

## **CEDA Staff Helps Coordinate the MBFFA Food and Ag Tour**

On August 5, 2026, Blue Earth REV hosted the first MBFFA (Main Street Businesses Focused on Food and Ag) Food and Ag Tour. This event brought together local business owners, producers, resource partners, and community leaders to learn more about the food and agriculture industry across the region.

CEDA team members Macey Becker and Amy Schaefer helped to plan and coordinate the event through their work with the Blue Earth REV program. The afternoon included stops at the Blue Earth Stockyards, The Country Butcher Shop in Easton, and St. Germaine Simmentals near Winnebago. The event provided attendees a chance to tour each operation, hear directly from the businesses, and learn more about the work happening within the region's food and agriculture industry.

The day wrapped up at MTS Farms & Events in Blue Earth, with a locally sourced dinner and presentations highlighting agriculture, entrepreneurship, education, and the opportunities available in rural communities.

More than just a tour, the event created an opportunity to build connections between businesses, community leaders, and regional resources. It also highlighted the important role food and agriculture plays in creating jobs, supporting local businesses, and strengthening rural economies.

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