



TO: Our 550 County Extension Board Members, each one vital

**“Got a minute?”**

Running alongside Dad, seventy-some years ago, we’d always welcome County Agent Joe onto our farm. And he’d always say “Got a minute?” One time, “Got a minute, Arnold? I’d like you to be the first to test this new crop!” That brought smiles to us!

Fast forward . . . **“Got a minute?”**

First, applause to every County Extension Board member in our ninety-two NACEB member counties. Each of us is a front-line advocate for Extension impact every day.

Second, each in our own way can often say, **“Got a minute?”** to our elected commissioners, supervisors, and also our senators and representatives. Watch for smiles on their faces!

One more challenge: Next time you see me, say **“Got a minute?”** I’ll bet you lunch that will put a smile on your face . . . and mine!

Wes Daberkow

NACEB Director / Past-President

## Meet your Directors!

### NACEB Spotlight: Christi Aycock

Christi Aycock has been part of NACEB as a director since March 2019. She represents zone 6, which consists of Hamilton, Merrick, Boone, Nance, Hall, Valley, Greeley, Howard, and Sherman counties.

Christi and her husband currently run a cow calf operation in Hamilton County and reside outside of Marquette. They have two children, Cassidy and Colt. Christi is also a Multi-Line Claims Adjuster for Progressive Insurance. Christi started this career after she graduated from the University of Nebraska in Kearney in 2002 with a Business Administration degree.

#### My Extension Story:

As a little girl I attended Extension Circle meetings with my Grandma and learned lots of great skills, such as gardening, baking, and cross stitch. As a teen I showed horses in the Hall County 4-H program. When my husband and I met we began purchasing cows, a lifetime dream of his. He grew up with the knowledge firsthand assisting his Granddad with the daily tasks of raising, breeding, and calving. I was coming in "green" so sought the experience and knowledge of others through the Hamilton County Extension program. Brad Schick, Beef Educator, has a wonderful newsletter that he prepares faithfully each month that touches on broad ranges of topics as well as being very approachable with all of my questions. I also attended the Women in Agriculture Conference that is hosted by UNL to gain a substantial amount of information. This is in addition to the wonderful 4-H families in our community who have taken us under their wing to teach us the ways of showing cattle. Thanks to the wonderful NE Extension program, along with my own firsthand experience, I am learning more and more to be able to assist with our cow calf operation and enjoying every moment – good and bad!