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402-602-3541**First National Bank of Omaha Partners with Nebraska FFA Foundation**

*Donations will provide funding for two statewide FFA programs and serve as an investment in the future of agriculture*

OMAHA, Neb. March 16, 2016. – First National Bank, which also operates as First National Bank Fremont and First National Bank North Platte, is partnering with the Nebraska FFA Foundation and investing in the future of agriculture by sponsoring two statewide FFA programs, announced Tom Jensen, Sr. Vice President, Correspondent and Agribusiness Banking. The bank will donate \$10,000 to the “I Believe in the Future of Ag” campaign, a fund which supports educational programs across the state, and \$5,000 to support programming development for the “Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE),” a required component of a student’s total agricultural education program.

The purpose of the “I Believe in the Future of Ag” campaign is to build the local and statewide capacities of Nebraska FFA. It also serves as an educational campaign for Nebraska FFA. “First National Bank’s donation to this fundraising campaign will be combined with contributions from other corporate sponsors to provide an outlet for local FFA chapters to raise money for innovative projects in their classrooms, leadership programming, community service projects and field trips to advance agriculture education in their schools,” said Stacey Agnew, executive director, Nebraska FFA Foundation.

First National Bank’s sponsorship of the SAE program will provide funding for the development of programs that focus on Work-Based Learning as a component of every student’s experience within agricultural education coursework. The funds will be utilized specifically for agriculture education training and resources to develop a new program model, including school-based enterprise and other SAE delivery models. First National Bank and the Nebraska FFA Foundation plan to partner with state leaders and agriculture educators for the development of the SAE program.

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First National Bank’s FFA sponsorships are part of the bank’s broader efforts to celebrate National Agriculture Week. “As the fifth largest Agribusiness lender in the nation, First National Bank and our affiliates are proud to recognize the contributions of the agriculture industry and support the next generation of farmers through our partnership with the Nebraska FFA Foundation,” added Jensen. First National Bank is also donating to the Colorado FFA Foundation and local FFA chapters in Illinois.

**About the Nebraska FFA Foundation**

The mission of the Nebraska FFA Foundation is to enhance quality education/FFA programs in order to achieve excellence in leadership development, curriculum innovation and scholastic advancement of students. For more information, visit [neffafoundation.org](http://neffafoundation.org).

**About First National Bank of Omaha**

First National Bank of Omaha is a subsidiary of First National of Nebraska. First National of Nebraska is the largest privately owned banking company in the United States. First National and its affiliates have \$20 billion in assets and 5,000 employee associates. Primary banking offices are located in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Texas.

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