

Gene Copenhaver, President, National Cattlemen's Beef Association:

"Raising cattle and feeding the world with high-quality, wholesome protein is a demanding job filled with hardships that frequently result in stress and mental health concerns for cattle producers. Every day, cattlemen and cattlemen face uncertainty, and this measure will highlight the issue across the country. NCBA thanks Senators Fischer and Bennet for standing with America's cattle producers and helping to raise awareness surrounding mental health challenges in the agriculture sector."

Rob Larew, President, National Farmers Union:

"Farming can be stressful and it's often a lonely job, and far too many farmers are struggling in silence. We're grateful to Senators Fischer and Bennet and Representatives Bost and Schriener for their leadership on this important resolution, which helps shine a light on the unique mental health challenges in agriculture and the need to reduce the stigma around seeking help. At a time when many farm families are facing significant economic hardship and uncertainty, this effort is more important than ever. Raising awareness is an essential step toward ensuring family farmers, ranchers, and rural communities get the support they need."

Tyson Narjes, Chairman, Nebraska Wheat Board:

"The Nebraska Wheat Board fully supports Senator Fischer's resolution to designate May 29th as Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day. Mental health is just as vital as physical health. Specifically in agriculture where long hours, economic stress, and isolation are often part of daily life, it is critical we break the stigma and ensure our farmers and ranchers have the support they need. This day of recognition is an important step toward building a stronger, healthier ag community."

Duane Simpson, President, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives:

"Farmers and ranchers are facing immense stress right now. Unfortunately, they often don't seek the help they need. We appreciate Senators Fischer and Bennet for reintroducing this resolution, raising awareness, and helping to remove the stigma associated with mental health in rural America."

Walt Traudt, President, Nebraska Pork Producers Association:

"The Nebraska Pork Producers Association appreciates Senator Fischer's continued leadership in raising awareness around mental health in agriculture through the designation of May 29 as Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day. Nebraska pork producers face significant pressures, including market uncertainty, labor shortages, swine health challenges, and the around-the-clock responsibility of caring for their animals and operations. Initiatives like this help foster important conversations around mental health, reduce stigma in rural communities, and remind those working in agriculture that they do not have to face these challenges alone."

Alan Morgan, CEO, National Rural Health Association:

"The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) appreciates Senator Fischer's and Senator Bennet's strong commitment to uplifting the mental health of agricultural workers. NRHA is proud to support the Senators' resolution to designate May 29th as Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day. We join the Senators in recognizing the importance of those working in the agriculture industry, improving their mental health, and reducing the stigma."

Scott Metzger, President, American Soybean Association:

"We thank Senators Fischer and Bennet for recognizing May 29 as Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day. Each year, farmers face mounting challenges that add to the stress of

managing an operation, and ASA appreciates Congress acknowledging these realities. Through our #SoyHelp program, ASA continues to provide resources and support for those in the agricultural community. We encourage everyone to seek help whenever they need it."

Jess, Trotter, Chairman, Nebraska Agri-Business Association:

"Agriculture is a rewarding way of life, but it also comes with real uncertainty and unexpected challenges. Many in our industry are facing both natural challenges, such as fires and drought, and economic pressures, which make it harder to stay ahead and continue operating year to year. That's why it's so important we look out for each other and make it okay to ask for help when it's needed. The Nebraska Agri-Business Association appreciates Senator Fischer's continued efforts to raise awareness of mental health in agriculture and to remind Nebraska's farmers and ag professionals that support and resources are available."

Dr. Jed Hansen, Executive Director, Nebraska Rural Health Association:

"Senator Fischer's continued leadership on Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture reflects a strong commitment to the health and wellbeing of Nebraska's agricultural communities. Farmers and ranchers remain the backbone of Greater Nebraska's communities. Yet, too many of our agricultural workers and their families continue to face mental health challenges while navigating stigma and limited access to care. Bringing attention to this critical conversation is vital to strengthening the long-term health and economic engine of rural Nebraska. On behalf of the Nebraska Rural Health Association, we appreciate Senator Fischer and Senator Bennet for continuing to bring national attention to this important issue."

Lucas Miller, President, Nebraska Soybean Association:

"With trade uncertainty, severe drought, rising input costs, and low commodity prices putting pressure on the farm economy, farmers and ranchers have little control over many of the factors affecting their families' financial well-being. We applaud Senator Fischer and Senator Bennet for introducing the 'Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day' resolution, which highlights resources available to help farmers and ranchers navigate these daily challenges,"

Rob Brenneman, President, National Pork Producers:

"In our line of work, the toll is more than physical. We have to be willing to speak up for our own mental health and check in on our neighbors. We all have a part to play in setting a positive example for the next generation—while remembering to protect ourselves along the way. Thank you, Senators Fischer and Bennet, for raising this much-needed awareness around mental health in agriculture."

Zippy Duvall, President, American Farm Bureau Federation:

"This is certainly a challenging time in agriculture, with pressure building on farmers and ranchers every day. It's more important than ever before to have conversations about rural mental health, and designating May 29 as Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day creates the perfect opportunity to check up on our loved ones and check in with ourselves. We're grateful to Senators Fischer and Bennet for their work on this resolution and opening the door to have the life-saving, uplifting, or supportive conversations."

Jed Bower, President, National Corn Growers Association:

"Farming is an incredibly stressful and trying occupation. That stress and anxiety have been multiplied many times over by the current economic environment in which corn growers are facing their fourth year of negative returns. Access to mental health services is important to the wellbeing of our growers, and we appreciate our allies in Congress for raising awareness about this issue."

Laura Field, President, Nebraska Cattlemen:

“Nebraska’s farmers and ranchers help literally feed the world. Those stakes are high and the conditions can be brutal, and along with our service-first mentality, it’s no surprise that many producers struggle and suffer in ways that can’t be seen. That’s why the Nebraska Cattlemen are grateful to Senator Fischer and her continued leadership on mental health in agriculture, and we applaud her, Senator Bennet, and their colleagues’ efforts to drive away the stigma around it.”

Mark McHargue, President, Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation:

“The work of producing our nation and world’s food, fiber, and fuel is exceedingly rewarding, however, the challenges and uncertainties surrounding our industry can also weigh heavy. We all must be conscious of our own mental health and that of our family, friends, and neighbors. I want to thank Senator Fischer for again bringing this issue to the forefront by again offering this resolution to designate May 29th as Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day. As a rancher herself, Sen. Fischer knows firsthand the importance of this issue and the need to ensure everyone in agriculture knows it’s “ok to not be ok” and reach out if you or someone you know needs help.”

Daren Coppock, President and CEO, Agricultural Retailers Association:

“When farmers struggle, ag retailers feel it too—financially, emotionally, and as part of the same rural fabric. This resolution rightly recognizes that mental health in agriculture is not an isolated issue, but one that touches every link in the agricultural supply chain and every community that depends on it. ARA is proud to support this resolution.”

Rocky C. Weber, President and General Counsel, Nebraska Cooperative Council:

“Nebraska’s farmers and ranchers face a unique array of challenges to overcome; from extreme weather events to economic forces beyond their control. These challenges can and do affect the mental health of many who devote their lives to feeding the world. One of the organizing principles of agricultural cooperatives is support for their communities. The Nebraska Cooperative Council and its farmer owned agricultural cooperative members are committed to promoting awareness, reducing stigma, and advocating for increased access to mental health resources across rural Nebraska. The Council is grateful to Nebraska U.S. Senator Deb Fischer for introducing bipartisan Senate Resolution 727 designating May 29, 2026 as Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day.”

John Hansen, President, Nebraska Farmers Union:

“Nebraska Farmers Union (NeFU) thanks Senators Fischer and Bennet and Representatives Bost and Schrier for their sponsorship of “Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day”. Nebraska agriculture is facing the most severe financial stress since the 1980’s Farm Crisis. When farm and ranch families are under financial stress, the farm and ranch families that own and operate those businesses are also under financial and emotional stress. Many families are facing another year of record high ag input costs and sagging ag commodity prices. Many are facing struggles to get their operating loans approved, which puts the future of their generations old farms and ranches at risk. Nebraska’s Rural Response Hotline (800-464-0258) has been providing legal, bookkeeping, food, and financial counseling assistance in addition to mental health vouchers for professional mental health counseling since 1984. We thank Senators Fischer and Bennet and Representatives Bost and Schrier for highlighting the need for increased awareness of mental health needs and affordable mental health counseling services to farm, ranch, and rural families in their time of need.”

Michael Dibbern, President, Nebraska Corn Growers Association:

“Mental health awareness is incredibly important to the agricultural industry and rural communities. Thank you Senator Fischer for understanding the importance of mental health resources and advocating for the well-being of our farmers.”

Mark Jensen, President and CEO of Farm Credit Services of America:

“Farmers and ranchers manage significant risk while navigating increasing complexity each day. Providing dependable financial support for agriculture, in good times and tough times, is embedded in our vision. The Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day resolution recognizes the important role of agriculture producers and the unique challenges they face. Farm Credit Services of America extends a sincere thank you to Senator Fischer and Senator Bennet for raising awareness of farm stress, mental health, and the accessible resources available with a network of support. We are here to help and know that when you feel better, you farm better.”