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The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) has announced the selection of the members of the 2012-2013 Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC).

Included in the group are two from Chase County—Steven Fish of Imperial and Larissa Wach of Wauneta.

The NAYC is entering its 42nd year with the installation of the new council members. This year's Council is comprised of 19 college-aged men and women who exhibit a passion for agriculture and educating others about the agricultural industry.

The council is responsible for coordinating several agricultural learning experiences for Nebraska youth including visiting elementary classrooms to discuss where food comes from, taking urban youth to experience farms and what a day in the life of a farmer is like and visiting with high school students from across the state.

The primary focus of the NAYC is to coordinate the annual Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI), a five-day conference for current high school juniors and seniors.

Parents of the Chase County youths named to the council are Mark and Kathy Christensen, Imperial, and Loran and Nancy Wach, Wauneta.