



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT & 2023 Outlook

## VIEW FROM THE OFFICE

### KCGA Tackles Farm Bill, Ethanol, Inputs, Trade and More

As CEO of the Kansas Corn Growers Association, I write this introduction for our annual report year after year. And sometimes it seems I am writing about the same topics year after year. Ethanol, atrazine, input costs are all ongoing issues. It seems like allowing the sales of E15 fuel would be an easy task to accomplish. Think again. You'd think EPA would stop using discredited scientific studies in atrazine proposals. Think again. We are also starting work on the 2023 Farm Bill, and we are fighting against Mexico's ban on GMO corn.

Thanks to engaged grower members of the Kansas and National Corn Growers Association, our voice is being heard, and we do have a seat at the table on these important issues. You've written comments to EPA, you've talked to your Senators and Representatives in DC and in Topeka. You've shared key issues on social media to keep the pressure on our decision-makers. If you're a member of KCGA and NCGA, we thank you. If you're not a member, I hope you'll see the importance of having that seat at the table and being heard.

As we begin Farm Bill season, do you realize that 44 percent of the members of Congress have never been through a Farm Bill? And only a handful of Representatives and Senators have ties to agriculture. This is why KCGA and NCGA work is so important – it's our responsibility to make sure we deliver a strong Farm Bill for the American corn farmer.

We could use your help. Our legislative and regulatory efforts are supported by membership dues. If you're a member and want to be more involved, or if you're not a member and want to join our efforts, please contact us, or learn more at [kscorn.com](https://kscorn.com)



BY GREG KRISSEK,  
KCGA CEO



BY BRENT ROGERS,  
KCGA PRESIDENT

## VIEW FROM THE FIELD

### KCGA Is Making a Difference

Ethanol, atrazine, trade, input costs, the Farm Bill and more; all of these things impact corn farmers every day. There is a consistent buzz on these issues, and KCGA provides a consistent voice for us.

I'm busy running a farm, and I know you are too. That's why we value the work of our state and national corn growers associations and our staff members. Our state and national staff members are experienced and well-known for their expertise in these issues. They're the ones that help us have a seat at the table, that voice in Washington, D.C. and Topeka. Our associations accomplish that not only through lobbying, but also through efforts like the Corn Reputation Program in D.C., giving decisionmakers a steady stream of information about corn farming and agriculture. Using topics like the value of the family farm, sustainability and the importance of agriculture, our messages and presence are opening doors for corn farmers and helping us gain access into the political system.

If you're already a member, thank you for supporting Kansas Corn. If you're not a member, I urge you to join. If you think you don't have time to be a member of KCGA, think again. We will help you become as involved as you want to be, we'll keep you informed and help represent your needs as a corn farmer.

More and more KCGA members are stepping up, attending KCGA meetings, writing comments on key issue, and more. The work we are doing is aimed at helping your bottom line—protecting trade with Mexico, keeping a strong crop insurance and other farm programs, building stronger ethanol demand, maintaining access to inputs and more. Together, we are building a strong future for corn farmers.



ABOUT THE KANSAS CORN GROWERS

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. 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, plus one industry at-large board member.

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

2023 KCGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the 2023 KCGA Annual Meeting, Jeff Albers, Denton, was elected to represent the northeast district replacing Ken McCauley, White Cloud who retired from the board. Brett Grauerholz, Republic, was elected to represent the north central district, replacing Tom Tibbits, Minneapolis, who retired from the board. Brent Rogers, Hoxie was reelected to represent the northwest district. Emma Jenks, Perry, was elected to serve as an industry at-large board member.



<b>Northwest</b> Brent Rogers, Hoxie (President)	<b>South Central</b> Kent Moore, Iuka (Treasurer)
<b>West Central</b> Tanner McNinch, Ness City	<b>Northeast</b> Jeff Albers, Denton
<b>Southwest</b> Ben McClure, Hugoton	<b>East Central</b> J.D. Hanna, Silver Lake (Vice President)
<b>North Central</b> Brett Grauerholz, Republic	<b>Southeast</b> Chad Epler, Columbus (Secretary)
<b>Central</b> Matt Splitter, Lyons	

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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		
Collegiate Programs		



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2022 POLICY REVIEW AND A LOOK AHEAD TO 2023



By Josh Roe, KCGA VP of Market Development and Policy

LOOKING BACK AT 2022 . . .

As we close out another year and reflect on 2022, some roadblocks (year-round E15, crop health registrations, etc.) were pushed down the road. However, we did remove some roadblocks in 2022 as well.

**HELD OFF BAD TAX POLICY**—At the beginning of the year, talks of the removal of stepped-up basis on farm assets as well as reduced thresholds to avoid capital gains taxes were “all the rage” among certain DC politicians. Thanks to a solid ground game of education by KCGA and NCGA staff that showed how these changes to the tax code would harm family farms of all sizes, this never came to fruition and is seldom mentioned.

**COMBATTED FERTILIZER IMPORT RESTRICTIONS**—NCGA joined several petitions and provided legal briefs to combat attempts by the fertilizer industry to impose tariffs and import restrictions on fertilizer. While input prices remain high and are a major concern going into 2023, there were some successes in this area to give farmers access to lower priced fertilizer and other inputs. Several of our champions, carried this message for us, and Senator Marshall proposed legislation that would limit the power of the trade commissions to impose tariffs on vital farm inputs.

**HELD THE LINE ON ATRAZINE, FOR NOW**—Thanks to tens of thousands of comments from farmers like you as well as the tireless work grower groups and the Triazine Network, chaired by KCGA CEO Greg Krissek, EPA committed to convening a Scientific Advisory Panel to review the validity of EPA’s outrageous proposed atrazine level of concern. We work to ensure competent, objective panel members are selected and they use valid studies, getting EPA to follow the science.

ON TAP FOR 2023 . . .

**ADVOCATING IN THE 2023 FARM BILL**—The Farm Bill expires at the end of September 2023. Congress must either extend the current farm bill or pass a new bill prior to that date. NCGA and other ag organizations are working with members of Congress on their priorities. Many insiders are speculating it’s not feasible to get a Farm Bill passed in 2023, saying there’s not enough time, with change in the House majority and major turnover of committee leadership and staff. Our top priority in a new Farm Bill is to retain the integrity of the current crop insurance system without imposing additional limitations or onerous requirements.

**FIGHTING THE MEXICO GMO DECREE**—Mexico our top export buyer, moved up its timeline for a decree prohibiting GMO corn imports into that country. At publication time, KCGA is urging the U.S. Trade Representative to initiate a dispute settlement under the USMCA trade agreement. This is a top priority for 2023.

**WORKING FOR YEAR-ROUND E15**—The year-round E15 saga will drag into 2023 since promising federal legislation wasn’t passed in 2022. Expect this bill to be reintroduced early this year to be in place before the summer driving season. KCGA continues to push Governor Kelly to rejoin the letter to EPA by several states to allow for summer sales of E15.

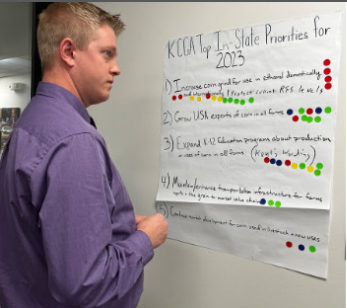
**PUSHING TO FOLLOW THE SCIENCE**—We will continue to insist our government follows science, not the political rhetoric concerning the environment in which we operate. It is tough to predict what 2023 will bring, but looking back on 2022 that included atrazine, glyphosate, and prairie chickens, we don’t see these issues going away. We will pay special attention obviously to the reregistration of crop health products and how the feds and activist groups use “tools” such as the endangered species act to impact how we are allowed to operate.

KANSAS CORN IMPACT

Thanks to our programs and engaged members, Kansas Corn is having an impact on the state, national and international levels!



CommonGround Kansas volunteers like Melissa Reed above, reached consumers with Yoga on the Farm Events. Rain moved this event to a calf barn at Hildebrand Dairy near Junction City. Sponsored by Kansas Corn and Kansas Soybeans.



Kansas Corn was on the road and in the field. Clockwise: Board member Tanner McNinch set priorities. KSU’s Dr. Rachel Veenstra is an NCGA Research Ambassador. Board member Matt Splitter hosted a listening tour stop. Our Collegiate Academy visited a dairy.



Lawrence farmer Lowell Neitzel, who chaired NCGA’s Membership and Consumer Engagement Action Team, helped with a water trailer consumer event sponsored by Kansas Corn in Washington, D.C. during summer Corn Congress. Our messages and water bottles were seen on Capitol Hill.





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### 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](http://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!



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