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## Bullets for CASNR faculty meeting remarks

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\*Once again, you can be so very proud of yourselves and the entire CASNR effort, plus the support of others who believe so strongly in this college as we see CASNR enrollments up again this year.

-- As of ~~Monday~~<sup>this morning</sup>, CASNR was up ~~10.4~~<sup>10.9</sup> percent in total enrollment, or ~~151~~<sup>158</sup> students, and our ~~first-year class, including~~<sup>freshman transfer</sup> ~~class~~<sup>class is</sup> up ~~10.7~~<sup>10.7</sup> percent

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\*We're proud to be part of the new program of excellence, NU-Teach, which is a wonderful collaboration between the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and Human Sciences, and CASNR. NU-Teach directly supports two overarching priorities of the university - undergraduate education and research. These priorities align with a growing need in the state to increase the number of highly qualified mathematics and science teachers. To the best of our knowledge, this three-college plan is the only initiative in the country that proposes to combine programs in arts and sciences, agriculture and education to produce highly qualified secondary science teachers.

\*The teaching done in this college -- the way you all are known for modeling community responsibility and mentoring students, helping them grow, as well as delivering a magnificent education that serves our graduates well in their lives -- is something everyone in this room can be proud of today.

We see recognition for such excellent teaching in the award Ron Hanson, Neal E. Harlan professor of agribusiness in our Agricultural Economics Department, received as the 2008 UNL Educator of the Year at the annual ASUN Student Government Banquet last spring. ASUN gave two awards - one for professors with classes of less than 60 students, and one for professors with classes exceeding 60 students. Dr. Hanson's award, which is student-nominated, is for the large class size category. Congratulations to Ron, and thank you to each of you for the fine teaching you do.