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Youth Leaders for Pork Industry in 2009

Lincoln – The Nebraska Pork Producers Association (NPPA) is proud to announce the members of 2009 Pork Industry Mentoring Program. The Pork Industry Mentoring Program is an education program that provides opportunities for agriculture youth leaders to explore areas of the pork industry by shadowing industry professionals and helps youth identify future careers, while developing their skills to grow into a strong agricultural advocate.

Mentoring students will shadow four industry professionals to learn about the industry hands on, plus each mentoring student will complete four promotion activities, will teach two lesson plans to two Lincoln classrooms, as well as attend quarterly meetings that focus on leadership development, agriculture issues and more.

Eleven college age students were selected to participate in Pork Industry Mentoring Program based on the quality of each student's application. Members of the class of 2009 include:

Benjamin Hollman, Lyons;
Thomas Dux, Fairbury;
Brandon Beethe, Elk Creek;
Kayce Kobs, Ashland;
Stephanie Bryant, Kilgore;
Allissa Short, McCool Junction;
Laura Vinopal, Omaha;
Eric Miller, Davenport;
Jared Lierman, Beemer,
Jessica Clowser, Milford; and
Sarah Knutson, Palmyra.

For more information on the Nebraska Pork Producers Association Pork Mentoring Program, please contact the Nebraska Pork Producers Association at 888-627-7675 or by logging on to www.NEpork.org.

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The Nebraska Pork Producers Association is a grassroots, incorporated, non profit organization established in 1961. NPPA was developed to promote the pork industry through the enhancement of consumer demand, producer education and research. For more information, visit NPPA's website at www.NEpork.org.