

**2008 State Report  
North Central Region  
Academic Program Section**

**State:** Nebraska

**State Population:** 1,758,787 (2005 Census Info.)

**College Name:** College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

**Tuition (08-09):** Undergraduate: resident \$179.75/hr; non-resident \$533.75/hr  
Graduate: resident \$237.50/hr; non-resident \$640.25/hr

**Total Estimated Undergraduate Cost to Attend:** \$12,968.50 (07-08) includes tuition and fees (15 cr/semester); room and board

**Tuition Increase from Previous Year (%):** 6%

**State Appropriations % Change from Previous (%)** 2008-2009 +4.1% to NU System

**% of University Budget that is State Appropriation (%)**

UNL 2007-2008: \$221,626,195 Total=\$887,891,882

	<b>Enrollment (Fall-07)</b>	<b>University (% chg-06)</b>	<b>College (% chg-06)</b>	<b>Projected-08</b>
Undergraduate	18,053	3.9%	1455	11.7%
% Urban				+8%
Minority %	1,637	8.8%	71	4.9%
Graduate	4,328	3.8%	512	4.2%
Total	22,973	3.9%		

**ACT/SAT Freshman Class:** College 25.2 University 25.0

**Transfer Students:** 78 College 20% increase from 2006 University % - 11.7%

**Major Increasing (% chg-07)**

1. Veterinary Technology +400%
2. Professional Golf Mgmt +38%
3. Environmental Restoration +35%
4. Agronomy +27%
5. Biochemistry +26%

**Major Decreasing (% chg-07)**

- Soil Science -50%
- Range Science -20%
- Food Science -18%
- Horticulture -17%
- Vet. Biomed. Sci. -7%

**International:** Number of Students Participating: 74 students; 15 countries

**% of graduating students with International Experience:** 5%

**Undergraduate Retention (freshmen to sophomore):** 91%

**Undergraduate Research (% of students participating):** 88 students or 6%

**Undergraduate Supervised Internships (% of students participating):** 164 or 11%

## **Placement Activities**

### **CASNR Career Fair**

The annual CASNR Career Fair was held in conjunction with UNL's Career Fair Week, which featured three days of Career Fairs with over 200 employers participating in whole. 428 students and alumni from the University and local community attended the CASNR Career Fair to visit with 57 employing organizations and graduate institutions. In addition to the career fair, we hosted the third annual "CASNR Dean's Employer Appreciation Banquet" the evening before the career fair with 41 employers and department heads in attendance. The annual Faculty/Employer Brunch was held the morning of the career fair with 108 employers and faculty in attendance. The day after the career fair 118 interviews were conducted.

### **First Annual Natural Resources Career Information Night**

The first annual Natural Resources Career Information Night, held on October 10, 2007, was well received by six organizations and 52 students and faculty in attendance.

### **First Annual Professional Golf Management Career Fair**

Representatives from 13 golf courses in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota were in attendance at the First Annual Professional Golf Management Career Fair held on January 31, 2008

### **Employment Seminar**

AGRI/NRES 388: Employment Seminar was held on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. for the first eight weeks of each semester. Class enrollment for both semesters totaled 59 students. A variety of subjects were covered such as: resume and cover letter development; job search strategies on the Internet/Husker Hire Link; job search ethics and job offer evaluation; interviewing and professional etiquette; preparing for a career fair; industry mock interviews; and etiquette dinner and discussion.

### **Job Survival**

AGRI 400: Job Survival Seminar was held during the last seven weeks of classes of each semester; 32 students enrolled during the 07-08 academic year. A variety of topics were discussed including: thoughts from recently employed students; communication within the office; communication outside the office; 401K, benefits, investments, etc.; insurance; credit; advancement; and relocation and housing.

### **Career Related Speaking Engagements**

The College Career Specialist addressed 1,234 students attending career related workshops and seminars.

### **Collegiate FFA Tailgate**

Our College hosted the first ever Collegiate FFA Tailgate event sponsored by National FFA Association and Toyota. Over 100 in attendance.

### **FFA Convention**

Our College facilitated first annual FFA Career Fair. 35 employers attended to visit with over 900 FFA members, parents, sponsors and advisers.

## **Retention Activities**

### **Dean's Scholars in Experiential Leadership**

All incoming CASNR students with an interest in leadership may participate in this program introducing students to different types of leadership that may be developed during their college career. Our largest enrollment for DSEL was in 2007-2008; 59 students started the program and 50 actively attended our weekly sessions.

### **CASNR CARES – Caring Attitudes and Respect for Every Student**

This program provides a single contact for parents, students, faculty and staff seeking assistance in navigating the University's student services programs. In 2007-08, 422 people utilized this service.

### **CASNR Week**

Fulfill Your Fate in '08 was the theme for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual CASNR Week. Highlights included:

#### **CASNR Week Banquet**

- The banquet was attended by 300 faculty, staff, students and guests
- Anita Estes Wollenburg was our guest speaker, a CASNR student and former National FFA Officer.
- A new activity for 2008 was the International Study Abroad Reception recognizing students and faculty who participated in international travel during 2007-08.

#### **Community Night**

- Three elementary schools and students at the Ruth Staples Child Development lab were invited to attend with their parents.
- Attendance included 61 children.
- The Lincoln Fire Department and the fire fighters were present
- Raising Cane's provided chicken strips, sides and drinks for our CASNR college students at 7:15 pm after Community Night. This was new for 2008.

#### **Lunch on the Lawn**

- Over 500 students, faculty, staff and guests were served hamburgers and root beer floats for lunch. The Nebraska Cattlemen partner with us in sponsoring this event.
- CASNR students contact local businesses for free "giveaways" that are given away during lunch.

#### **Club Adviser Luncheon**

- 50 attended the Club Adviser Luncheon.

#### **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Luncheon**

- 50 attended the Undergraduate TA Luncheon.

#### **Blood Drives for the Community Blood Bank of Lancaster County**

2007 – fall – 71 registered and 63 units collected during Homecoming.  
2008 – spring – 55 donors and 47 units collected.

**Scholarships:** % of students receiving : 48%

**Average dollars per student:** \$1,433 per student

### Recruitment Activities

1. About 350 students visited campus during 2007-08. A very high percent of these visitors enter the College as students.
2. On-Campus Special Events:
  - **Admitted Student Event** – 157 students and guests attended this event welcoming students to the College.
  - **Experience the Power of Red** – 246 high school sophomores, juniors, seniors and transfer students and parents came to our open house to learn about the College and its programs.
  - **Red Letter Days** – Over 200 prospective students and parents learn about our programs by attending academic presentations and browsing sessions. They talk with faculty during lunch at the East Campus Union.
  - **Science Olympiad** – Over 500 high school students come to campus and participate in a day of workshops focused on science-related activities. The College co-sponsors this event with the Lincoln Public Schools.

### K-12 Programming:

1. The College Relations Director and seven CASNR student ambassadors were pen pals during the 2007-08 academic year with 30 third graders from an intercity school in Portland, Oregon, to raise the students' awareness about attending college.
2. Our College Career Specialist visited with 2,909 students in 45 high schools during 2007-08. In addition, she visited with 867 youths during activities, such as, Youth Leadership Day, and Career Days.
3. Hartley Elementary School Second Grade Pen Pals – Our CASNR DSEL students had Pen Pals with the 50 second graders from Hartley Elementary. The students exchanged pen pal letters and encouraged the second graders to study hard in school.

<b>Extended Education:</b>		Graduate	Undergraduate	
Degree Programs (#)	2	0		Describe: Master of Agriculture M.S. Entomology
Certificates (#)	1	1		Describe: Food Safety & Defense Meat Culinology
Courses (#)				Describe:

### **Innovative Partnerships (Internal and External):**

1. The UNL **Justin Smith Morrill Scholars Program**, within CASNR, has recently established two new innovative partnerships to enhance the learning opportunities of our students. The first is a partnership with the Justin Morrill Homestead in Strafford, Vermont, the life-long home of Senator Justin Morrill, author of the 1862 Land Grant College Act. As part of the partnership, UNL students visit the homestead each year to engage in onsite work projects and to learn about Justin Morrill's life, the town in which he grew up and the history of the United States during his life, and about the land-grant university system. Members of the Friends of the Morrill Homestead visit UNL on a rotating basis to speak on Morrill and the land-grant act. UNL students and Homestead representatives staffed an informational booth at the National Association of State Land Grant Universities and Colleges (NASULGC) meeting.

A second partnership is presently being finalized between the Morrill Scholars Program and Nebraska Congressman Lee Terry. The partnership offers students the opportunity to conduct research f(or college credit) for the congressman on a variety of topics and issues important to the state, and it provides students access to shadow Congressman Terry during visits to the state. Shadowing experiences introduce students to policy and government on a local, state, and federal scale, and put them in the very meetings, discussions, and forums where policy decisions are made. If they so chose, this partnership also provides students with the opportunity to become a congressional intern in either Congressman Terry's Omaha, Nebraska or Washington, DC office. Students are immediately immersed in the process of governing and shaping the future of our nation.

2. CASNR just signed a 3+1 Program with Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China.
3. CASNR has A to B Agreements with 15 institutions.
4. CASNR partners with the UNL College of Education and Human Sciences on two degree programs: (1) Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management, and (2) Meat Culinology.

### **Alumni Activities (Unique and/or new since last summer meeting):**

1. The new **Student Emergency Loan Fund** has been established by the College Alumni Association whereby the dean can make immediate loans up to \$500 when he deems it is appropriate.
2. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Alumni Association is being reorganized and will be under the leadership of the UNL Chancellor and the NU Foundation President.
3. The **Rodeo Booster Club** is a new alumni group formed this Spring 2008 under the umbrella of the College Alumni Association.

**Administrative Changes (since July 1, 2007):**

*Department of Biochemistry,*

*Interim Head Dr. Robert Spreitzer; New Chair, Dr. Paul Black, (formerly Ordway Research Institute, in Albany New York)*

*Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication,*

*New Head, Dr. Mark Balschweid (formerly Purdue University)*

*Northeast Research and Extension Center –*

*Director, Dr. Twig Marston (formerly at Kansas State University)*

*Panhandle Research and Extension Center –*

*Interim Director, Dr. Linda Boeckner*

*Animal Science Department,*

*Interim Head, Dr. Sheila Scheideler*

*Extension,*

*Assistant Dean Kathleen Lodi, Assistant Dean Richard Koelsch*

**Faculty Salary Increase (%) 2008-2009:** 4.40% (4.13% after promotion increments)

**Faculty:** Starting their position between July 1, 2007 and June30, 2008. 8

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