



## VIEW FROM THE OFFICE OF KANSAS CORN

### Ethanol, Atrazine Illustrate Ups and Downs of Association Work

As CEO of both the Kansas Corn Growers Association and Kansas Corn Commission, I have the honor of writing the introductions to the annual reports for both groups. It is always more of a challenge to write about a year with the association. The association is the state's corn advocate and represents its grower members in legislative and regulatory issues. Believe me, there are always lots of ups and downs in these areas. Ethanol and atrazine are two examples.

Year-round E15 was approved in 2020, and in March 2021, EPA agreed to lift restrictions on summer use of E15 in the Kansas City area. We immediately started efforts to build E15 infrastructure in KC. Then in July, a court overturned the year-round E15 rule nationwide. We continue to aggressively work on these issues with NCGA and our ethanol partners.

While EPA set a reasonable "level of concern" for atrazine in its registration review decision in 2020, the agency took advantage of an environmentalist lawsuit in 2021 and announced its intention to reconsider its own decision. The agency also came up with damaging and questionable evaluations of atrazine and glyphosate as those herbicides entered the Endangered Species Act review.

You can get the details of these issues on page three. These are excellent examples, but we cover a plethora of issues on behalf of our members in Topeka and Washington DC. Our legislative and regulatory efforts are supported by KCGA membership dues. If you want to join or become involved in our efforts, please contact us, or learn more at our [kscorn.com](http://kscorn.com) website.



BY GREG KRISSEK,  
CEO

## VIEW FROM THE FIELD OF KANSAS CORN

### KCGA Is Making a Difference

Looking at Greg's column on the challenges with ethanol and atrazine—you probably feel the same frustration as I do—being at the mercy of decisionmakers who don't understand agriculture.

There are always challenges by lawmakers, regulators and the courts who don't see the big picture, or who are influenced or driven by other agendas. KCGA will continue work to make sure decisions are based on facts, not fiction.

Anything we can do to increase demand for ethanol is important to corn growers. We continue to fight decisions that hurt ethanol demand, and we're working to find solutions to the barriers that continue to be put up.

Kansas Corn has been a national leader in its fight to keep atrazine on the market since 1994 when EPA started the first Special Review of atrazine, and we'll continue to fight through these ongoing challenges.

We are involved with many more issues like trade policy, legislation on taxation, farm policy, and much more. We have staff members who are experienced and well-known for their expertise in these issues. Our grower services team organizes grower outreach, helping our members become more involved on many levels. Our communications team is busy getting the word out about Kansas Corn issues.

Your membership in KCGA is vital to the future of Kansas corn farming. If you're not a member, I urge you to join. If you are a member, help us by responding to Calls to Action and consider supporting CornPAC, NCGA's Political Action Committee. Together we can build a strong future for corn farmers.



BY BRENT ROGERS,  
PRESIDENT

# ABOUT THE KANSAS CORN GROWERS ASSOC.

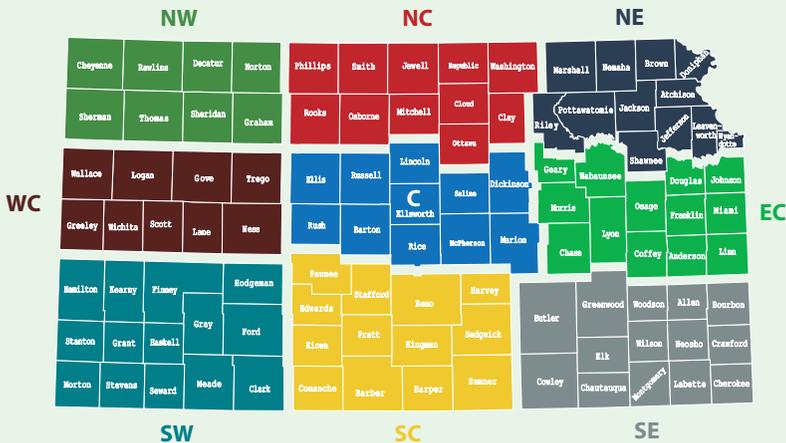
The Kansas Corn Growers Association was created in 1975 and is an affiliate of the National Corn Growers Association. KCGA represents over 1,100 members in legislative and regulatory issues. KCGA also contracts with the Kansas Corn Commission to provide staff support to implement the Commission’s funded projects, and to provide administrative services. The KCGA staff is led by Greg Krissek, CEO.

The KCGA board is elected at the KCGA annual meeting by members. A board member represents each of the state’s nine crop reporting districts.

The office of the Kansas Corn Growers Association and the Kansas Corn Commission is located at 1680 Charles Pl., Suite 200, Manhattan, KS 66502. Visitors are welcome! The office phone number is 785-410-5009.

## 2022 KCGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the 2022 KCGA Annual Meeting, elections were held for the Southwest, South Central, Southeast districts. Ben McClure was elected to replace retiring board member Steve Rome, Hugoton. Kent Moore was reelected to the South Central district and Chad Epler was reelected to the Southeast district. In 2023, board members for the Northwest, North Central, Northeast districts will be elected.



### Northwest

Brent Rogers, Hoxie (President)

### West Central

Dennis McNinch, Utica

### Southwest

Ben McClure, Hugoton

### North Central

Tom Tibbits, Minneapolis

### Central

Matt Splitter, Lyons

### South Central

Kent Moore, Iuka (Treasurer)

### Northeast

Ken McCauley, White Cloud

### East Central

J.D. Hanna, Silver Lake  
(Vice President)

### Southeast

Chad Epler, Columbus  
(Secretary)

# KANSAS CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION KANSAS CORN COMMISSION WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

The Kansas Corn Growers Association uses its membership dues to represent corn growers in legislative and regulatory issues to ensure access to markets and tools that farmers need to succeed. The Kansas Corn Commission invests state corn checkoff funds in the areas of market development, education, research and promotion. Because checkoff dollars cannot be used to fund legislative or regulatory efforts, your membership in KCGA is critical.

Kansas Corn Efforts	\$\$ by KCGA	\$\$ by KCC
Market Development		
Trade Policy		
State and Federal Policy		
K-12 Education		
Research		
State/Federal Regulatory		
Ethanol Infrastructure Development		
Ethanol Policy/Regulatory Efforts		
Farmer and Industry Outreach		
Consumer Advocacy		
Kansas Corn Yield Contest		
Corn Corps Young Farmer Program		
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# A CLOSER LOOK AT THE ETHANOL AND ATRAZINE ISSUES



BY GREG KRISSEK,  
CEO

## Ethanol: Two Steps Forward, One Big Step Back

In 2020, we were elated when EPA ruled that E15 fuel could be used year-round, ending the ban on summer sales of E15. Then in **March 2021**, our efforts to change an outdated rule that continued to ban summer E15 in Kansas City paid off when EPA announced it would allow E15 in the KC metro area. We began working with retailers who had big plans to add E15 at Kansas City stations. Unfortunately, in **July 2021**, an appellate court threw out the 2020 decision to allow year-round E15. This virtually halted our market building efforts in KC. We are working diligently with NCGA and our ethanol partners to support legislative or regulatory “fixes” so we can continue to sell E15 in the summer and expand into KC. KCGA is also working with NCGA to support the Next Generation Fuels Act which solidifies ethanol’s place in liquid fuels going forward.



Even with these disruptions, the Kansas Corn Commission’s successful ethanol infrastructure program continues to increase ethanol availability. Visit our [kscorn.com](http://kscorn.com) website to see where you can buy E15 and higher blends now at over 75 locations across the state.

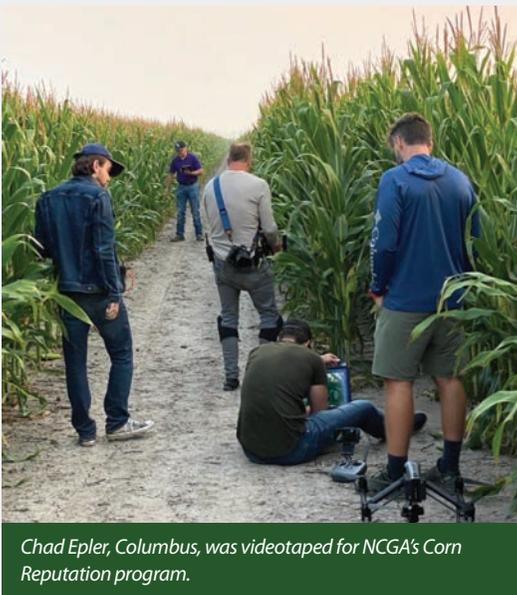
## Ups and Downs of Atrazine Regulation

In **September 2020**, EPA issued its Interim Registration Review Decision for atrazine, and confirmed its decision to use the 15 parts per billion (ppb) aquatic level of concern (CELOC) for atrazine. This was a better outcome than an earlier EPA proposal that would have banned atrazine in much of the corn belt. Then, in **August 2021**, in response to a lawsuit by environmental groups, EPA filed a motion saying they planned to “reconsider” the 15 ppb level. This unprecedented move opens a decision adopted by EPA almost a year earlier. Kansas Corn is a leader in the Triazine Network, and we’re meeting with EPA staff, legislators and others to make sure EPA sticks to the science and sticks to its decision. KCGA is also involved in the Endangered Species Act Review of atrazine which is guided by EPA’s Biological Evaluation published in **November 2021**. This misguided evaluation claimed that atrazine adversely impacted nearly every endangered species habitat. Glyphosate didn’t fare any better in its biological evaluation. KCGA will be involved with the ESA review to make sure actual science is used for both important herbicides.

Ethanol and atrazine are good examples, but KCGA is proactive in additional issues like fertilizer costs, stepped-up basis, capital gains, Farm Bill, 30x30, WOTUS, and state issues like water and rural housing funding. We are also active in NCGA’s Corn Reputation Program that is opening doors and building understanding of corn farming with DC decision makers. Two Kansas growers, Lowell Neitzel of Lawrence, and Chad Epler of Columbus are featured in this program, and they’re featured in this annual report with Lowell on page one, and Chad on page four.

## KCGA MEMBER IMPACT

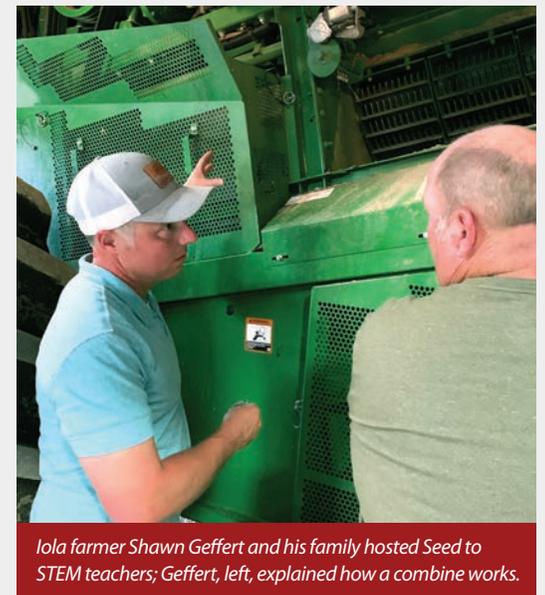
Thanks to its engaged members, Kansas Corn is having an impact on the state, national and international levels! Here are a few examples of members and industry partners that raised the profile of Kansas Corn.



Chad Epler, Columbus, was videotaped for NCGA’s Corn Reputation program.



East Kansas Agri Energy, Garnett, provided an in-depth tour to our Seed to STEM teachers.



Iola farmer Shawn Geffert and his family hosted Seed to STEM teachers; Geffert, left, explained how a combine works.

## STAND WITH US!



### Membership Options

- 1-Year Individual- \$50
- 3-Year Individual- \$110\*
- Lifetime Individual- \$750\*
- Student 1-Year- \$25
- Double Membership- \$200\*
- Business Membership- \$500\*

\* Option includes voucher for free bag of corn seed from participating brands.

### Easy Ways to Join KCGA

- Join or renew online at [kscorn.com/join](https://kscorn.com/join)
- Call our office at 785-410-5009

### Get involved!

- Corn Corps Young Grower Program
- Collegiate Programs
- Yield Contest
- Common Ground Advocacy
- And More!

# JOIN TODAY!

