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## The Combine: Program Overview (brochure)

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It seems only natural that the heartland would serve as the epicenter for a comprehensive entrepreneurial economy around the emerging AgTech sector.

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KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION REPORT ON AGTECH

Nebraska’s farms and ranches utilize 91% of the state’s total land area

Nebraska is known nationally for its distinguished brand and production efficiency in food and agriculture. The state ranks among the top producers of over a dozen commodities including corn, beans, beef, and millet.

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## Program Overview



## Entrepreneur Support & Incubation Space



## Next-Gen Network

The Combine is a statewide program focused on fostering high-growth innovation and entrepreneurship in food and agriculture-tech sectors. The initiative is led by Invest Nebraska with support from The Nebraska Department of Economic Development and The Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

The Combine's commercialization curriculum, led by Invest Nebraska, provides guidance and structure to early stage founders through eight individual and sequential workshops including sessions on customer discovery, product design, and capital readiness.

The Combine's Next-Gen Network is a selected group of Nebraska farmers and producers with expressed interest in working with early stage companies including assisting in customer discovery and early stage trials.

Early stage companies in the program can place a preference for working with a producer based on size, machinery/software currently used and production practices.

Members of the Next-Gen Network range from multi-farm corporate operations to individual family agribusinesses.



For companies in rural Nebraska the curriculum is provided on site or via video call. The Combine Incubator, a partnership with Nebraska Innovation Campus, provides 1,900 sq. feet of office suites and hot desks for companies desiring flexible working space.



future for our state by providing financial and operational assistance to high growth companies, developing high growth infrastructure, and attracting out-of-state capital to Nebraska. The program provides one-on-one early stage coaching, connections to industry mentors, networking events, incubation space and a network of Nebraska producers.