

Where are They Now? 2021 Report

RURAL FELLOWS



RURAL PROSPERITY NEBRASKA



BY THE NUMBERS

Since 2013 the Rural Fellowship program has connected college students with rural Nebraska in a collaborative service-learning experience. Fellows work on community-designed projects that support local business, and make progress toward strategic goals to help communities thrive.

The 2021 survey asked former Fellows what impact the program had on their careers and lives.

9

years of the Rural Fellowship program.

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Nebraska cities are represented.

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former Fellows responded to the survey.

52% **48%** in rural communities
Live Work

44% **44%** in urban communities
Live Work



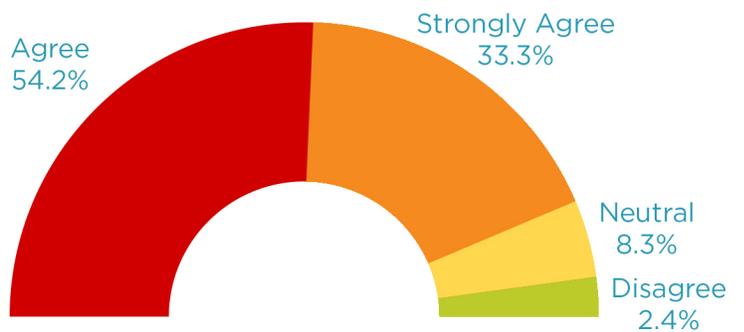
“It was unlike anything I’ve done since, and I appreciated the opportunity to do something unique and outside of my comfort zone.”

—Michael Siefert, 2016, Friend

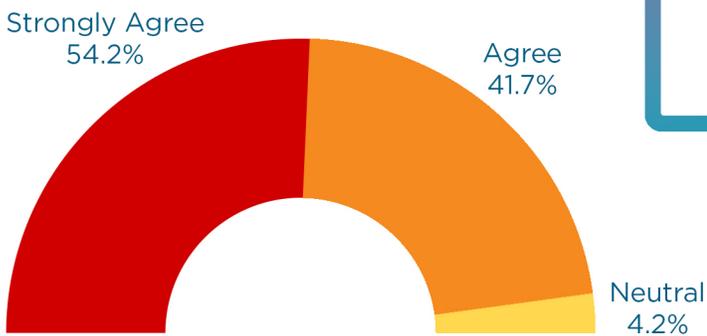


“I was able to break out of my shell and become a more outgoing and vocal leader during my time as a Rural Fellow.”

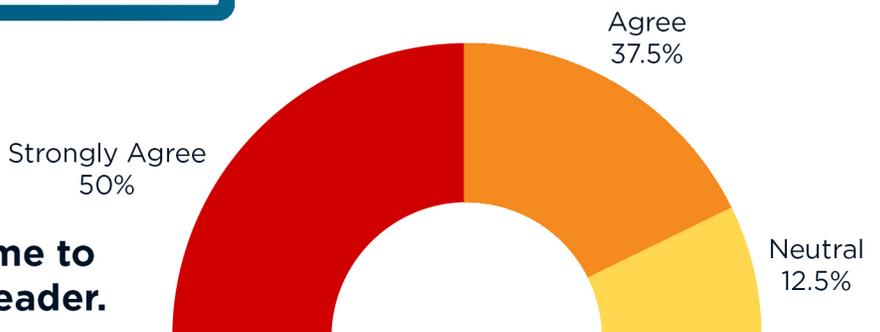
—Tyra Reardon, Chadron, 2020



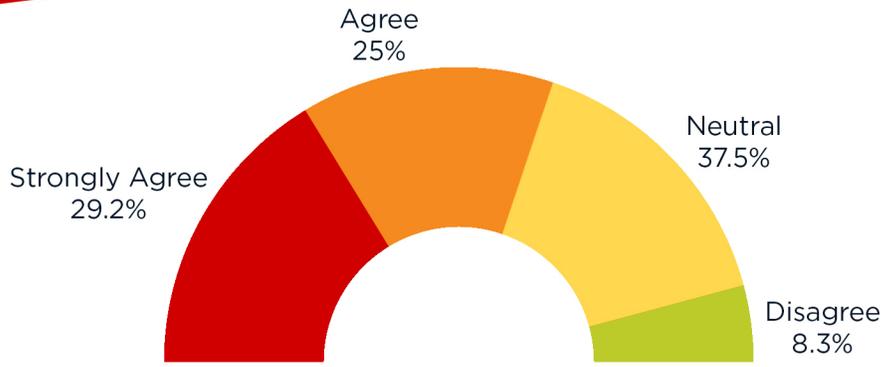
Rural Fellows prepared me for where I am now in my career.



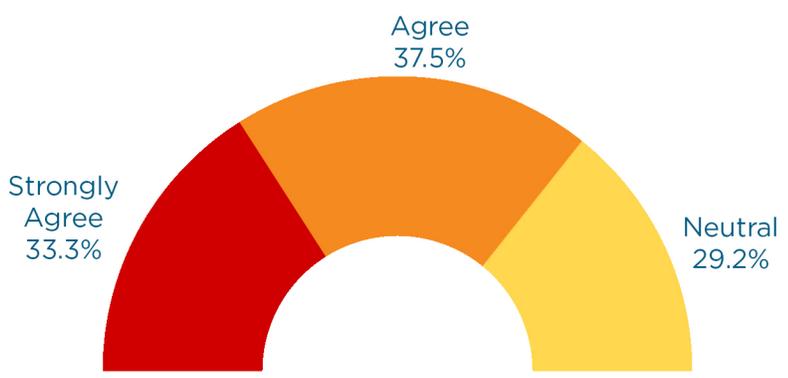
Rural Fellows allowed me to grow as a professional.



Rural Fellows allowed me to grow as a community leader.



Rural Fellows opened an opportunity for me that I had not anticipated.



I continue to apply and utilize materials/tools that I learned in my current life/work.

“I have seen growth in my ability to analyze social and professional situations, garner consensus among differing views, and identify potential challenges to enacting change.”
 —Tanner Nelson, Cambridge, 2015

*One respondent's answers were eliminated because the former Fellow did not complete the Fellowship program.
 **The communities where respondents served were: Arapahoe, Auburn, Box Butte County, Broken Bow, Brownville, Cambridge, Chadron, Columbus, Friend, McCook, Neligh, Norfolk, North Platte, O'Neill, Ord, Ravenna, Red Cloud, Seward, Wahoo and West Point.
 ***The years in which respondents served were: 2013 (1), 2014 (1), 2015 (3), 2016 (2), 2017 (3), 2018 (8), 2019 (2), 2020 (7), 2021 (1).