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NCTA's 100 BEEF COW/ 100 ACRE OWNERSHIP ADVANTAGE PROGRAM

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WEST CENTRAL
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100 COW/100 ACRE ON-CAMPUS PROGRAM

NCTA's ownership advantage program has been created to provide a forum where students, parents, employers, and agencies come together to create successful business plans and operation transfer programs. For the past two decades, state and federal agencies, legislatures, and commodity groups have worked hard to develop programs that encourage the transfer of agricultural enterprises to the next generation.

NCTA, in partnership with the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA), as well as farm and ranch organizations, have developed courses and seminars for students, parents, employers, and land owners with the specific objective of formulating business plans.

This unique program starts with NCTA's degree program which includes the development of a business plan. This plan will, completed just prior to graduation, students will present this plan to FSA for loan consideration. The plan will also be submitted to the NDA for consideration of a tax credit to the landlord.

The key to this program is to have the NCTA graduates return to rural communities with a large enough asset base that they will be a viable partner within an agricultural enterprise. NCTA faculty believe that the initial ownership will provide a catalyst and vision for both the graduate and parents or employers to set in place a long range plan that will eventually provide the graduates and their families a profitable enterprise as well as offer an opportunity for graduates to retain their heritage with the land.

For years, NCTA has been preparing its students to return to rural communities as community leaders. NCTA's entrepreneurship opportunity will add to that leadership potential because students will return to rural communities with a business plan that will be fundable through various financial institutions.

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Students will pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree with an emphasis in either Livestock Industry Management, Agronomy Industry Management, or Diversified Ag Management

Specialized Courses and Requirements, in addition to degree requirements, for the Ownership Advantage program:

- Ownership Advantage Seminar I (1st semester)
- Ownership Advantage Seminar II (2nd semester)
- Ownership Advantage Seminar III (3rd semester)
- Capstone (4th semester)



100 COW/100 ACRE OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAM

The Outreach Program is designed to help those individuals interested in owning a farm or ranch operation by receiving instruction on a part time basis. This program is a collaborative effort between NCTA and the West Central Research and Extension Center. Upon completion of the program, participants will have received the latest research-based information in crop and livestock production, obtained farm and ranch business management skills, developed a business plan and FSA loan applications, and taken the initial steps towards owning and operating their own farm.

THE PROGRAM STRUCTURE IS AS FOLLOWS:

100 Cow 100 Acre Kickoff

During November NCTA will offer an afternoon program featuring special guests from NCTA, WCREC, FSA, Nebraska Department of agriculture as well as others from the Nebraska agriculture industry groups.

Farm and Ranch Management – Section I, ABM 2854

In this course students will be able to apply business management concepts which are involved in the decision making process when organizing and upgrading a farming ranching operation. The course includes production economics, record keeping systems, financial budgets and analysis, crop and livestock enterprise analysis, depreciation, cash flow planning, equity and production efficiency indicators.

Ranch Practicum - 100 Cow students

An 8-day program in cattle and ranch management. Held from June to January at the West Central Research and Extension Center (WCREC) in North Platte and Gundmundsen Sandhills Laboratory near Whitman.

Crop Production Workshops and Field Days – 100 Acre students

Attending various workshops and field day events hosted by UNL Extension specialists as guided by the 100 Acre program advisor.

Farm and Ranch Management – Section II, ABM 2854

In this course student will be able to use the concepts taught in the first section of Farm and Ranch Management as well as skills developed in the Ranch Practicum or Beef Cropping Systems. In addition, they will complete loan applications, set goals, explore as well as learn key strategies for developing partnerships.

Agriculture Transition – Section III, ABM 2854

This workshop will explore seven specific areas related to agriculture transition – human relations plan, self-assessment, goal setting, business mission, goals, inventory and objectives as well as business planning, retirement planning, transfer planning and estate planning. Experts from Nebraska and some surrounding states will be present to offer information and ask questions related to Agriculture Transition planning.