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Greetings!

Welcome to our October/November 2026 newsletter!

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through the details and iron out a few kinks with our new newsletter system. We appreciate your understanding during this transition and are excited to improve how we share information with you.

If you experience any issues receiving, viewing, or accessing the newsletter, please let us know so we can address them as quickly as possible.
Thank you for your continued support!

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Tax Planning Season is Here!

Who is traveling when and where?

Who	Where	When
Michelle and Brandon	Beatrice	November 11
Michelle and Brandon	North Platte	November 17
Flint, Tina, Zane, & Andrew	Hastings	November 17
Tina, Zane, Andrew	North Platte	November 18
Tina, Zane, Andrew	Broken Bow	November 19
Michelle & Brandon	Imperial	November 18 & 19
Michelle & Spencer	Kearney	November 23
Michelle, Flint, & Spencer	Central City	November 24
Michelle & Spencer	Norfolk	November 30 & December 1
Michelle & Spencer	St. Edward	December 2
Michelle	Hastings	December 7
Spencer	Holdrege	December 9 & 10
Andrew & Anthony	Fremont	December 10
Michelle	Auburn	December 11
Michelle & Spencer	Central City	December 15

Remember!!
In addition to these spots, you can also meet with your consultant in Lincoln or virtually. Feel free to check out our website to book an appointment with your consultant. You can also inquire about available weeknights and weekends with your consultant by giving the office a call.

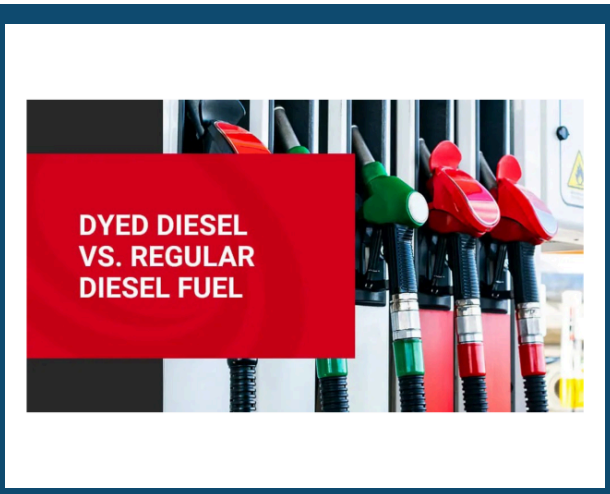
Our office will be closed

November 26th & 27th

December 24th & 25th

January 1st

Consultants work flex hours during the Holiday season. Check with your consultant for their working hours.



Nebraska's Temporary Fuel-Tax Relief: What Farmers Need to Know

Nebraska farmers have access to temporary fuel-tax relief during the 2026 harvest season. On September 24, 2026, Governor Jim Pillen issued Executive Order 26-21, which provides relief for certain agricultural transportation activities in Nebraska. The 90-day program runs through December 23, 2026.

On October 5, President Trump issued a separate federal executive order addressing diesel-fuel taxes and penalties associated with dyed diesel used on highways. The federal relief applies from October 5 through December 31, 2026.

These measures may help farmers reduce harvest-season costs, but the Nebraska and federal programs are separate. The federal order also requires additional guidance from the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS. Producers should understand what each program covers, what it does not cover, and which records they must maintain.

Nebraska Fuel-Tax Refund

Nebraska's relief applies to qualifying transportation of Nebraska-sourced commercial agricultural products on Nebraska highways and public roads. Eligible trips may include transporting grain, livestock, and other qualifying products from the field to storage, a market, or a stockpile.

Non-IFTA taxpayers claim the Nebraska refund on Form 84AG, *Nebraska Ag Use Motor Fuels Tax Refund Claim*. To claim relief under Executive Order 26-21, write “EO 26-21” at the top of the form.

Beginning October 1, 2026, Nebraska also imposes a 0.25-cent-per-gallon tax on dyed diesel. The tax may be refunded when the fuel is used for qualifying agricultural transportation under the executive order.

Keep fuel receipts and records showing gallons purchased, tax paid, the vehicle used, miles traveled, and the agricultural products transported. Complete records will help support a refund claim if questions arise.

New Federal Red-Dyed Diesel Relief

The October 5 federal executive order provides temporary relief involving federal diesel-fuel taxes and penalties associated with dyed diesel used on highways. The key distinction is that **the federal fuel tax is deferred, not forgiven.**

A deferral delays the tax obligation; it does not permanently eliminate it. Producers should not assume that federal diesel taxes covered by the order will never be due.

The order also directs the IRS to provide penalty relief for qualifying dyed diesel sold for highway use or used on highways during the specified period. This penalty relief is separate from the federal fuel-tax deferral.

Before the federal announcement, Nebraska’s executive order did not remove federal restrictions on dyed diesel. The federal action is significant but temporary and does not permanently change federal dyed-fuel rules.

Treasury and the IRS still must explain how the federal provisions will be administered, including how the tax deferral will operate. Producers should wait for additional guidance rather than assume all details are settled.

What About Form 4136?

Farmers generally use Form 4136 to claim a federal fuel-tax credit for qualifying off-highway use, such as diesel used in tractors and other farm equipment. The federal diesel-tax rate is 24.4 cents per gallon.

Diesel used in a semi to haul grain on public roads generally does not qualify for the standard farming fuel-tax credit. Producers must also avoid claiming the same federal tax benefit twice for the same gallons of fuel.

The October 5 federal order provides temporary relief through a different mechanism. Until Treasury and the IRS explain how the deferral and penalty relief will be administered, producers should keep detailed fuel-purchase and usage records and should not assume the normal Form 4136 rules have changed.

How Long Does Red Dye Stay in a Semi?

There is no fixed number of days or miles after which dyed diesel is guaranteed to be undetectable. Because fuel may be inspected and sampled, producers should not rely on time, dilution, or mileage to determine whether a vehicle complies with fuel-tax requirements.

This issue becomes especially important as the temporary relief nears expiration. A semi that uses dyed fuel during the relief period may still contain that fuel afterward. The end of the relief period does not necessarily coincide with the disappearance of dyed fuel from the tank.

A Caution About Dyed Diesel

Even with temporary relief, producers should carefully consider whether to switch highway-licensed vehicles to dyed diesel solely for harvest-season savings.

When practical, continuing to use clear diesel in highway-licensed vehicles and claiming the applicable Nebraska refund may be the more straightforward long-term approach. It can reduce uncertainty about how dyed fuel will be treated after the temporary relief expires.

The immediate savings may be attractive, but producers should also weigh the potential compliance issues. The federal tax deferral is not tax forgiveness, and temporary penalty relief is not a permanent change in the rules.

Producers Crossing State Lines

Producers who transport grain, livestock, or other agricultural products across state lines should be especially cautious.

Nebraska Executive Order 26-21 applies to qualifying activities within Nebraska. Although the federal action is intended to apply nationwide, it does not automatically provide identical relief from every state's fuel-tax requirements.

If your trucks routinely cross state lines, using clear diesel in highway-licensed vehicles may be the safer approach unless you have confirmed the requirements in every state where you operate.

Keep Good Bulk-Tank Records

Accurate recordkeeping is especially important when a farm bulk tank supplies both farm equipment and highway vehicles.

Maintain a simple fuel-withdrawal log that records the date, vehicle or equipment, gallons withdrawn, fuel type, and purpose of use. Also retain receipts showing gallons purchased and tax paid, along with documentation supporting any Nebraska agricultural transportation refund.

Need printable logs? Clients can find printable recordkeeping logs at NFBI.net, under the Client Info & Forms tab.

Separating farm-equipment use from highway-vehicle use will make it easier to support your tax treatment and respond if your records are reviewed.

What Should Producers Do?

- Keep receipts showing gallons purchased and tax paid.
- Track bulk-tank withdrawals by vehicle or equipment.
- Separate farm-equipment use from highway-vehicle use in your records.
- Document qualifying agricultural transportation for Nebraska EO 26-21 refund claims.
- Use Form 84AG for qualifying Nebraska refunds and write "EO 26-21" at the top.
- Keep Nebraska refund claims separate from federal tax matters.
- Monitor Treasury and IRS guidance on the federal order.
- Use extra caution when hauling across state lines.

· Consider using clear diesel in highway-licensed vehicles when practical.

The Bottom Line

The Nebraska and federal actions offer temporary opportunities to manage harvest-season fuel costs. However, the programs are separate, and the federal treatment is not a permanent tax exemption.
Federal diesel-fuel taxes are deferred, not forgiven. Temporary penalty relief for qualifying dyed-diesel use is a separate provision. Neither measure should be viewed as a permanent change to federal fuel-tax rules.

The best approach is to identify which relief applies to your operation, maintain complete records, and monitor additional guidance. Before changing fuel practices, weigh the immediate savings against the compliance requirements that may continue after the temporary relief expires.

USPS Temporary Holiday Price Increase: 2026–2027

USPS has introduced a temporary price increase for the 2026–2027 holiday season. Effective October 4, 2026, through January 17, 2027, the adjustment affects Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, USPS Ground Advantage, and Parcel Select. Increases range from approximately $0.50 to $20.80, depending on the service, package weight, and shipping zone.

Overview of the Temporary Price Adjustment

The seasonal adjustment is intended to help cover additional handling and operating costs during the peak holiday period. It applies only to the following domestic competitive package services:

- Priority Mail Express
- Priority Mail
- USPS Ground Advantage
- Parcel Select

No other USPS products or services are affected.

Effective period: October 4, 2026, at 12:00 a.m. CT through January 17, 2027, at 12:00 a.m. CT.

Key Takeaways

· The largest increases apply to heavier packages shipped across longer distances.

· Seasonal pricing brings USPS in line with competitive market practices while helping offset peak-season operating costs.

Overall, the temporary adjustment is designed to help USPS manage holiday demand while maintaining reliable service performance.

Source: Welcome | USPS

Harvest Price 2026

For Revenue Protection policies, the Harvest Price is currently being set in the month of October. The daily average futures Dec. Corn & Nov. Soybean contract price is used to set the 2026 Harvest Price. If the average Harvest price is LOWER than the spring price, then you could have a revenue loss OR BOTH-revenue loss & yield loss. If the average Harvest price is HIGHER than the spring price, then a loss would occur if there are decreased yields. Spring 2026 Price (Corn): $4.62 Spring 2026 Price (Soybeans): $11.09 Spring 2026 Price (Grain Sorghum): $4.61

Harvest 2026 Notes:

• Label Tickets as they come in with field name/section/unit for easy reference when it is time to report production bushels.
• Keep all IRR and Non-IRR bushels separate to keep production units accurate.

NEW Crop/OLD Crop in Bins:

NEW crop should not be combined with OLD crop in a bin until an appraisal is completed. Contact Brad if 2025 corn or soybeans are still in the bin, to allow for an adjuster to take measurements.

Quality Concerns at Harvest: With excessive September rains, concerns of Kernel Damage from mold, sprouting, or discoloration have been prevalent. If you are concerned about potential quality issues, take a sample to the local elevator for testing and if the testsresult in excessive damage, then a claim can be filed. Notify your agent within 15 days of harvest for a timely filed notice of lossfor a multi-peril claim.

Planting Wheat for 2027?
Final Plant Date for 2027 Wheat: October 5th, 10th, or 15th* (*Dates may vary depending upon location. Contact Brad for more info.) Acreage Reporting Deadline for Wheat: November 15 Production Reporting Deadline for Wheat: November 14

Pasture, Rangeland & Forage (PRF) Coverage?
PRF coverage sign-up/sales deadline is Dec. 1st, 2026 for 2027 coverage. PRF is designed to allow you to buy protection for losses of forage produced for grazing or harvested for hay. If you are a livestock producer or utilize ground for haying, grazing, this may be a great option for you! We can provide competitive rates & personalized service no matter the size of your operation.

FSA Office Reminders:
2025 ARC & PLC Payments - If applicable, 2025 PLC & ARC Payments will be issued in October through FSA. There were 16 crops that triggered a PLC payment for 2025 crop year. (Corn, Soybeans, Grain Sorghum, Wheat, Dry Peas are just some that are in our area). ARC-CO is triggered on a county-level. For more information contact your local FSA Office. FSA will be issuing payments to eligible producers as calculations are completed. 2026 ARC/PLC Enrollment- ARC-County (ARC-CO), ARC-Individual (ARC-IC), or PLC Election and Enrollment period is now open with your FSA office. Producers can make an election until Dec. 11, 2026. Contact your county's FSA office to make an appointment

Hail or Wind Losses on Spring Crops:
If you see any losses while checking crops or as you begin harvest, contact your agent— within 72 hours of discovery of loss. The earlier the better!

FREE Crop Insurance Policy Analysis: Contact Brad if you would like a FREE policy analysis to ensure you are getting the most out of your crop insurance protection. Let us offer you a more personalized approach to protect your crop and mitigate risks within your operation for the 2027 crop year.

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Outgoing Staff

After nearly five wonderful years, we said goodbye to Kendra as she stepped away from Nebraska Farm Business. Kendra was such an

important part of our team, and her dedication, hard work, and willingness to keep everything running smoothly have made a lasting impact on NFBI.

While we will certainly miss having her around the office, we completely understand and support her decision. Kendra, thank you for nearly five years of hard work, laughter, and countless contributions to our team. You will be missed more than you know, and we wish you and your family nothing but happiness in this next chapter!

Incoming Staff

Please Welcome Stephanie Springer!

NFBI is excited to welcome Stephanie Springer as our new Front Desk Administrator, beginning October 21! Stephanie will be taking over the front desk and will be the friendly face greeting visitors and the welcoming voice answering your calls when you reach out to NFBI.

We're excited to have Stephanie join the team and look forward to introducing her to our clients and friends of NFBI. Stay tuned for her photo and a little more about Stephanie in our next newsletter!

Please Welcome Bryce Kelley!

NFBI is excited to welcome Bryce Kelley to the team as our new Assistant Consultant, beginning October 28! Bryce will be working alongside one or more of our Tax Consultants, providing support and assisting with client visits at our Lincoln office.

We're thrilled to have Bryce join the NFBI team and look forward to introducing him to our clients and friends. Stay tuned for his photo and a little more about Bryce in our next newsletter!

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