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## **NCTA fall enrollment grows**

Curtis, Neb. – Fulltime student enrollment at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis has increased this fall semester for a third consecutive year.

NCTA Aggies who completed their first week of college after starting classes on August 22 tally 245 fulltime students, a slight increase from 239 who enrolled last fall.

“We are pleased to see a solid 2.5 percent growth in full-time, on-campus student enrollment,” said Ron Rosati, NCTA dean.

Additionally, NCTA has 77 high school students enrolled in dual credit courses and 20 part time registrants to boost the total enrollment to 342.

Quality learning outcomes are a campus-wide objective in academics as well as competitive teams, Rosati said.

“When students go to the NCTA dining hall for supper, they can look back over their day and clearly articulate the skills and competencies they have developed,” Rosati said. “Students appreciate our high quality academic programs, our focus on hands-on learning, our friendly faculty and staff, and the ability to document measurable skill and technical competence gained on a daily basis.”

As part of the University of Nebraska system, NCTA’s mission is statewide and counts many public-private partnerships in its curriculum.

The two-year institution provides associate of science or associate of applied science degrees, in addition to certificates and dual credit courses taught by 13 fulltime faculty and three adjunct instructors.

“Our industry partners who employ NCTA graduates express appreciation for students’ technical competence, work ethic and dedication to their industry,” Rosati noted. “The college is focusing its initiatives toward serving the needs of these students.”

In a strategic path beginning this fall, NCTA’s dual credit offerings are now focused on NCTA’s specialty – preparing students who are pursuing agricultural careers.

Some high schools, such as York High, offer NCTA’s certificate programs emphasizing career and workforce development in irrigation technology, agronomy and agricultural chemical applications.

Additionally, another highlight came on opening day. NCTA was notified that a national firm ranked NCTA in the top 2 percent nationally for schools offering two-year degree programs. NCTA rated 9<sup>th</sup> overall among 821 colleges evaluated by the personal-finance firm, wallethub.com.

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The 48 NCTA students participating with horses on campus teams or courses attend Equine Safety certification on opening day. Jo Bek, NCTA co-instructor distributes enrollment forms. (NCTA News Photo)