



FROM KANSAS CORN CEO JOSH ROE

It's About You . . .

I'm Josh Roe, and I'm the new CEO of Kansas Corn. I've said that a few times since I assumed that role in May when our CEO, Greg Krissek, retired. I've worked with Greg at Kansas Corn since 2018 as Vice President of Market Development and Public Policy. Having Greg as a mentor certainly made the transition easier. Over his nine years as Kansas Corn CEO, Greg positioned KCGA for a strong future. You'll see a lot of photos throughout our annual report, many of them snapped at farm visits, meetings and events for our social media channels. We have the best members, and we want to salute you for growing feed, food and fuel—and advocating for agriculture!

This annual report is about you. We have a fantastic board and staff, but this is truly about you, our grower members who make Kansas Corn strong. We can't make it rain, or stop hailstorms, but we can have a positive impact for our growers by being vocal and having the strongest impact in legislative and regulatory issues. We are made stronger by our work with the National Corn Growers Association and our fellow state associations.

It's about you when we travel to Topeka and Washington, DC to meet with legislators and regulators whose decisions have a direct impact on your farming operations and your bottom line. You can read about these efforts inside.

It's about you when we reach out with action alerts asking you to comment on key issues like the Farm Bill, ethanol, trade, atrazine and more. And you have responded to those calls to action in a big way. As staff, we have a lot of success advocating to legislators and regulators, but when a grower weighs in on an issue, that amplifies our message ten-fold.

It's about you when we hit the road, traveling across the state putting on our Summer Listening Tour, Kansas Corn and Soybean Schools, Kansas Corn Symposium, and attending farm shows and other events. The focus of these events is to have conversations with more corn farmers in all areas of the state.

It's about you when we lead our Corn Corps young farmer professional development program, and the Collegiate Academy, both aimed at empowering young professionals who are the future of our industry.

Our staff is focused on Kansas corn farmers. We work for you. All of this . . . is about you.



2023 Brings a New CEO at Kansas Corn



Josh Roe
Kansas Corn CEO



Greg Krissek
CEO Emeritus

Kansas Corn welcomed Josh Roe as CEO of Kansas Corn in May. Roe, who served as Vice President of Market Development and Public Policy since 2018, brings a broad background as an ag economist, policy and ethanol leader and farmer. He succeeds retiring Kansas Corn CEO Greg Krissek.

“Josh is like a Swiss Army Knife for Kansas Corn. He is a respected policy advocate and is an ethanol and market development leader and influencer for Kansas Corn and agriculture,” Krissek said.

“I’ve been lucky to have Greg as a boss, mentor, and friend. His thoughtful, forward-looking leadership has elevated Kansas Corn to new heights during his nine years as CEO,” Roe said. “Working with our grower leaders and assembling a strong staff, Greg strengthened our organization. I plan to continue to move our growers’ vision for Kansas Corn forward.”

About the Kansas Corn Growers Association

The Kansas Corn Growers Association was established in 1975 and is an affiliate of the National Corn Growers Association. KCGA represents over 1,100 members in legislative and regulatory issues. KCGA 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 Josh Roe, 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. This annual report is mailed to all KCGA members and made available online at KCGA events. 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.

2024 KCGA Leadership

At the 2024 KCGA Annual Meeting, Tanner McNinch, Ness City was reelected to represent the west central district; Matt Splitter, Lyons was reelected to represent the central district and J.D. Hanna, Silver Lake was reelected to represent the east central district. The KCGA board of directors elected the following officers: J.D. Hanna, Silver Lake, president; Matt Splitter, Lyons, vice president; Brett Grauerholz, Republic, secretary, and Emma Jenks, Perry, treasurer. Outgoing KCGA President Brent Rogers, Hoxie was recognized for his years of leadership. Rogers retired as president and remains on the board as the northwest district representative.

2024 KCGA Board of Directors

Northwest

Brent Rogers, Hoxie

West Central

Tanner McNinch, Ness City

Southwest

Ben McClure, Hugoton

North Central

Brett Grauerholz, Republic
Secretary

Central

Matt Splitter, Lyons
Vice President

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Jeff Albers, Denton

East Central

J.D. Hanna, Silver Lake
President

Southeast

Chad Epler, Columbus

At-Large

Emma Jenks, Perry
Treasurer



KCGA AT WORK FOR YOU



FARM BILL

Passage of the Farm Bill is a top priority. KCGA continues to work with NCGA into 2024 to pass a Farm Bill that protects crop insurance, strengthens producer safety net programs, builds international market development and supports voluntary conservation programs



ATRAZINE

KCGA leads national efforts to keep atrazine in the growers' toolbox, leading the Triazine Network. We're making substantial progress against EPA's latest attempts to severely limit growers' use of atrazine on over 90 percent of Kansas corn acres.



ETHANOL

We are working to ensure ethanol is part of the renewable energy portfolio of the future. We are working to get year-round E15, to adopt regulations to allow ethanol-based sustainable aviation fuel, and secure the passage of the Next Generation Fuels Act.



TRADE

When Mexico's president issued a decree to stop GMO corn purchases from the U.S., corn growers brought the issue to the forefront, leading to action from the U.S. Trade Rep. through the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement. Mexico is the top export market for U.S. corn.



FERTILIZER

KCGA continues to work with NCGA to advocate for removal of unfair tariffs and duties on fertilizer imports that have created volatility in fertilizer costs. The tariff on Moroccan phosphate duties was lowered from 19.97% to 2.12% due in part to NCGA/KCGA efforts.



RATTLESNAKE/QUIVIRA

KCGA provided resources and expertise to provide stakeholders with tools to develop voluntary conservation plans to remedy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Quivira impairment claim. USFWS withdrew its call for water for 2024 to allow a working group to develop options.



WATER/IRRIGATION

KCGA was pivotal in securing an additional \$35 million in water funding in the 2023 Kansas Legislature, to fund irrigation and reservoir improvements for the entire state. Of that amount, nearly \$10 million will go directly to irrigators for voluntary conservation practices.



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You're busy farming. And raising a family. So we're at the table when you can't be. And bringing more and more people to that table. From families to consumers, policymakers, farmers and more. But like you, we can't do it alone. Our strength is in our members. Our strength is in you.

We're at the table. And we're saving you a seat. Join us. Become a member at kscorn.com



Membership Options

- 1-Year Individual– \$75
- 3-Year Individual– \$150*
- Lifetime Individual– \$750*
- Student 1-Year– \$25
- Double Membership– \$280*
- Farm/Business Membership– \$700*

** Includes voucher for free bag of corn seed from participating brands.*

Easy Ways to Join KCGA

- Join or renew online at 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!