"While our profession can be extremely rewarding and gratifying, it comes with unique and unpredictable challenges. It's vitally important that we look after one another and remove any stigma from needing and asking for help. The Nebraska Agri-Business Association applauds Senator Fischer's work to highlight the importance of mental health awareness in the agriculture industry and bring attention to the resources available to Nebraska farmers and ag professionals," **said Nebraska Agri-Business Association Chairman Michael Killinger.**

"Working in agriculture is more than just a regular nine to five job, it is a way of life. We do not get to avoid tough weather conditions or easily take vacation, and it's a large part of our culture to put our wants and needs last. While we are proud of our product and love what we do, it is important to recognize the difficult toll our lifestyle can have on one's mental health. We thank Senator Fischer for her efforts to reduce the stigma around mental health and encourage mental health awareness so we can keep producing the highest quality beef in the world for decades to come," **said Nebraska Cattlemen President Dick Pierce.**

"The Nebraska Cooperative Council is grateful to Nebraska U.S. Senator Deb Fischer for introducing a bipartisan Senate Resolution designating May 29 as Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day. One of the organizing principles of agricultural cooperatives is support for their communities. The Nebraska Cooperative Council and its farmer owned cooperative members are committed to assist in promoting awareness, reducing stigma, and advocating for increased access to mental health resources across rural Nebraska. Together, we can ensure that the well-being of those who feed and fuel our nation remains a top priority," **said Nebraska Cooperative Council President and General Counsel Rocky Weber.**

"Mental health awareness has been a prominent issue in the agricultural industry, but in the past several years has begun to be a more open topic of conversation. We appreciate Senator Fischer bringing this resolution forward to provide awareness for her colleagues and to stress the importance of resources for those who feed and fuel the world," **said Nebraska Corn Growers Association President Michael Dibbern.**

"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 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," **said Nebraska Farm Bureau President Mark McHargue.**

"Nebraska Farmers Union (NeFU) thanks Senators Fischer and Bennet for their sponsorship of "Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day". Farm, ranch, and rural families are facing abnormally high levels of uncertainty and stress. Record high ag input costs and sagging ag commodity prices leave cash flows short of meeting farm business and family living costs. Nebraska's Rural Response Hotline (800-464-0258) staffed by Legal Aid of Nebraska 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 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," **said Nebraska Farmers Union President John Hansen.**

"The Nebraska Pork Producers Association commends Senator Fischer for her efforts to raise awareness around mental health in agriculture by designating May 29th as Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day. Despite the stresses of economic uncertainty, labor shortages, and animal disease pressures, Nebraska pig farmers work hard every day to provide the world with safe, affordable, nutritious protein. Senator Fischer's efforts help to recognize farmers for these contributions while promoting mental well-being in agriculture," **said Nebraska Pork Producers Association President Ryan Preister.**

"Senator Fischer's leadership passing the Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day resolution reflects her deep commitment to the well-being of our rural communities. By elevating the conversation around mental health, especially for those who work in the farms, fields, ranches, and ag facilities across greater Nebraska, she's helping ensure care reaches every acre of our state. On behalf of the Nebraska Rural Health Association, thank you, Senator, for elevating the conversation on this important issue," **said Nebraska Rural Health Association Executive Director Dr. Jed Hansen.**

"In a time of great uncertainty with trade wars, natural disasters, depressed commodity prices, labor shortages and many other issues weighing heavily on the farm economy, farmers have little control over conditions that affect their family's economic well-being. We applaud Senator Fischer and Senator Bennet's "Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day" resolution that brings to light the resources that are available for farmers and ranchers as they deal with the everyday uncertainties," **said Nebraska Soybean Association President Kent Grotelueschen.**

"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," **said Nebraska Wheat Board Chairman Kent Lorens.**