



Young Cattlemen's Connections Class of 2027

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.

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For more information contact:

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Nebraska YCC is a two-year commitment

January 11-14, 2027 - Lincoln Summer/Fall 2027 - date set by class
January 24-27, 2028* - Lincoln Summer/Fall 2028 - date set by class *dates listed are tentative

Program Details

During your first year, you will:

- Tour beef processing facilities, value-added meat programs, and beef supply companies.
- Learn from hands-on beef presentations.
- Understand current industry issues by meeting with Nebraska state agencies.
- Network with industry leaders.
- Learn about Nebraska Cattlemen.
- Engage in educational activities to enhance your leadership skills.

During your second year, you will:

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

Midyear Meeting and Annual Convention (2027 & 2028)

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

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. 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
- Nebraska State Fair and Cattlemen's Ball
- Education & promotion programs
- NC & NCBA Political Action Committee (PAC)

Nomination information

Deadlines:

Nomination deadline: Tuesday, October 20, 2026
Application deadline: Monday, November 16, 2026
Class announcement: Friday, November 20, 2026

The group size is limited to ten.
Affiliates are asked to limit nominations to one outstanding individual.
The nominee will be required to submit an application to the selection committee.

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.

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

Nebraska Cattlemen
Attn: Bonita Lederer
4611 Cattle Drive
Lincoln, NE 68521
blederer@necattlemen.org

Nomination form also available at www.nebraskacattlemen.org

2027 Nebraska Cattlemen YCC Nomination Form

Nominee: _____ Age: _____ NC Member Yes No

Nominee address: _____

Nominee phone number: _____

Nominee email: _____

Reason nominee should be considered:

Nominated by (affiliate or individual): _____