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Today NC President Ken Herz made comments on COVID-19 and the importance of following CDC guidelines while conducting business during the Governor's 2pm press conference.

This morning staff participated in a call with other state affiliate groups and NCBA to discuss the CARES Act action in the Senate and efforts to ensure success of the bill in the House. During the call, there was discussion regarding the framework for distribution of funds for livestock producers should be bill successfully pass the house and is signed by the President. NC strongly pushed that negatively affected producers receive support, not a general, wide-spread payment for all. Also, NC was strongly against packer cattle being eligible for government subsidies.

NC staff participated on a conference call with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and other agricultural organizations to share the latest news on COVID-19's impact on Nebraska's #1 industry. The bulk of the call was spent discussing recent guidance from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, as well as discussing the Administration's recent announcement to process additional H-2A visa holders to meet labor needs. The emergency declaration, which temporarily suspends HOS compliance for certain drivers, now applies to haulers-of-feed-and-fertilizer.