



# Dawson County

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

RE: Tyson Foods Announcement of Lexington Division Beef Packing Plant Closure

My fellow Dawson County Community Members:

In response to Tyson's sudden and shocking decision to close their Lexington Division Beef Packing Plant that has touched every corner of our county and all of Greater Nebraska, we want to speak to you directly – and from the heart. We are facing a moment that will test us. The impacts on our local economy, our workforce, our schools, our collective communities, and ag partners are real and deeply felt. Families are worried about their livelihoods and their children's futures. Workers are wondering what tomorrow will bring. Ag producers are scrambling to maintain their operations and their commitment to feed the world.

We want you to know this: you are not facing this moment alone.

Our community has always met challenges with resilience, cooperation, and a determination to take care of one another. This moment will be no different. We reaffirm our commitment to advancing the county's best interests with full transparency and accountability during this period of uncertainty.

What gives us hope – today and always – is the strength of this community. We are neighbors who look out for one another, families who work hard and care deeply, and people who have weathered tough times before. Together we will navigate this challenge with compassion, courage, and unity.

We are honored to serve you, and we are committed to standing with you every step of the way.

We will move forward – together.

Your Dawson County Board of Commissioners,

Kevin Swanson, Chairman

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