

Nebraska Cooperative Council Director Growth Forum

(replaces the Graduate Director Seminar)



The Director Growth Forum (CGF) is designed for directors to continue learning about important issues and growing as leaders of their local cooperatives. The 2025 DGF will focus on the following:

(1) Director's Role in Strategic Planning with Eric Coet

- Why Strategic Planning?
- Group Breakout Session on Strategic Mindset/Actions
- Your Strategy Needs a Culture - Clarity, Cohesion, and Execution
- Key Elements of Effective Strategy
- Group Breakout Session on Life Cycle Analysis
- Cadence of Accountability - Tracking, Monitoring, and Adjusting

(2) Carbon Intensity Scoring and Cooperatives

- Michael Dolch and Nate Nolte from AGP will provide an update on the policy and regulator landscape or carbon intensity scoring and tax credits.
- Alejandro Plastina will present "Cost and Benefits of Lowering the Carbon Intensity of Corn Production." In this session, he will discuss the costs and expected benefits of lowering the carbon intensity score of corn production in light of the new federal tax credits for clean fuels.
- Matthew Elliott will present "Real-time Risk & Carbon Intensity Scoring for Cooperatives and Members." This presentation explores how advances in AI, Machine Learning, and cloud computing are revolutionizing real-time agriculture risk and sustainability scoring assessments. The session will highlight examples and case studies to demonstrate the efficacy of these technologies for the Cooperative Industry and how these technologies can increase profitability.

DATE:

Tu-W, January 7-8, 2025

Jan 7:

1:00pm CT - Registration check-in opens

1:30-5:30pm - Seminar

5:30-8:00pm - Reception, Dinner & Speaker

Jan 8:

8am-12noon - Seminar

12noon - Joint lunch w/ DCP Ph 4

LOCATION:

Holiday Inn, Kearney

PRE-REGISTRATION

DEADLINE:

Dec 24, 2024

Let your cooperative know you'd like to attend - they have the registration form

**Special thanks to
CoBank
for sponsoring the evening
reception and dinner**



The evening speaker will be Husker Football great Adam Carriker. Carriker was born in Hastings, NE before moving halfway across the country. He still aspired to be a blackshirt, and he fulfilled his dream. In his career, he was twice named first-team All-Big 12, leading the conference in sacks and winning the Big 12 Defensive Lineman of the Year award his senior season, along with several other awards including finishing with All-America honors, in addition to being named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll three times. He's also been named to Nebraska's All-Century Team, and has been inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame.

Carriker played 8 years in the NFL, winning Rookie of the Year with the Rams, before going on to great success in the business world. His current show, the Carriker Chronicles, aka the People's Show, has been viewed by millions. Carriker is married to his college sweetheart and they have 6 children.

FACILITATORS



ERIC COET ... leads the strategy practice for Peak Solutions. He possesses a diverse background in leadership with over 20 years of experience serving corporately, in the community, and as an entrepreneur. His entire professional life has been dedicated to excellence in the study and implementation of strategic planning, leadership, and management. Eric has a unique corporate background in operations, marketing, work procurement and design management for a top 20 design-builder in the nation. His expertise is in helping leadership teams get clear about strategic direction and focused on driving their organizations toward the results they are looking for. Eric and his wife Jenny are both Colorado natives and enjoy endurance sports, traveling and everything the Rocky Mountains have to offer with their three children.

MICHAEL DOLCH ... is the Director of Government Affairs for Ag Processing Inc (AGP). He is responsible for developing and executing government relations strategies supporting AGP's cooperative members and their farmer owners. He began his career in farm policy with Syngenta in Washington, DC. He then served as a legislative assistant for Senator Joni Ernst (IA), advising on agriculture, trade, and biofuels issues. Recently, Michael led policy development and grassroots advocacy at the Iowa Soybean Association as the Senior Director of Public Affairs. He studied Agricultural Communications at Iowa State University and remains actively involved on his family's farm near Villisca, Iowa.



NATE NOLTE ... is the Biofuels Sales Manager at AGP. He also serves as Chair of the Iowa Biodiesel Board for AGP. Nate has worked with AGP since 2010 in various roles involving accounting and marketing. Prior to AGP, he attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and grew up on a corn and soybean farm in Southeast Nebraska.



DR. ALEJANDRO PLASTINA ... is an Associate Professor of Agricultural Finance and Director of the Rural and Farm Finance Policy Analysis Center at the University of Missouri-Columbia. His research studies farm business and financial management, conservation practices and carbon markets, and agricultural productivity. Prior to joining Mizzou in September 2024, he was an Extension Economist at Iowa State University for 10 years and an Economist at the International Cotton Advisory Committee in Washington DC for 7 years. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Master's in Statistics and a PhD in Agricultural Economics in 2007.

DR. MATTHEW S. ELLIOTT ... an Associate Professor in the Ness School of Management and Economics at South Dakota State University, specializes in agribusiness and risk management. He holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He co-founded an Agri-Tech start-up firm, AgriVaR, which focuses on real-time risk evaluation for farms and agribusinesses. His research interests include data analytics, risk assessment, land assessment policy, risk management contracts, and organizational design within the agriculture industry.

