



Farm Bill, Ethanol Bills Top Kansas Corn Priorities in DC

Kansas Corn Growers Association leaders were in Washington, D.C. for Corn Congress in July. In addition to the Corn Congress delegate session and action team meetings, congressional visits were a key part of our time in our nation's Capitol. We were able to visit with every member of our Congressional delegation.

KCGA leaders discussed the need to pass the Farm Bill supporting strong Crop Insurance, safety net programs as well as trade and conservation programs. Our grower leaders also advocated on ethanol issues. Ethanol is a low-emission, low carbon fuel that's available and in use today helping us meet the administration's climate goals. We are pushing for passage of the year-round E15 bill introduced in July, as well as the need for the passage of the Next Generation Fuels Act to secure the future of High Octane Low Carbon engines powered with higher ethanol blends.



KCGA leaders met with every member of our delegation including Senator Jerry Moran during NCGA Corn Congress in July. L to R: Tanner McNinch, Ness City; Brent Rogers, Hoxie; Senator Moran; Chad Epler, Columbus; Kent Moore, Iuka.

From the CEO

New CEO, Same Corn Mission

By Josh Roe, Kansas Corn CEO



Kansas Corn CEO
 Josh Roe

When Greg Krissek announced he was retiring as Kansas Corn's CEO, we went to work to carry-out a succession plan, similar to the plans we develop in our own farming operations. We will miss Greg's leadership and wish him well as he works to cross items off his famous bucket list while still leading many of our vital atrazine efforts. I remain humbled by the fact the KCGA Board

interviewed and ultimately selected me for the position of CEO. This is a challenge I do not take lightly, and I wake up each day laser focused on issues that are important to the future of Kansas corn farmers:

- Pass a Farm Bill with a strong crop insurance program, safety net, voluntary conservation programs and trade funding.
- Proactively move ethanol forward ensuring it is utilized and recognized as an affordable climate solution that is making a difference today.
- Build new foreign and domestic markets and find new uses for corn and its products.
- Protect crop inputs and help farmers continue to improve their farms' sustainability.
- Advocate and educate for corn and agriculture with decision-makers and consumers.

I'd also like to announce some additions and changes in directors at Kansas Corn. Taylor Williamson has joined Kansas Corn as Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs. He is returning to Kansas after working for the National Association of Wheat Growers. Heather Greene has joined our staff as Director of Finance. She has years of experience in non-profit finance.

Inside, you'll find updates on our efforts on policy and regulatory issues, advocacy, education and more. Your KCGA membership is important. I hope you'll encourage others in your area to join KCGA to make Kansas Corn even stronger.

Provided cost-share and grant assistance to
68 fuel retailers
installing higher ethanol blend infrastructure.



KCGA has tirelessly advocated for legislation and regulations to clear the way for more ethanol-blended fuel choices.

- Kansas Corn works to add higher ethanol blends, now at over 100 stations across Kansas including Casey's, 24-7 and Jump Start stations.
- KCGA CEO Josh Roe testified at a House Oversight Subcommittee hearing on tailpipe emissions rules and electric vehicle transition, telling the legislators biofuels like ethanol should not be ignored as a climate solution.
- KCGA members responded strongly to a call to action on the issue and KCGA joined in comments with multiple partners including members of the petroleum industry.
- KCGA remains involved and committed to pass both a year-round E15 bill and the Next Generation Fuels Act which sets a high octane ethanol fuel standard for next generation high octane, low carbon engines.

Provided lessons, labs and training to
2,613 educators
in the 2022-23 school year, reaching
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Funded by the Kansas Corn Commission, the Kansas Corn STEM education program continues to grow, supporting STEM education with corn-based lessons and labs.

- Kansas Corn STEM reached 2,613 educators and 101,541 students in the 2022-23 school year with lessons and materials, a reader series, guest speakers, breakout boxes, workshops and much more.
- Kansas Corn STEM expanded its offerings to include lessons for PreK classes as well as homeschool educators.
- Sixty middle and high school teachers attended our Seed to STEM workshop in June, learning lessons and labs to teach about corn, biotechnology, and ethanol. The teachers also participated in a field tour, farm dinner and an ethanol plant tour during the two-day workshop. Each teacher received a kit with science lab materials and equipment valued at \$500 to use in their classrooms.

Over 1,900 growers

participate in our advocate network;
taking action to testify and provide
comments on important policy issues.



KCGA members are active and engaged on key legislative and regulatory issues including farm policy, ethanol, inputs and more.

- Kansas corn growers continue to answer calls to action on key legislative and regulatory issues like the Farm Bill, atrazine regulation, ethanol and more. In fact, 1,900 Kansas farmers participate in our action network, providing comments on key issues.
- With a strong voice from farmers in Kansas and other corn growing states, NCGA and KCGA are better able to influence decisions and get action on our priorities.
- Grower advocacy is key: when Mexico issued a decree to ban imports of GMO corn, a steady drumbeat of corn grower advocacy was key to action now being taken by the office of the U.S. Trade Representative to hold Mexico accountable for its commitments under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement (USMCA).

Since 1980, corn farmers have **increased crop yield by 61%** and are doing so
45% more efficiently
with every bushel grown.



KCGA and NCGA work constantly to expand the voice of corn farmers with successful campaigns focused on decision-makers, as well as forward-looking research.

- The Corn Reputation program helps decision-makers in Washington, DC, understand more about corn farming, and the strides farmers are making in key areas like sustainability. An ethanol campaign is helping lawmakers better understand and appreciate the role of ethanol in our nation's fuel supply.
- These efforts open doors and amplify our efforts to advocate for legislative and regulatory issues like the Farm Bill, ethanol, exports, inputs like atrazine and more.
- Research also plays a key role in sustainability and market development, and the Kansas Corn Commission is working to ensure research can be effectively used by growers, and new use research can be commercialized to build demand and uses for our corn.

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Kansas Corn Corps Accepting Applications

It's time to apply for Kansas Corn Corps, our young farmer business development program. Participants engage in networking, learn more about the corn industry and develop new business skills that will benefit their own operations in the future. The program consists of four sessions that take place over a 16-month period. Three sessions take place in Kansas, and the domestic ag trip takes place outside of Kansas. Kansas Corn is now taking applications for Corn Corps Class 6. The application deadline is October 15, 2023. Apply at kscorn.com/corncorps/



You're busy farming. And raising a family. So we're at the table when you can't be. **We've got your seat.**

Join us. Become a member at kscorn.com.

