



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
Kansas Corn
Growers Association
Annual Meeting Set
for Jan. 25

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE
 for all Kansas Corn Growers
 Association members:

The KCGA Annual Meeting
 will be held at 2 p.m. on
 Thursday, January 25 at the
 Hilton Garden Inn at
 3320 S 9th St, Salina, KS.

Annual Meeting Agenda

- Resolutions discussion and approval
- Board elections: Positions up for election in 2024 are the West Central, Central and East Central districts.
- Association Update and Issues Briefing
- The Kansas Corn Symposium program will continue following the KCGA Annual Meeting.

From the CEO

Winning Headlines for Kansas Corn



Kansas Corn CEO
 Josh Roe

By Josh Roe, Kansas Corn CEO

In our fast-paced world, we have become headline readers. How often do you look at a newspaper, web news service, or a newsletter like this one and only read the headlines? I'm often guilty of this, and I assume you are too.

I'd like to share with you some of the headlines Kansas Corn has put out recently in news releases, on our kscorn.com website and in our twice-monthly email newsletter that we send to members.

Corn Growers, Sen. Moran, Rep. Mann, Led Effort to Lower Phosphate Fertilizer Duties

Kansas Corn Encourages Growers to Apply for \$550,000 in Irrigation Technology Funds

Cooperative Effort Leads to Progress on Rattlesnake/Quivira Issue

Kansas Corn Advocates for Aviation Biofuels

Headlines we are working on and hope to see with your help:
Farm Bill with Strong Crop Insurance, Safety Net, Export Funding Signed into Law: We are expecting a Farm Bill extension, and will continue to work for passage of the Farm Bill in 2024.

Ethanol's Future Is Secured with Passage of Next Generation Fuels Act:
 This key bill, introduced in both the House and Senate, would create a standard for ethanol's use and preserve the internal combustion engine, instead of forcing a fully electric future. KCGA and NCGA are working on several fronts to make sure the administration doesn't focus solely on electric vehicles for decarbonizing the transportation sector.

KCGA is lucky to have engaged members who respond to calls to action to submit comments on our issues. Comments from farmers carry a lot of weight in Washington DC. Want to know more? Read this newsletter, make sure you are on our Corn Insider email list, visit our kscorn.com website, and attend our winter meetings highlighted in this newsletter.

Winter Events
Listing on
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Applications Now Open for KCGA/NCGA Scholarships

The Next Generation Scholarship program is part of an effort by Kansas corn farmers to support students in post-secondary education who will make an impact in the corn and agriculture industries. Kansas Corn invests in students by awarding \$1,000 Next Generation Scholarships. NCGA and state partners, including Kansas, use a Consolidated Scholarship Application. This allows students to fill out one application that qualifies them for both the Kansas Corn Next Generation Scholarship and NCGA scholarships. Application deadline is Jan. 31, 2024. Learn more at kscorn.com/scholarship



New! Combined Corn & Soybean Schools in January

In our winter events listing on page 4, you will notice a change in our popular crop management schools offered in January. In 2024, Kansas Corn and Kansas Soybeans are combining their popular crop management schools, presented in conjunction with K-State Research and Extension. Combining the schools makes it more convenient for farmers to gain valuable management information for their cropping systems. The winter learning sessions for Kansas soybean and corn farmers will be held in Parsons, Hesston, Garden City and Olathe. For more information, see page 4 for dates and visit kscorn.com/schools to register.

Kansas Corn Leaders Fill Roles on NCGA Teams

Kansas Corn leaders and staff have been appointed to NCGA Action Teams. Chad Epler, Columbus: Market Development Action Team and serves as team vice chair; Brett Grauerholz, Republic: Production Technology Access Action Team; Brent Rogers, Hoxie: Risk Management and Transportation Action Team; Tanner McNinch, Ness City: Stewardship Action Team; Sue Schulte, Kansas Corn staff: Member and Consumer Engagement Action Team. Rogers will serve on the NCGA Nominating Committee and Epler will serve on the Resolutions Committee. Matt Splitter, Lyons, represents NCGA on the Mapping and Analyzing Connectivity on Agricultural Lands working group for the FCC's Precision Agriculture Connectivity Task Force.

KCGA Active In Sustainable Aviation Fuel Discussion

Sixteen of the nation's top corn grower leaders, including KCGA President Brent Rogers, Hoxie, asked that aviation biofuels be treated fairly in tax policy by using the best standards available. The corn leaders sent a letter recently to U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen encouraging her to adopt the Department of Energy's (DOE) Argonne National Laboratory Greenhouse Gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy use in Transportation (GREET) model as her agency works with the IRS to determine which biofuels can qualify for sustainable aviation fuel tax credits under the Inflation Reduction Act. A similar letter, signed by fuel producers and seven major airlines, as well as Boeing and GE Aerospace. If adopted, the move could open the door for further development of ethanol-based aviation fuel. Kansas Corn has been closely involved in efforts to advance the adoption of ethanol-based sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). The letter comes as ethanol is being considered for use in sustainable aviation fuel. Ethanol has been used for years to lower greenhouse gas emissions from cars and trucks while saving consumers money at the pump, and experts say the biofuel would do for airplanes what it has done for autos.

Cooperative Effort Leads to Progress on Rattlesnake/Quivira Issue

10-12-23—Encouraged by the work to manage water use in the Rattlesnake Creek Basin, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced it will withdraw the call for water for 2024 for the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, to allow a working group to develop options to be implemented in 2025. This builds momentum for continued work with local partners such as GMD 5 and WaterPACK to seek voluntary water conservation efforts to remedy the impairment. This has become a cornerstone issue for KCGA. We are working to protect access to water on nearly half a million irrigated acres.

BOTTOM LINE: KCGA has provided resources and expertise to reach this positive development for the area's economy.

Corn Growers, Sen. Moran, Rep. Mann, Led Effort to Lower Phosphate Duties

11-2-23—Corn growers received good news in November as the U.S. Department of Commerce announced it was lowering duties placed on phosphate fertilizers imported from Morocco from 19.97% to 2.12%.

Leaders from KCGA and NCGA, who have been vocal opponents of the duties, applauded the decision, calling it a big win for corn growers.

A bicameral letter, led by Senator Moran and Rep. Mann, and a letter from growers led by NCGA and KCGA were instrumental in bringing this issue to the forefront.

BOTTOM LINE: This action could help with fertilizer costs which were driven up over the past two years by duties and tariffs.

Kansas Corn Encourages Growers to Apply for Irrigation Tech Funds

11-7-23—Kansas Corn leaders urge farmers to apply for new cost share assistance and incentive payments now available to assist growers with irrigation efficiency technology through the KDA Division of Conservation. KCGA and other ag groups worked to secure this funding in the 2023 legislative session. Apply at your conservation district office. This is a meaningful investment making about \$550,000 available to help growers adopt irrigation technology. It's great to see this funding come to fruition to help our growers implement irrigation technology that can have real impact for water conservation.

BOTTOM LINE: KCGA's work to get this funding through the state water plan will help irrigation efficiency in Kansas.

Trade Teams Visit Kansas This Fall



This fall, Kansas Corn hosted visitors from Mexico, Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Indonesia and Australia.

Mexican Corn Buyers (left) Pat Ross, Lawrence and Hayden Guetterman, Bucyrus, talked to a high level team of corn buyers from Mexico at the Numemaker-Ross Farm.

Uzbekistan Team (center) J.D. Hanna, Silver Lake and Emma Jenks, Perry, spoke to a team from Uzbekistan who were taking a course at KSU's International Grains Program.

Ethanol Team (right) An ethanol team from Malaysia, Indonesia and Australia made several stops including Kansas Ethanol with Mike Chisam and Splitter Farms with Matt and Janna Splitter, Lyons.

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KANSAS CORN

2024 Winter Events

2024 KANSAS CORN & SOYBEAN SCHOOLS

Jan. 16 | Parsons

Jan. 17 | Hesston

Jan. 18 | Garden City

Jan. 19 | Olathe

KANSAS CORN SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, January 25 | Hilton Garden Inn, Salina, KS, 12 p.m.

Celebrate the Kansas Corn industry with top speakers, networking, KCGA Annual Meeting, a luncheon, reception and banquet.

KANSAS COMMODITY CLASSIC

Friday, January 26, Hilton Garden Inn, Salina, KS, 9 a.m.

The annual convention of the Kansas Corn, Grain Sorghum, Soybean and Wheat associations.