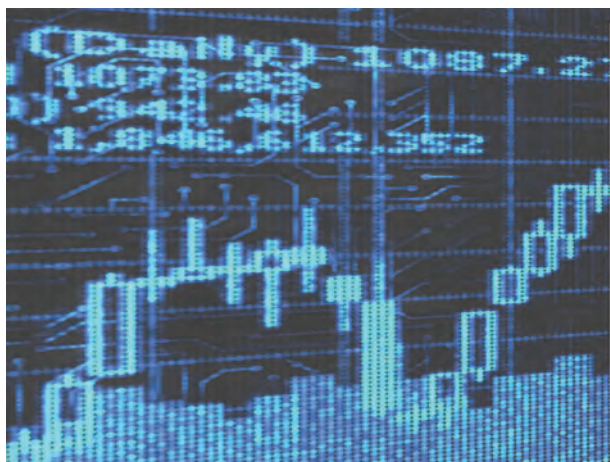


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Risk Management Training

The North Dakota Corn Growers Association and the USDA Risk Management Agency were proud to have sponsored risk management training sessions for Growers in March 2015.



Dr. Bill Wilson and Dr. Frayne Olson conducted risk management training to Growers at the NDSU Commodity Training Center.

The North Dakota Corn Growers Association hosted statewide risk management training Seminars February 3-6. Two additional seminars were held March 19-20 and March 23-24 at the Commodity Trading Room (CTR) on the NDSU downtown campus. These seminars were part of a partnership agreement grant awarded through the Risk Management Agency (RMA) of USDA.

Participants were profiled into one of four primary personality types and how each of those personalities has strengths and weaknesses in marketing grain. The regional Risk Management Agency office out of Billings, Montana gave an update on crop insurance program changes for 2015 as well as how the new Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) in the Farm Bill functions. Keith

Finney of Clifford Merchandising and Tom Cook of Cargill presented on freight and transportation costs and how they affect seasonal basis for both grain elevators and grain processors.

Dr. Bill Wilson and Dr. Frayne Olson of NDSU's Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics led participants through a wide variety of market information. Topics included fundamental and technical market analysis, mechanics of hedging and margin calls, basis patterns, basis risk, charting techniques and more. Participants also experienced live simulated trading through the CTR's advanced software.

We received many positive reviews for the Risk Management Training Seminars. Jessy Wickt, ag loan officer at North Star Community Credit Union stated, "Last week I attended the marketing workshop and I was impressed by how well it was put together. I have had concepts like hedging and futures options explained to me before, but I never truly understood them until now. Frayne Olson did a fantastic job. After the class was over, the first thing I did was call my dad and two of my brothers and told them they need to come next year. I hope moving forward that this program is still going each year. I plan to attend again."

The North Dakota Corn Growers Association is a proud financial supporter of the Commodity Trading Room. We look forward to continuing this and other producer educational programming in the future.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2, 2014

Harvest North Dakota - Ag in the Classroom - Lisbon

APRIL 28-30, 2015

All Staff Meeting - St. Louis, Mo.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION - TOM LILJA



The 2015 Legislature reached crossover the last week of February. On March 18, revised budget forecasts came out that will set the tone for the remainder of the session. The forecast showed oil and gas tax revenues at \$3.4 billion, which is an \$870 million decrease when compared to the \$4.3 billion January legislative forecast. The state's general fund revenue is forecasted to be

\$5.1 billion, which is a \$131 million increase compared to the January legislative forecast. The increase is largely resulting from projected sales tax revenue. I asked a number of legislators on a scale of one to 10 how they viewed the numbers. Most of the responses were a five. Hopefully there are enough policy makers paying attention to the price forecasts for agricultural commodities as it seems those numbers have been lost in the mix.

The North Dakota Corn Growers have supported the following bills through the North Dakota Ag Coalition:

HB 1012 – Department of Transportation appropriation that addresses rural road and bridge funding. This includes \$8 million for non-oil townships.

HB 1020 – The appropriation for the NDSU extension service, Northern Crops Institute, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute, NDSU main research and branch research centers and the 2015-2017 State Board of Agricultural Research (SBARE) Initiatives.

HB 1432 – Supports the establishment of an environmental litigation fund and an environmental impact committee to advise the agriculture commissioner with respect to expenditures from the fund. The proposed funding level is currently at \$4 million.

SB 2009 – Department of Agriculture appropriation which includes \$800,000 of funding for the National Agricultural Genotyping Center.

SB 2103 – Surge Bill which allocates \$128 million to non-oil & gas counties and townships for roads and bridges.

SCR 4020 – Urges Congress to clarify food labeling standards and review biotech foods. This concurrent resolution urges Congress to establish federal uniform labeling standards.

These bills have all received the support of the North Dakota Ag Coalition which is comprised of over 30 agricultural organizations. We will remain vigilant on these bills as they work their way through the second half of the 2015 Legislative Session.



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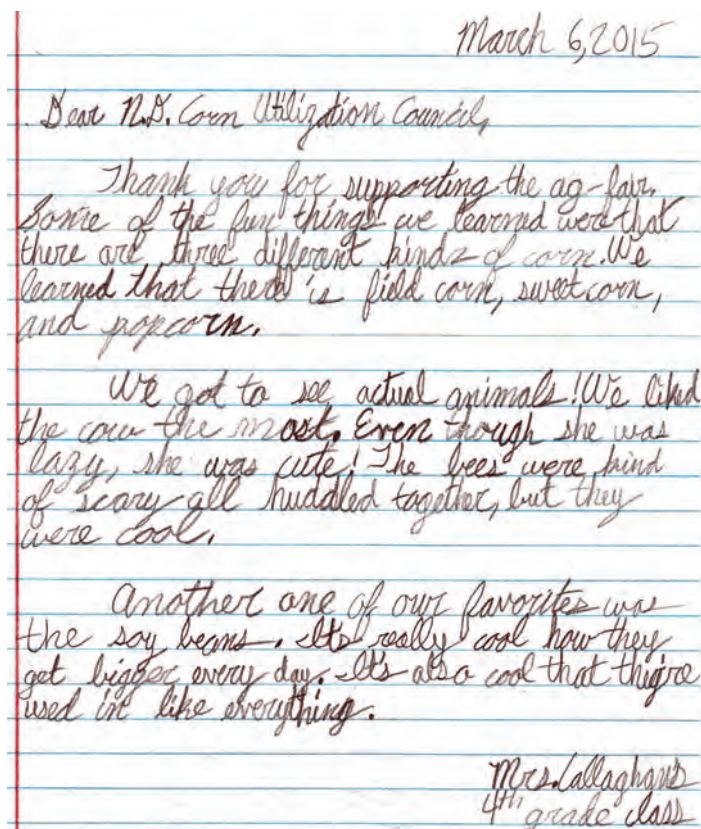


Jean Henning is the Accountant/Budget Specialist for the North Dakota Corn Utilization Council. Jean is a graduate of St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minnesota with a degree in accounting. She has more than 20 years of accounting experience in the manufacturing and service industries. Jean and her husband John reside in Fargo. Jean has four children, two in high school

and two in College. Her hobbies include biking, working out and cross country skiing in the winter. She is active in her children's school and her church.

LIVING AG IN THE CLASSROOM

We received a letter from Mrs. Callaghan's 4th grade class at Washington Elementary in Fargo about the Living Ag in the Classroom event that was held March 3-6. It was a very successful event and we talked with more than 2,200 students about corn!



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INNOVATION CHALLENGE WINNERS

The NDSU Research & Technology Park and the NDSU Office of the Provost recently wrapped up the 4th annual Innovation Challenge that highlighted innovative work being done by NDSU students. There were three tracks in the competition; Service, Product and Corn.

CORN TRACK

The Corn Track is made possible by the generous financial support of the North Dakota Corn Growers Association. The winning teams were announced Thursday, February 26, 2015, at the Awards Ceremony with a total of \$20,000 in cash prizes awarded to first, second and third place in each track along with a People's Choice award.

This year's Innovation Challenge kicked off with Pitch Night in October. There were 140 students working on and delivering 38 one-minute pitches on their innovative ideas.

Two of the groups that pitched during Pitch Night competed in the Corn Track competition and moved on to be cash prize winners in the Innovation Challenge '15! Paul Subart, a junior majoring in crop and weed science from Robinson, North Dakota, whose team's name was A Displaced Farmer, pitched a modified rotary hammer mill mounted on the rear of a combine to pulverize weed seed rather than plant it back in the field. With much determination, Paul ended up taking first place in the corn track winning \$5,000. When asked what he planned to do with his winnings, he was very excited to say he would be putting it towards building his prototype.

Earning \$1,000 and second in the Corn Track is team Tea Time. Their innovation is to use green tea as a pesticide on corn rather than pesticides commonly used today. Dre Steinwehr, a sophomore majoring in microbiology from Hankinson, North Dakota says he has been working on his idea since he was in the seventh grade. He is determined to get it right!

Team Color with the Corn Track also pitched their idea to use natural antioxidants and colorants found in corn byproducts to color butter and other food products reducing the need for artificial colorants. Joseph Kallenbach, a graduate student in cereal science from Dickinson, North Dakota and Cassandra Hillen, a graduate student in cereal science from Fargo, North Dakota were the recipients of the \$500 third place prize.



Starting from the left: Interim Executive Director of NDSU Research & Technology Park Chuck Hoge, NDCUC Director of Research Greg LaPlante, NDSU student Paul Subart (A Displaced Farmer), NDSU student Joseph Kallenbach (Color with Corn), NDSU Provost Beth Ingram, NDCUC Manager of Communications Betsy Armour, NDSU student Dre Steinwehr (Tea Time), NDSU Vice President for Research and Creative Activity Kelly Rusch and President for Sanford Research Dr. David Pearce.

The Innovation Challenge program offered students five different "boot camps" and coaching opportunities to help teams evolve their ideas and move through each of the three rounds of judging. The first stage of the program started with 32 teams developing their Innovation Proposal. Dr. Jeffrey Stamp, Founder of Bold Thinking, has more than 35 years of experience bringing out the creative best in aspiring business professionals. He led the first boot camp and helped each team focus, refine and work with their innovation idea to develop a statement of their project that defined the value of the innovation rather than describing what they were working on.

Twenty-seven teams advanced to the second stage of the competition pertaining to "visual presentations/progress reports." Through boot camps two and three, Flint Communications assisted the students in developing the best way to "visually" depict their innovations by using posters, power points, video, or prototypes to deliver their message.

The fourth and fifth boot camps were led by Heather Ostrowski with Dale Carnegie and a return appearance of Dr. Stamp. These boot camps were designed to aid the students in refining their presentation.

Twenty-three teams advancing to the final stage of the competition prepared and gave 10 minute oral

presentations on Wednesday, February 25 at the NDSU Memorial Union. The panel of judges for the Corn Track, Neil Doty, Daniel Hieserich, and David Hahn had their work cut out for them as the overall competition was very strong. Throughout the competition they evaluated and provided feedback to the corn teams.

The product and service tracks also provided very spirited competition. The Product, Service and People's Choice winners are as follows:

PRODUCT TRACK

First place, \$5,000: Team SkyHawk. Their innovation is a multi-axial rotor actuation drone system that has improved flight characteristics, such as more speed, less drag, greater range and better maneuverability.

Second place, \$1,000: Team Clothes Hanger Reinvented. The team's innovation is a redesigned clothes hanger that uses a system of geometric forms. The forms can be taken apart and put together into different configurations to accommodate different types and sizes of clothing as well as accessories, such as shoes, belts and scarves. Third place, \$500: Team ToxoSafe. Their innovation is a smart anti-cancer drug carrier that targets tumors and protects healthy tissue from toxicity.



Close-up photograph of the awards given at the Innovation Challenge. Awards were designed by Snowfire Studios in Fargo, North Dakota.

SERVICE TRACK

First place, \$5,000: Team Townnected. The team's innovation is a website, www.townnected.com, that allows people to post and view news about their town as well as news from other towns they care about.

Second place, \$1,000: Team Fruition. The innovation is a mobile app that encourages people to be grateful, to capture gratitude as they experience it and to reflect on it later. The goal is improved quality of life, focus and overall happiness.

Third place, \$500: Team App EZ. The innovation is a mobile app that allows users to focus on deep breathing exercises in a variety of situations to improve one's health.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER

\$1,000: Team Liu Group. Their innovation is a home early detection test for breast cancer.

The NDSU Research & Technology Park and, more importantly, the NDSU students would like to thank the ND Corn Growers Association for their continued sponsorship of the overall competition and the corn track. The Innovation Challenge program continues to be part of the developing innovative culture at NDSU. For more information and pictures on the Innovation Challenge go to www.ndsuresearchpark.com.

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ND CORN GROWERS HOSTED 2015 CORNVENTION

The North Dakota Corn Growers Association is pleased to announce that the 2015 Annual CornVention and Tradeshow — Harvesting Technologies held on February 18, 2015, at the Holiday Inn, Fargo, N.D. was a success. This year the North Dakota Corn Growers also hosted an inaugural North Dakota Corn Political Action (ND Corn PAC) auction and social the evening prior to CornVention on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

CornVention 2015 – Harvesting Technologies featured discussion on the latest advances in agricultural technology and how it can be applied to corn growers' farming operations. A market update was conducted by Eugene Graner, Heartland Investor Services, forecasted weather from meteorologist Leon Osborne, discussion and speakers on the newly established National Agricultural Genotyping Center and also a panel discussion took place about technology at work in the field with Greg Tehven, co-founder of Emerging Prairie moderating.

A grand prize drawing was held from 4 to 5 p.m. This year's grand prizes were a Microsoft Surface (winner was John Triebold) and two registrations along with round trip airfare to the 2016 Commodity Classic in New Orleans, La. that will be held on March 3-5, 2016 (winner was Trent Conroy).



NDCGA President Kim Swenson pulls a name for one of the grand prizes at CornVention with the help of NDCGA Board Member James Aarsvold.

2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Starting from back row left: Josh Weber, Brock Saewert, Megan Jones, Madison Quandt, Carter Mauch, Alec Braaten and Ryan Thompson. Starting front row left: Cassie Podliska and Morgan Effertz. Not pictured: Dylan Finken.

The NDCGA presented ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships to senior high school graduates and college students of NDCGA members during the noon luncheon at the 2015 CornVention. Typically, there is one recipient from each of the seven grower districts as well as three overall recipients from all scholarship applicants. The following students received scholarships:

District 1 — Carter Mauch
District 1 — Cassie Podliska
District 2 — Alec Braaten
District 2 — Brock Saewert
District 3 — Dylan Finken
District 3 — Ryan Thompson
District 3 — Morgan Effertz
District 5 — Josh Weber
District 6 — Madison Quandt
District 7 — Megan Jones

Scholarship recipients were selected based on three main criteria:

- School transcript
- Activity participation
- Being a child of a NDCGA member

Congratulations to the 2015 Scholarship Recipients!

2015 CORNVENTION PHOTOS



Meteorologist Leon Osborne, Jr. gave the weather outlook for this growing season at CornVention.



Eugene Graner from Heartland Services gave the market update during this year's CornVention.



ND Corn Executive Director Tom Lilja introduces the Panel Discussion - National Agricultural Genotyping Center Cutting-Edge Agricultural Technology in North Dakota during the morning session of CornVention.



NCGA Director of Research Dr. Rick Vierling, Los Alamos National Laboratory Lead for Business Development of Technologies Dr. Robert Dye and Ag Innovation Group President and CEO Pete Nelson speak during the morning panel discussion: The National Agricultural Genotyping Center Cutting-Edge Agricultural Technology in North Dakota.



Co-Founder of Emerging Prairie Greg Tehven moderates the afternoon panel discussion: Technology at Work: Grow, Learn and Earn More! Pictured from left to right: Moderator Greg Tehven, Founder and Chairman of Pedigree Technologies Alex Warner, Founder and CEO of Peterson Farms Seed Carl Peterson and Senior Vice President of Information Technology for Bell State Bank and Trust Gary Inman.



NASCAR TOPS 7 MILLION MILES OF RACING ON AMERICAN ETHANOL BLEND

Odometers are not standard equipment on the race cars competing in NASCAR but if they were, collectively they would surpass a momentous milestone this weekend at Phoenix International Raceway. NASCAR began running Sunoco Green E15 in its three top national series back in 2011 and this coming Saturday during the NASCAR XFINITY Series™ Axalta Faster. Tougher. Brighter. 200 race, NASCAR will hit and surpass 7 million miles of racing, the equivalent of almost 30 trips from the earth to the moon or 281 laps around the earth!

NASCAR made the fuel change in conjunction with their NASCAR Green® Platform, the largest and most comprehensive recycling, tree planting and renewable energy programs in sports. Not only has the move to Sunoco Green E15 proven to be an environmentally beneficial decision, it's actually boosted the performance of the race cars in all three national series – lowering emissions and increasing horsepower.

"From our initial seamless transition to Sunoco Green E15, a 15 percent American-grown, American-made ethanol racing fuel blend in Daytona in 2011 to 7 million miles reached here at Phoenix International Raceway, NASCAR has shown under the most demanding competition that E15 is safe, reliable and it works," said Dr. Michael Lynch, Vice President, NASCAR Green Innovation and STEM Platforms. "NASCAR fans are 80 percent more likely than non-fans to support the use of ethanol blends in their own car on the street, because they understand that NASCAR and our diligent race teams did our homework from the start with thousands of miles and hours of testing."

"NASCAR validates what a great performance fuel [E15] is," said Tom Buis, CEO of Growth Energy. "If you meet with the teams and talk with the owners, they have noticed only increased horsepower, higher performance, and reduced emissions without a single issue when it comes to durability and dependability." Buis added, "This partnership has been critical in showing the American consumer that if E15 performs in the most rigorous and demanding situations in motorsports, it's clearly a safe, high performance reliable fuel that is good for American consumers who want a choice and savings at the pump."

"Thanks to countless miles of testing, research and collaboration with NASCAR, we were prepared to run Sunoco Green E15, a 15 percent ethanol fuel in our race cars and the transition was flawless," said Richard Childress, Chairman and CEO of Richard Childress Racing. "We didn't listen to the negative rhetoric about this, we did our own homework and testing and the switching of fuels has gone fantastic. It has also been very welcomed throughout NASCAR. Since this change took place, we have seen increased horsepower from a higher-octane ethanol fuel blend and decreased emissions. In our own internal tests at RCR, we used ethanol blends up to E30 and found no issues with that fuel, either. If you need any further proof, look no further than the 7 million miles NASCAR is about to complete."

"Drivers across the United States have a long and successful history with 10 percent ethanol blended fuel," said Jon Holzfaster, a farmer from Nebraska and National Corn Growers Association Board member. "Frankly, they like the cost savings provided by ethanol and the fact it comes from family farmers. Automotive technology has changed and so have the needs of the public. Cars made since 2001 are designed to run on E15 and NASCAR has proven to be a great way to grow consumer awareness as E15 availability grows."

2015 PRIMARY RACES

April 25		Richmond International Speedway
June 14		Michigan International Speedway
Aug. 2		Pocono Raceway
Sept. 6		Darlington Raceway
Sept. 20		Chicagoland Speedway
Oct. 18		Kansas Speedway



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Supplying Distillers Grains to North Dakota Cattle Producers

By Colette "Koko" Gjermundson for the North Dakota Ethanol Council

Five North Dakota ethanol plants produce more than 1.3 million tons of distillers grains annually and stand ready to supply distillers grains to cattle producers across the state 365 days a year.

The Product

"Distillers grains are still underutilized on a lot of operations. Given the quality and consistency of the product, it has a place in almost every diet on the ranch and in the feedlot," said NDSA member and Midwest AgEnergy Group employee David Spickler. Midwest AgEnergy Group owns Blue Flint Ethanol, Underwood, and Dakota Spirit AgEnergy, Spiritwood. "Most of the time, a producer can improve either ration cost, cattle performance or both by including distillers grains."

Ryan Thorpe, chief operating officer at Tharaldson Ethanol, Casselton, said customers appreciate the available nutrients in what he calls "concentrated corn. It's all readily digestible for the animal. You can mix it into pretty much any ration. It's an excellent source of protein, energy and fiber."

Most plants will work with any quantity from a pickup box full to a unit train. Neil Crocker, plant manager at Hankinson Renewable Energy, Hankinson, explained, "We have even done some stuff for local sportsmen's clubs who wanted a few hundred pounds. 'Nothing too big, nothing too small. We will accommodate whoever needs our product.'"

The Market

Distillers grains prices are influenced by the price of competing feeds such as corn or soybean meal as well as by local and export demand. "As the market for distillers grains has matured, it is no longer specifically correlated with the price of corn. We've seen stretches of time where distillers grains and corn are moving in opposite directions," Spickler said.

Increased local demand during the winter often causes distillers grains prices to increase relative to other feedstuffs, but distillers grains are typically still available throughout the winter.

The Underwood, Spiritwood and Cas-

selton plants market distillers grains internally while the Hankinson plant and Red Trail Energy LLC, of Richardton, utilize Renewable Products Marketing Group (RPMG), Shakopee, Minn.

Purchasing feed is as simple as one call to inquire about pricing, arrange a contract and receive a load number. "It's extremely easy for local producers to purchase product," Crocker added. Plants prefer to load out during specified hours, but they will work with customers. "If they've been en route for an hour and a half and are held up for whatever reason," he said, "We'll accommodate them."

The Producer

Clark Price, Hensler, has been using distillers grains since 1986. He buys modified distillers from Blue Flint Ethanol, feeding it to cows as a protein source and to feeder cattle as an energy source. When it's cheaper than corn he feeds more of it and when it's higher than corn he feeds less. "Typically, it's cheaper,



Clark Price, Hensler

so we feed as much of it as our nutritionist will allow," Price says, "Roughly 40 percent of the ration on a dry matter basis," introduced in stepped up increments over 14 days. The remaining ration is 4 percent supplement, 4 percent hay or corn stover and the rest corn. A nutritionist can help any producer figure distillers grains into their rations.

Though sulfur levels used to be a concern, Price said, "The quality and consistency has been absolutely perfect the last three to five years. The plants have quit looking at it as a by-product and look at it as a feed. The consistency makes it a way more valuable product."

He said it's a cheap resource. "I'd recommend that anyone with a cow or a calf figure out how to use it. If you buy it in the summer and put it in a bin you can save on hay."

The only problem with distillers grains is that producers are accustomed to producing their own feed rather than spending money to buy it. "Depending on demand," Price said, "I can sell my corn for \$4 and buy distillers back for \$3 and be money ahead." Since the price varies throughout the year he explained, "You just gotta stay in touch with the plant on pricing and make sure you contract it early enough."

North Dakota Suppliers of Distillers Grains

Plants typically sell dried distillers grains (about 90 percent dry matter) and modified distillers grains, (about 50 percent dry matter). Some also offer condensed distillers solubles (syrup) or wet distillers grains. To inquire about product availability contact the plant nearest you.

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COMMODITY CLASSIC REACHES NEW HEIGHTS IN 2015



ND Corn Growers President Kim Swenson speaks at Commodity Classic.

With nearly 8,000 total attendees, the 2015 Commodity Classic convention and trade show, which took place last week in Phoenix, Arizona, shattered previous records for the landmark event.

"The 2015 Commodity Classic was a terrific event for our growers and all involved," said Commodity Classic Co-Chair Sam Butler. "We know it wasn't just getting away from the weather for a sunnier climate. Our farmers were actively engaged in everything the landmark event had to offer, with many arriving early for policy sessions and coming to association meetings on a picture-perfect Saturday afternoon in Phoenix."

Total attendance was 7,936, more than 600 over the previous record, 7,325, set in 2014. Other records broken were the number of growers, at 4,328 (compared to 3,874 in 2014);

and the number of first-time attendees, at 1,409 (compared to 1,261 in 2014). Additionally, the trade show featured an all-time high of 355 participating companies, representing a record 170,500 net square feet of booth space. In 2014, 301 exhibitors used 126,200 net square feet.

"The number of first-time attendees we saw at this year's Classic was important to us," Commodity Classic Co-Chair Bart Schott said. "It shows that growers are spreading the word about the value of the Commodity Classic experience – and that they appreciate how the world-class educational and networking opportunities help them back home."

The 21st annual Commodity Classic will take place March 3-5, 2016, in New Orleans. Established in 1996, Commodity Classic is America's largest farmer-led, farmer-focused convention and trade show, produced by the National Corn Growers Association, American Soybean Association, National Association of Wheat Growers and National Sorghum Producers. Starting in 2016, the Association of Equipment Manufacturers and many of its members will be joining the event.

NCGA AWARDS CELEBRATE IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

Each year at the Commodity Classic convention and trade show, the National Corn Growers Association rewards recruiters and state affiliates for their terrific efforts in driving membership – in the case of 2014, that hard work included reaching a record of more than 42,000 in August.

"I am extremely proud of the efforts our state associations and individual growers take to build membership in our association," said NCGA President Chip Bowling, a Maryland corn grower. "As a grassroots-led organization, we cannot hope to achieve very much without a large and active membership base, and our growth in 2014 was and will continue to be a sign of our success in helping farmers back home, and our effectiveness in our nation's capital."

The 2014 Marketing Awards presented at the NCGA Awards Banquet included two Top Association Recruitment Awards, presented to the two NCGA affiliates with the largest increase in membership, as a percentage or as a specific number. Recipients were the Indiana Corn Growers Association, which boosted its membership 53 percent; and the Minnesota Corn Growers Association, which saw a 316-member increase. In addition, Missouri grower Jim Stuever became the 2014 inductee into the NCGA Walt Goeppinger Recruiter Hall of Fame, named for the organization's founding farmer, for surpassing the 750-member threshold for recruitment.

For more information about NCGA membership, go on-line to: www.ncga.com/about-ncga/membership.



■ PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

A big thanks to all who sent in entries to our 2014-2015 Corn Growers photo contest. There were a number of wonderful photos submitted and we hope to use them in our marketing and promotional pieces. Congratulations to this year's winners:

FIRST PLACE — KATHERINE PLESSNER



SECOND PLACE — BETTY MCMILLAN



THIRD PLACE — CHRIS JOHNSON



FARMLAND DOCUMENTARY DEBUTING ON DVD

Academy Award-winning filmmaker James Moll's feature-length documentary, FARMLAND, is available on DVD at Walmart and Walmart.com. The availability of the documentary at retail locations across the country and online, provides another opportunity for viewers to experience the film, which offers a firsthand glimpse inside the world of farming by showcasing the lives of six young farmers and ranchers in their twenties.

FARMLAND premiered in theaters across the country in spring 2014, and now is available on hard disk for rent and purchase at Netflix, Amazon, select retail outlets and via On Demand platforms.

"Walmart is certainly the premier retail outlet for top-line DVD releases," said Mark Borde, Freestyle Media. "We were thrilled they selected FARMLAND to be one of their new documentary titles this month."

The documentary is also now available to rent on DVD from Netflix and to purchase on Amazon, with continued availability for rent and purchase via digital download on iTunes, Amazon Instant Video, Blockbuster On-Demand, Sony PlayStation, Vudu.com, Xbox and YouTube.

"I'm thrilled by how wide the distribution has been for Farmland," said Moll. "There's a lot of interest out there in the lives of young farmers and ranchers. It is a fascinating topic and I'm glad that there's such a demand for the film on DVD and online."

During its theatrical debut in 2014, FARMLAND was shown in more than 170 theaters across the country. The film was also featured at film festivals in Atlanta, Cleveland, Nashville and Newport Beach, Calif.

Produced by Moll's Allentown Productions, FARMLAND was made with the generous support of the U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance, of which the National Corn Growers Association was a founding affiliate. Check out the official trailer and more information about the feature length documentary at FARMLANDfilm.com.

ABOUT FARMLAND

Most Americans have never stepped foot on a farm or ranch or even talked to the people who grow and raise the food we eat. Farmland takes an intimate look at the lives of farmers and ranchers in their '20s, all of whom are now responsible for running their farming business.

Through this film from award-winning director, James Moll, you'll step inside the world of farming for a first-hand climpse into the lives of young farmers and ranchers. Learn about their high-risk/high-reward jobs and passion for a way of life that has been passed down from generation to generation, yet continues to evolve.

This film was made with the generous support of the U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance.



GO GREEN WITH E15 LEGISLATIVE SOCIAL SUCCESSFUL



Austin Dillon American Ethanol

On St. Patrick's Day the North Dakota Corn Growers Association partnered with the North Dakota Ethanol Producers Association to sponsor a "Go Green With E15" legislative social. Jeff Zueger, Chairman of the North Dakota Ethanol Council and Jeff Enger, Chairman of the NDCGA ethanol committee presented remarks on the economic importance of corn and the ethanol industry to over 110 attendees, including legislators, state officials, ethanol plant representatives and corn growers. Midway through the social, a drawing for 15 replica cars was conducted.

Two economic impact studies from the NDSU Center for Ag Policy & Trade Studies (CAPTS) were cited in printed materials and in remarks to legislators. The first report concluded in July of 2013 stated that the Corn Industry contributed over \$9.73 Billion dollars to North Dakota's economy in the years 2008-2012. Another more recent report by CAPTS from June of 2014 concluded that ethanol production in North Dakota contributed nearly \$1.9 billion to the state's ag retail sector.

Prior to the House and Senate floor sessions in the afternoon, green American Ethanol mugs with fact sheets were distributed on legislator's desks. The Fact Sheets included ND Ethanol Industry Quick Facts and E15 Facts. Below are the ND Ethanol Industry Quick Facts:

- **No Federal Subsidies** – The ethanol industry DOES NOT receive any federal subsidies. The federal blender's credit expired as of Dec. 31, 2011.
- **\$9.7 Billion Impact** – The production and processing of corn in the state had an economic impact of \$9.7 billion from 2008-2012.
- **\$1.9 Billion Contribution to Ag Retail Industry** – Ethanol production in North Dakota contributed nearly \$1.9 billion to the state's agriculture retail industry in 2013.
- **\$1 per Gallon Savings at the Pump** – Numerous studies show that use of ethanol has reduced gas prices by more than \$1 per gallon, which is equivalent to \$1,200 annually for the average American household.
- **Rural Economic Development** – Each North Dakota ethanol plant is located in a community with a population of less than 2,500 and contributes an average of 49 jobs and an average annual payroll of \$3.3 million to the community.
- **Increased Production and Sales** – Over the past five years, North Dakota E85 sales have increased by 54 percent and total ethanol-blended fuel sales have increased by more than 78 percent.



Pictured above are the Go Green With E15 mugs that were placed in the Chamber at the Legislature before the social event.

2014 WORLD OF CORN OFFERS ONLINE FACTS

U.S. corn farmers smashed many records in 2014, growing the largest crop on record, at 14.2 billion bushels, with a record national average yield of 171.0 bushels per acre. To highlight this achievement, the National Corn Growers Association delves into the facts about corn production, use and offers a historical comparison in its newest edition of the World of Corn.

This statistical look at the corn industry, both domestic and worldwide, features a wide array of information on corn production and usage. In addition to the traditional statistics guide, this year's distribution included two compendium pieces which highlight the benefits of two of the hottest topics in corn today – ethanol and biotechnology.

"America's corn farmers worked tirelessly in 2014 to grow a record crop," NCGA President Chip Bowling and Chief Executive Officer Chris Novak note in the introduction. "The unparalleled abundance has positive implications for every American. From a driver filling up a car to a shopper buying wholesome, nutritious for a family, the incredible innovation in American agriculture improves lives across the country. Corn, a uniquely American crop, plays an important role in furthering our country's success. As you explore the World of Corn, you can find out how it improves all of our lives in countless ways."

World of Corn is a respected collection of the most important statistics about corn production, exports and consumption, providing key information in a readable format, comparing numbers and trends across the years.

Again this year, NCGA proudly offers an interactive online presentation of the World of Corn that allows users to easily locate information or to explore the limitless possibilities the crop offers at their leisure. The format offers improved navigability with an elegant user interface. Additionally, a digital version of both the E+ ethanol and BIO+ biotechnology brochures can be found there also. To explore the World of Corn online, go to <http://worldofcorn.com/#/>.

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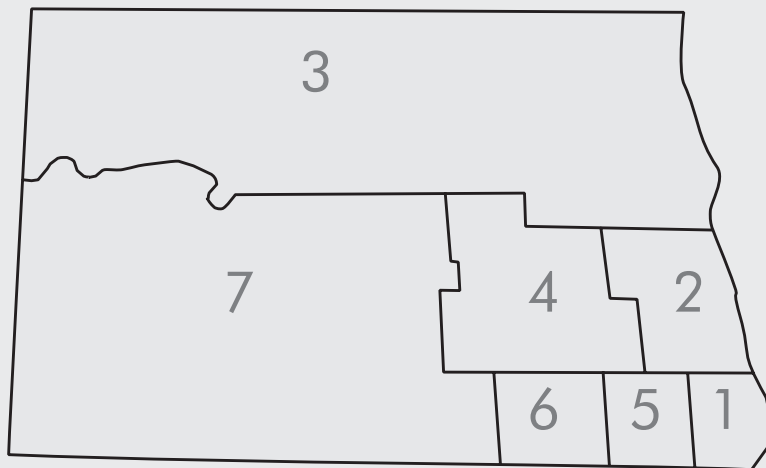
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