



Working for Nebraska Beef Producers
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Young Cattlemen's Connections Class of 2026

Identifying and developing leaders to guide and strengthen our beef industry is important to the future of Nebraska's agriculture. The next generation of Nebraska Cattlemen will ensure that Nebraska remains the beef industry's global epicenter.



Nebraska YCC is a two-year commitment.

January 19-22 2026 - Lincoln Summer/Fall 2026 - date set by class
January 25-28, 2027* - Lincoln Summer/Fall 2027 - date set by class
*dates listed are tentative

During your first year, you will:

- ◆ Tour beef processing facilities, value-added meat programs, and beef supply companies.
- ◆ Learn from hands-on beef presentations.
- ◆ Develop and share your beef story.
- ◆ Understand current industry issues by meeting with Nebraska state agencies.
- ◆ Learn about Nebraska Cattlemen.

During your second year, you will:

- ◆ Learn about the Nebraska Cattlemen board structure and policy.
- ◆ Attend Nebraska Cattlemen legislative and board meetings.
- ◆ Spend time at the Nebraska Legislature; attend committee hearings, observe floor debate, and meet with Senators.
- ◆ Develop strategies for civic and association engagement, networking and public speaking.

Summer Midyear Meeting and Annual Convention (2026 & 2027)

- ◆ Complimentary registration and lodging.
- ◆ Engage in meetings and scheduled activities.

2026 Nebraska Cattlemen YCC Nomination Form

Complete form and send to address on reverse side

Nominee: _____ Age: _____ NC Member Yes No

Nominee address: _____

Nominee phone number: _____

Nominee email: _____

Reason nominee should be considered:

Nominated by (affiliate or individual): _____

The goal of the Young Cattlemen's Connection is to deliver a solid foundation of industry knowledge to young and emerging leaders. YCC provides the leadership tools necessary to build a successful future.

Engage in educational activities to enhance your leadership skills.

YCC provides beef producers with the skills necessary to position themselves as leaders in the beef industry. Participants will be asked to participate in projects and activities.

- ◆ Nebraska Cattlemen Affiliate meetings
- ◆ Nebraska Cattlemen Board meetings
- ◆ Articles for communication and outreach
- ◆ Traditional and new media
- ◆ Nebraska State Fair and Cattlemen's Ball
- ◆ Education & promotion programs
- ◆ NC & NCBA Political Action Committee (PAC)

Now accepting nominations. *Nomination deadline: Tuesday, October 21, 2025*

The group size is limited to ten. Affiliates are asked to limit nominations to one outstanding individual.

The following will be considered in evaluating applications:

- ◆ Current or future leader with Nebraska Cattlemen and/or local affiliate.
- ◆ The age group of 25-50.
- ◆ **Willing to participate in a two-year program. Eight to ten days of meetings each year PLUS midyear and annual convention.**
- ◆ Positive attitude and a desire to develop new leadership skills.
- ◆ Nebraska Cattlemen membership is required.

The nominee will be required to submit an application to the selection committee.

Application to be sent out after nomination is received.

Application deadline: Monday, November 10, 2025

Class announcement: Friday, November 14, 2025

For more information contact:

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To nominate an individual, please complete the nomination form and return to:

Nebraska Cattlemen
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Or you can complete the nomination form at www.nebraskacattlemen.org