

Nebraska LEAD Group 33 participants were announced by Terry Hejny, director, Nebraska LEAD (Leadership Education/Action Development) Program.

Among the group of 30 participants is an Imperial man, Nick Fowler.

Fowler is the assistant feedlot manager for Kuenning & Sons of Imperial. He is married to the former Kory Kuenning, and they have a year-old daughter, Hayden.

Two other area men have also been selected to the group that will be involved in LEAD from 2013-15. They are Matt Broz of Hayes Center and Alex Peterson of Haigler.

The newest members of Nebraska's two-year agricultural leadership development program in its 33rd year are made up exclusively of participants who are involved in production agriculture and/or agribusiness in Nebraska, Hejny said.

"Once again we are proud to say that Class 33 appears to be filled with outstanding individuals from throughout the state," Hejny said.

The two-year program will begin in September.

LEAD Fellows will participate in 12 monthly three-day seminars across Nebraska, a 10-day national study/travel seminar and a 14-16 day international study/travel seminar. The goal of the program is to develop problem-solvers, decision-makers and spokespersons for agriculture and Nebraska.

Seminar themes will include leadership assessment and potential, natural resources and energy, agricultural policy, leadership through communication, the political process, social issues and more.

The Nebraska LEAD Program is operated by the non-profit Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council in cooperation with the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and 10 other institutions of higher education in the state.

Other Nebraska LEAD 33 Fellows include Jason Arp, Kennard; Chris Bender, Burwell; Amy Black, Hastings; Keith Borer, Elgin; Ryan Brodersen, Randolph; Pete Dixon, Pleasanton; Matt Dolch, Lincoln; Nathan Dorn, Hickman; Brooke Engelman, Jansen; Wayne Frederick, Amelia; Brad Heinrichs, Bruning; Nate Hughes, Geneva; Jessica Johnson, Scottsbluff; Tim Johnson, Doniphan; Chad McDaniel, Roca; Anne Meis, Elgin; Jolene Messinger, McCook; Jeff Moon, Fremont; Michael Ann Relka, Mitchell; Jon Root, Central City; Kenny Smith, Omaha; Mark Suhr, Seward; David Swanson, Wahoo; Jake Tollman, Grand Island; Jess Waddell, Sutton; Calvin Wineland, Cambridge; and Barry Young, Clatonia.