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LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska State Fair visitors can taste the state's diverse food products at an exhibit sponsored by the University of Nebraska–Lincoln's Food Processing Center.

More than 20 Nebraska food companies will display their products and distribute samples Aug. 27–Sept. 5 in State Fair Park's University of Nebraska building. Visitors to the Nebraska Food Manufacturers' Exhibit can taste popcorn, pickles, cheeses, sauces, jellies, meats and many more products.

"This is a great way for Nebraskans to experience and learn about all the diverse foods made by Nebraska companies. Visitors enjoy this educational and fun experience. It also helps companies expand their distribution opportunities throughout Nebraska," said Jill Gifford, manager for the center's Food Entrepreneur Assistance Program.

This is the 10th year for the popular free exhibit. Companies scheduled to participate are: Bluestem Herb Farm, Beatrice; Jisa's Farmstead Cheese, Brainard; Pastabilities Unlimited, Firth; Garvin Meats, Franklin; HR Poppin' Snacks, Gibbon; Solid Solutions, Gretna; Kiehl and Stroh Co., Hastings; Balabans, Henderson; Hollman Foods, Minden; A.J. Cetak's Meat Market, Ord; BKH Popcorn, Phillips; Oasis Enterprise, Sparks; Twin Loups Quality Meats, St. Paul; Fuehrer's Market, Sutton; Papa's Peppers, Wahoo; and Bullseye Beef Jerky, Garden Blends, Grain Bin Bread Co., Hill's Sunflower Seed Co., Lincoln Snacks Co. and Roberts Dairy, all Lincoln.

The Food Processing Center provides business, marketing and technical assistance to Nebraska's food industry. Services include the Food Entrepreneur Assistance Program, designed for people with products or product ideas who want to develop a food manufacturing business.

The Food Processing Center sponsors this exhibit with funding from Acclaim ID Products, Cryovac Sealed Air, HyVee Food Stores, Roberts Dairy Company, Rivers Metal Products.

The Food Processing Center is part of the university's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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