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different parts of the state are different in agriculture that our committee is responsible for making sure that everybody does have a fair shot and a fair voice at that table, and so that is something that I also strive to continue. I am a farmer, fourth generation. I don't know if it's a curse or not, but I went back and looked up what the word "Erdman" means, and it's a German word that means man of the earth. And when I was in Germany, they told me that means, well, you're a farmer. So I guess from the beginning of time that's what I was supposed to be. I've also had an opportunity in my lifetime to work directly with farmers and through the cooperative system in trying to create an opportunity, as was pointed out by Senator Kremer, of allowing farmers in the state, farmers in the nation to have an opportunity to make it in the market. And one example of that that I've had an opportunity to work with, and it's been a partnership through the Legislature, it's been a partnership through the Department of Ag, and it's been a partnership through about 400 farmers in our area, and that is that we have joined together and we have formed a cooperative and generated about \$5 million in the last three years in additional revenue that has gone back into our communities. Because we are now seeing those profits, that once left our communities to the large corporations in North Dakota and Canada, are now staying at home, and that's encouraging to see that opportunity. I think that's something that has been a testament to this Legislature that we can continue on. I think the other thing that is important to realize is that Nebraska does welcome all agriculture and one of the discussions that we have had over the past couple years since I've been here, as well as outside the Legislature, is the idea that we do have a lot to offer. We do have some struggles ahead of us, but the key to solving those struggles is to make sure that we can have people at the table willing to discuss how do we make agriculture in Nebraska work, not only for the past generations but for the guys and gals like myself who are coming up looking to continue in agriculture and giving them a fair and open opportunity to continue that great tradition. Finally, I think one of the things, in addition to the obvious issues, being from western Nebraska, where we don't have any water, that is an issue for us, but I think in addition to that we look at some other issues that maybe don't fit directly into agriculture but