

Meet Center Supporter

Kevin Raun

of Kearney County, Nebraska

Kevin and his wife, Jessica, operate a conventional row crop farm in south central Nebraska.

They've been involved with the Center for Rural Affairs since the early 2000s, when the Center helped Kevin apply for and receive a conservation contract for their farm. That experience became part of a larger effort to work together and connect family farmers with opportunities to improve their operations and communities.



Kevin and a neighbor help each other at harvest time. Here, Kevin stands near a recently harvested soybean field.



CENTER *for* RURAL AFFAIRS

OVER 



“

Early in my farming career, I began paying attention to different farm organizations and their respective values. I determined early on that the Center for Rural Affairs' ideas about the future of farms and rural communities made sense to me. Ideas such as broad ownership in land and business. Ideas like protecting our natural resources of soil, water, and air. Ideas such as helping neighbors and celebrating vibrant communities, including the immigrant and Indigenous communities.

What I learned later was that the Center actually takes action to make all these ideas come to fruition. That is why we support the Center for Rural Affairs.

”

GIFT OF GRAIN

The Rauns contribute annually to the Center. Last year they tried something new.

“

By making a gift of grain, rather than a gift of cash, we were able to increase our donation. It was simple and straightforward. I consulted with my tax preparer first, to make sure we did everything correctly to satisfy the IRS.

”



Learn more about gifts of grain and other ways to give at cfra.org/ways-to-give.

To read an extended profile of Kevin Raun, visit cfra.org.

