lute was a teacher, lawyer and accountant and had a love for young people and a tremendous respect for education. The foundation became a way for him to unite the two. “Education was very important to both of us,” Kathy Lute said. “Robert knew that education was necessary and not just any type of education. He felt that students needed brawn and brains. He discussed it with me before his death. He wanted money put into a good foundation.” Lute’s father, Robert Sr., and Kathy, Lute’s widow, established an endowed scholarship in Lute’s name after his death.

*Martin Viersen Range Management/Conservation Endowed Scholarship  
established in 2005, with $10,000  
Bill Rishel, longtime friend of the Viersen’s and former Foundation board member said, “creating a scholarship in Martin’s name is a fitting way for Arlene to honor her late husband’s legacy as a pioneer in rangeland management and conservation.”

Frank & *Shirley Sibert Endowed Scholarship  
established May 15, 1995, with $20,000  
“I can remember how broke I was in college. I received a $50 scholarship and it was like finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. I know that college students today need and appreciate any financial assistance they can get. I also know that today’s students will be tomorrow’s leaders. It seems to me that a scholarship to a worthy student today is a good investment in the future,” said Frank Sibert.

*Vance Uden Endowed Scholarship  
established September 8, 2009, with $10,000  
Vance Uden was a long-time Black Angus breeder from Franklin, Nebraska. He owned and operated TC Ranch which produced some of the breed’s leading genetics. Vance earned many awards and was known world wide for cattle while always striving to produce herd sires that would improve the Angus breed. He was a strong supporter of youth and never turned down a livestock judging team that needed a place to work out. As a University of Nebraska graduate and former meats and livestock judging team member, it was very fitting when Connie, Dru and Ty Uden chose to create the Vance Uden Memorial Endowed Scholarship Account that will annually award a $1,000 scholarship to a UNL Senior Livestock Evaluation Team member with preference given to a student majoring in Animal Science and preparing for a career in agriculture.

“The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation strongly believes in the importance of a sound college education for tomorrow’s beef industry leaders,” —Mark Jagels, Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation President.
**Scholarship Donors**

* Bill Heller
Endowed Scholarship
established October 14, 1996, with $20,000
Bill Heller worked for Syntex and was a strong supporter of the Foundation. After his death, the allied industry group held a golf tournament to benefit the foundation to honor Bill. As a result, an endowed scholarship will forever honor Bill.

* Colonel Melvin Huss
Endowed Scholarship
established in December 2012, with $25,000
Colonel Melvin Huss was a well-known auctioneer, cattleman and livestock market owner. Huss owned and operated the Lexington and Kearney Livestock Markets. The family established this endowed scholarship to honor their father and provide an annual $1,000 scholarship to a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Animal Science and preparing for a career in agriculture. Preference will be given to applicants whose course of study focuses on beef production.

* Ron & Shirley Huss
Endowed Scholarship
established in December 2012 with $25,000
Ron and Shirley Huss established this endowed scholarship account to provide an annual $1,000 scholarship to a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Animal Science and preparing for a career in agriculture. Preference will be given to applicants whose course of study focuses on beef production.

* Bill Pullen
Endowed Scholarship
established in December 2012, with $25,000
Bill’s Volume Sales and Service, owner Bill Pullen, of Central City, Nebraska, was awarded The Friend of the Foundation Award at the 2012 NC Convention. Bill has served as one of the main sponsors for the Foundation’s primary fundraiser, the Retail Value Steer Challenge since inception and has donated a steer each year also. After receiving his Friend of the Foundation award, Bill announced he was contributing $25,000 to the Foundation, this became the Bill Pullen Endowed Scholarship. This endowed scholarship will provide an annual $1,000 scholarship.

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**Scholarship Donors**

*Donavan Yoachim*  
Endowed Scholarship  
established in 2002,  
with $20,000  
Donavan Yoachim was a farmer/stockman from the Hebron area who was instrumental in establishing the Nebraska Cattlemen’s Beef Pit at State Fair Park and was a major promoter of the beef industry in Nebraska.

**Nebraska Cattlemen – Beef Pit**  
Endowed Scholarship  
established in 2007,  
with $6,000  
The Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit Scholarship was established by the Beef Pit Committee to provide funds to junior or senior undergraduate students and/or graduate students enrolled full time in a Nebraska college or university studying meat and/or food science. This account was fully funded in 2010 with Beef Pit proceeds.

*Clarence and Lois Jean Hartmann*  
Endowed Scholarship  
established in December 2012,  
with $10,000  
The Nebraska Beef Pit established this endowed scholarship to honor Clarence and Lois Jean for serving on the original committee that established the Nebraska Cattlemen’s Beef Pit at the Nebraska State Fair. Clarence was a lifelong farmer/cattleman and an active member of the Dodge County Cattlemen which contributed an additional $6,500 to this account. This account will provide an annual $1,000, scholarship.

*Todd Ricenbaw*  
Endowed Scholarship  
established in 2016  
The Ricenbaw Family and the Nebraska Cattle Beef Pit established the Todd Ricenbaw Memorial Endowed Scholarship which will provide a $1,000 award to a student attending the University of Nebraska majoring in an agriculture field. “Todd loved supporting and promoting agriculture, especially the beef industry, and we believe in young people who will continue to make a difference in agriculture and want to help them in their educational endeavors.”

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Scholarship Donors

Cattlemen’s Open Endowed Scholarship
established in 2011, with $17,000

The Cattlemen’s Open was a well known golf tournament held at the Holdrege Country Club in Holdrege, Nebraska, and largely supported by cattlemen from across the state for seventeen years. Steve Bohr started the golf tournament as a fundraising event while serving as Chairman of the Nebraska Cattlemen PAC Committee, with help from Wes Nelson.

*Bill Briggs Family Endowed Scholarship
established in 2016, with $26,000

Carole Briggs and her family established the Bill Briggs Family Memorial Scholarship Account remembering their husband and father, Bill Briggs, and showcasing the impact the Briggs family has had on the beef industry in Nebraska and Bill’s lifelong career in the livestock feeding business. This endowed scholarship account will provide a $1,000 annual award to a junior or senior level student enrolled at a Nebraska college or university majoring in a beef industry related field and preparing for a career in the beef industry. Preference shall be given to a student with a GPA of at least 2.75.

*Jim & *Helen Gran Endowed Scholarship
established in 2016, with $25,000

Jim Gran established the Jim and Helen Gran Endowed Scholarship Account to honor his late wife Helen and his contributions to the Beef Industry in Nebraska. Both were lifelong ranchers and strong advocates for the Nebraska Beef Industry working locally and on the state level in various leadership positions. This endowed scholarship account will provide a $1,000 annual award to a sophomore level student at NCTA majoring in an area of production agriculture and preparing for a career in production agriculture.

Educational Funding

Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation Assists Nebraska Cattlemen Affiliates and State Breed Associations w/ Scholarship Accounts

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation allows Nebraska Cattlemen Affiliates and Nebraska State Breed Associations to create accounts within the Foundation to receive charitable dollars to support youth and adult educational activities.

- Nebraska Cattlemen Affiliates taking advantage of this opportunity:
  - Cattle Capital Affiliate based out of Alliance
    - Cattle Capital Winners: Cameron Jensen & Hayden Hoos
  - West Central Affiliate based out of Broken Bow
    - West Central Winner: Brittney Reynolds

- The Nebraska Breed Association taking advantage of this opportunity:
  - Nebraska Hereford Association

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Nebraska Beef Industry Endowment

Past Winners:
2010 – Dr. Rick Funston & Dr. Galen Erickson
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2012 – Dr. Rick Funston
2013 – Dr. Matt Spangler
2014 – Dr. Matt Spangler, Jo Bek & Mike Roeber
2015 – Dr. Jim MacDonald, Jo Bek & Mike Roeber
2016 – Dr. Dennis Burson, Jo Bek & Mike Roeber
2017 – Dr. Andrea Cupp & Dr. Mary Drewnoski
2018 – Dr. Brian Vander Ley

Dr. Jim MacDonald
Associate Professor of Animal Science, University of Nebraska, working in the area of beef cattle nutrition and beef cattle production systems.

History
The Nebraska Beef Industry Endowment was established in December 2009. It will provide grants to beef industry-related research and/or teaching positions at Nebraska post-secondary educational institutions. This award will serve as a thank you and an incentive to those professors/instructors that are providing cutting edge research and/or student instruction in a beef industry related area. This grant will help fund valuable research that might not occur otherwise or allow the continuation of research already being conducted that might not continue because of lack of funding and/or reward a professor/instructor for outstanding educational instruction to their students.

Since 1968, the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation has supported the beef industry by financially supporting research and educational projects/programs. Early on the Foundation was instrumental in prompting research in the area of calf-scours and center pivot irrigation and more recently providing funding for the new research feedlot at the Panhandle Research Center in Scottsbluff and the new educational facilities at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis. Funding scholarships has always been important for the Foundation with thousands of dollars in scholarships awarded to hundreds of students from numerous endowed scholarships accounts and other sources.

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation established the Nebraska Beef Industry Professorship of Animal Science at UNL in December 1994 with $200,000. This fund allows an annual stipend of $10,000 to be awarded to a worthy professor with the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation wanted to duplicate that effort and create a fund that would not be limited just to UNL, but benefit a post-secondary educational institution and/or teaching position any where in our great state of Nebraska, thus the Nebraska Beef Industry Endowment was created. The board plans to grant $5,000 annually to an outstanding professor/instructor.

The Nebraska Beef Industry Endowment was endowed with $100,000. The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation board of directors hopes others will see the vital importance of this endowed account and contribute. As the endowed account grows, more grants will be awarded to professors/instructors and/or research projects that benefit the beef industry, especially the beef industry in Nebraska.

For more information please contact any Foundation board member or Jana Jensen, Fundraising Coordinator for the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation at janajensen@nebcommfound.org or 308-588-6299.
Nebraska Range and Conservation Endowment

**Dr. J. Travis Mulliniks**
Assistant Professor in Range Cow Production Systems based out of the West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte and also doing work at the Gudmundsen Research Ranch at Whitman. His area of expertise is beef cattle ruminant nutrition, metabolism, and physiology. The focus of his research objectives are to create cost-effective, innovative rich, simple to implement rangeland/forage and animal management practices and systems that promote ecological stewardship, grazing animal efficiency, and economic sustainability.

**Past Winners:**
- 2012 – Dr. Jerry Volesky
- 2013 – Dr. Karla Jenkins
- 2014 – Dr. Karla Jenkins & Dr. Ron Bolze
- 2015 – Dr. Ron Bolze & Dr. Doug Smith
- 2016 – Dr. Doug Smith
- 2017 – Mitchell Stephenson
- 2018 – Aaron Berger & Bethany Johnston

**History**
The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation created the Nebraska Range and Conservation Endowment in 2011. This endowment will provide grants to range management and conservation research and teaching positions at Nebraska post-secondary educational institutions. This award will serve as a thank you and an incentive to those professors/instructors that are providing cutting edge research and/or student instruction in a range management and conservation related area.

This endowment was created from one-half the net proceeds of the 2010-2011 Retail Value Steer Challenge. The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation voted to move enough money from the general account to fully endow the Nebraska Range & Conservation Endowment at $100,000 at their September 17, 2013, board meeting.
The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation (NCF) is pleased to announce it has awarded $57,600 in scholarships to students furthering their education goals in the 2019-2020 academic year.

### 2019 Beef State Scholarship Winner

McKenzie Beals Weber, pictured with NCF President Scott Knobbe, was the recipient of the 2019 Beef State Scholarship at the 2019 Nebraska Cattlemen Midyear Conference in Columbus in June. This $10,000 scholarship was established in 2014 to support outstanding junior, senior or graduate level Nebraska resident students enrolled in a Nebraska college or university pursuing a beef industry related degree. Weber will be a third-year veterinary student this fall in the Professional Program of Veterinary Medicine with the University of Nebraska and Iowa State University.

### UNL Animal Science Scholarship Winners

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation presents ten scholarships to UNL Animal Science students with 2 - $500 scholarships presented to freshmen, 2 - $500 scholarships presented to sophomores, 3 - $1,000 scholarships presented to juniors in the Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars program and 3 - $1,000 scholarships presented to seniors in the Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars Program. Scholarships were awarded at the UNL Alumni Gathering, October 5, 2019.

Scholarships:

- McKenzie Beals Weber
- Henry Beel
- Sheldon Beierman
- Colten Bergt
- Jamie Bonifas
- Taylor Cammack
- Ashtyn Cooper
- Caitlyn Deal
- Jais Ford
- Jacy Hafer
- Kaitlyn Hansen
- Emily Hatterman
- Kathlyn Hauxwell
- Kyle Henderson
- Brea Hostert
- TaraLee Hudson
- Colin Ibach
- Loyal Johnson
- Natalie Jones
- Marissa Kegley
- Eric Klitz
- Felicia Knoerzer
- Korbin Kudera
- Weston Kunkee
- Tanner Lemke
- Malina Lindstrom
- Kelsey Loseke
- Shalyn Miller
- Amanda Most
- Laura Reiling
- Ralston Ripp
- Megan Schroeder
- Joshua Sebade
- Jace Stagemeyer
- Isaac Stallbaumer
- Jacqueline Stauffer
- Colton Thompson
- Lydia Vinton
- Wesley Wach
- Anna Whyman
- Elizabeth Yrkoski
- Austin Freeman
- Brittany Reynolds
- Cameron Jensen
- Hayden Hoos

L to R: Jacqueline Stauffer, Malina Lindstrom, Shaye Koester, Sheldon Beierman, Paige Kniep, Abby O’Brien

Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation scholarship application deadline is March 1, 2020.
Leadership Development

Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium
This is the ninth year the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation has supported this education event held at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL). Over 250 youth from across Nebraska get an inside look at life at UNL and the beef industry as a whole. This event has contributed to the increase in enrollment at UNL – CASN.
The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation contributes $2,500 to this program annually.

Young Cattlemen Conference
The National Cattlemen Beef Association (NCBA) Young Cattlemen Conference (YCC) takes young cattlemen and women from pasture to plate and from Denver, CO, to Washington, D.C., over a period of ten days. The program is designed to develop new leadership within state affiliate, NCBA and the beef community.
Since 1997 the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation has funded one young aspiring Nebraska Cattlemen leader to attend the Young Cattlemen Conference (YCC). In 2016 the Foundation agreed to pay for two representatives. The primary objective of YCC is to develop leadership qualities in young cattlemen and cattlewomen and expose them to all aspects of the beef industry.

Nebraska Cattlemen Young Cattlemen’s Conference
The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation contributes $10,000 to this program annually.

Chance McLean, Sarah Kabes and Reiss Bruning
**Nebraska Beef Cattle Industry Professorship**

The Nebraska Beef Cattle Industry Professorship of Animal Science at UNL was established in December 1994 with $200,000. This fund allows an annual stipend of $10,000 to be awarded to a worthy professor within the University of Nebraska College Agriculture and Natural Resources. Dr. Chris Calkins was awarded this stipend from 1995 – 2011. The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation proudly awarded Dr. Galen Erickson this stipend in 2012 for his cutting edge research with feedlot rations, especially the use of distillers grain and other by-product feed sources in finishing diets for beef cattle. Erickson will receive this award through July 1, 2022.

Dr. Galen Erickson

**UNL Feedlot Management Course**

The Foundation has funded a $1,000 scholarship each year since 1997 to support the UNL Feedlot Management Course. This fund was established with $20,000 from the Merck-Merial Generations of Excellence funds. This course is an intensive eight week study on and off campus that provides students an opportunity to get real life experience in the feedlot industry, including internships at feedlots.

Back: (left to right) Spencer Paul, Kentucky; Norm Timmerman’s (Colby, KS), Kelton Adair, Kearney NE; Lincoln County, Stapleton, Jared Geiser, Wisconsin; Craig Cattle ,Sawyer Wollmann, South Dakota; M-Farms, Benedict, NE Front: (left to right) Rebecca Sjostrand, Missouri; Rich Porter, KS, Sadie Christensen, Arnold NE, Adams Land and Cattle, Samantha Wagner, New Mexico; UNL research feedyard internship, Kailey Conway, Campbell, NE, KCC Feeders, Minden

**UNL Meats Judging Team**

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation created an endowed account with the initial contribution from the Nebraska Cattlemen Beef Pit of $20,000 to support the UNL Meats Judging Team. The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation then contributed an additional $10,000. Each year an annual stipend will be granted to support the UNL Meats Judging Team.

UNL Meats Judging Team from l to r: Erin Blucher, Joe Sonderman & Bailey Schroeder.
Supporting UNL

University of Nebraska – Livestock Judging Team

A $100,000 endowed fund was established in 2001 with proceeds from three years of the Five-Star Heifer sale (approximately $40,000) and then completed with proceeds from the Retail Value Steer Challenge. Each year the UNL livestock judging team receives $5,000 in support from this account.

Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars

The Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars Program (NBIS) is a unique four-year certification program for UNL students. It was created as a component of Beef Education Excellence for the Future (BEEF), an initiative to enhance beef education and research in the state of Nebraska. NBIS is a program belonging to all who have a vested interest in the future of the beef cattle industry.

“Developing Beef Industry Leaders for Tomorrow with Insights from Today’s Beef Industry Leaders.”

The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation has contributed to this program for several years and contributed $5,000 in 2011 and 2012. The program received $7,500 every year since 2013.

Ann and David Bruntz pictured with the 2019-2020 winner TaraLee Hudson.

Andy Bruntz Beef Industry Scholars Scholarship

This fund was originally established in 1997 by Andy’s parents, Ann and David Bruntz, to assist with the Southeast Community College livestock judging team’s travel expenses. Andy was a member of that team at the time of his death. In 2014 this fund was modified and now provides an annual grant to the Andy Bruntz Beef Industry Scholars Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

This image shows a group of students and faculty members. It includes Front (l to r): Katie Nolles, Natalie Jones, Sheldon Beierman, Hannah Esch, Rudy Pooch; Middle (l to r): Bailey Tucker, Logan Dibbern, Alexa Johnson, Megan Murdoch, Kailey Conway, Elena Montemagni, Renae Sieck, Cody Zumpfe; Back (l to r): A.J. Underwood, Erika Harms, Maddy Misfeldt, Kodi Gehl, Joe Sonderman, Garrett Long, Jon Radil, Kelton Adair.
Northeast Community College (NECC) in Norfolk
NECC received $4,500 from the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation. Those dollars were generated through the Retail Value Steer Challenge.

Back row, l to r: Mitchell Mackeprang, Bloomfield; Conner Scheer, Arlington; Sam Scheer, Arlington; Frederick Kujath, Fairbury; Henry Beel, Ainsworth; Jakob Andreasen, West Point; Jackson Eisenhauer, Bloomfield; and Mike Roeber, Coach.

Front row, l to r: Colton Meyer, Paullina, IA; Aleah Olson, Stanton; Blake Wert, Central City; Mariah Frevert, Wayne; Payton Vellek, Yankton, SD; Atlynn Witthuhn, Callaway; Kaylee Sipek, Fairbury, and Alicen Fischer, Brunswick.

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) in Curtis
NCTA received $4,500 from the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation. Those dollars were generated from the Retail Value Steer Challenge.

Front Row: Maisie Kennicutt, Wallace; Emily Riley, Norton, Kansas; Lauren Nichols, Scottsbluff; Melody MacDonald, St. Edward; Bailey Johnson, Hastings
Second Row: Garrett Lapp, Zanesville, Ohio; Seth Racicky, Mason City; Camden Wilke, Columbus; Avery Bermel, Randolph; Jose de la Cruz, Columbus
Back Row: Assistant Coach Grant Romshek
Not Pictured: Coach Douglas Smith
Honoring Donors

**Friend of the Foundation**
Each year the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation will honor and thank an individual or business that has supported the Foundation in an extraordinary way. Each Friend will receive a special thank you gift and their name will be added to a plaque at the Nebraska Cattlemen office.

Founding Board members of the Nebraska Cattlemen Research & Education Foundation – Merlyn E. Carlson, Sidney E. Salzman, Alvin J. Kroeger and B. Wallace Mills were awarded the Friend of the Foundation at the 2018 Nebraska Cattlemen Annual Convention in December. These four individuals saw the need for a foundation to support the cattle industry in Nebraska by investing in research and education and worked to kick off the Foundation 50 years ago in 1968. Their vision has helped to educate many students, assist in research projects, as well as assist with building projects, historical preservation and beef promotion.

- 2011 – Darr Feedlot, Inc.
- 2012 – Bill Pullen
- 2013 – Gallagher Grace/Mayer
- 2014 – Craig and Teri Uden
- 2015 – Frank & Shirley Sibert
- 2016 - Al & JoAnn Svaigrt
- 2017 – Gary Tibbetts/Zinpro
- 2018 - Founding Board members of the Nebraska Cattlemen Research & Education Foundation – Merlyn E. Carlson, Sidney E. Salzman, Alvin J. Kroeger and B. Wallace Mills

**Cattlemen’s Heritage Society**
- donors that have created planned gifts that will benefit the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation will be welcomed into the Cattlemen’s Heritage Society. Each will receive a special thank you gift and their name will be added to a plaque at the Nebraska Cattlemen office.

  - Frank & Shirley Sibert
  - Bill & Barb Rishel
  - David & Ann Bruntz
  - Al & JoAnn Svaigrt
  - Dave Hunt
  - Shari Flaming

**Cattlemen’s Legacy Society**
- donors that have created endowments within the Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation will be welcomed into the Cattlemen’s Legacy Society. Each will receive a special thank you gift and their name will be added to a plaque at the Nebraska Cattlemen office.

  - Robert E. Lute II Memorial
  - Frank & Shirley Sibert
  - Bill Heller Memorial
  - Donavan Yoachim Memorial
  - Martin Viersen Memorial
  - NC Beef Pit
  - Vance Uden Memorial
  - Cattlemen’s Open
  - Andy Bruntz Memorial
  - Clarence and Lois Jean Hartmann
  - Colonel Russell Huss
  - Ron & Shirley Huss
  - Bill Pullen/Bill’s Volume Sales
  - Bill Briggs Family
  - Todd Ricenbaw Family
  - Jim & Helen Gran

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The Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation gratefully recognizes the generous support of those donors who have made a gift to the Foundation from July 1, 2018, to September 1, 2019. Donors are listed in alphabetical order by giving levels.

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$25,000 and up
- Al & JoAnn Svaigir
- Charles Heberter

**Pioneer**
$10,001 - $24,999
- Al & JoAnne Svaigir
- Charles Heberter

**Partner**
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150 Steers were gathered for the Retail Value Steer Challenge!!!

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1. Pat Meiergerd/Joe Prinz 4.04
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