

CCPC CONGRATULATES TROY SCHNEIDER ON ELECTION TO NCGA CORN BOARD, MATT MULCH ON CORN ADVOCATE AWARD

Troy Schneider Elected to NCGA Corn Board

Delegates attending the National Corn Growers Association's (NCGA) Corn Congress, which was held July 20 in Washington D.C., elected four farmers



to serve on the organization's Corn Board. Taking office on Oct. 1, the start of NCGA's 2024 fiscal year, are new board members Troy Schneider of Colorado, Kelly Nieuwenhuis of Iowa and Bill Leigh of Illinois. Current board member Jed Bower of Ohio was re-elected. All four

candidates were elected to three-year terms.

Schneider served several years on the CCPC Board, including as president. He has also served as the chair of the Market Development Action Team for NCGA. "It is an honor and a humbling experience to be elected to the NCGA Board. The three of us that were elected have huge shoes to fill, and I look forward to working with the team," he said.

The NCGA Corn Board represents the organization on all matters while directing both policy and supervising day-to-day operations. Board members represent the federation of state organizations, supervise the affairs and activities of NCGA in partnership with the chief executive officer and implement NCGA policy established by the Corn Congress. Members also act as spokesmen for the NCGA and enhance the organization's public standing on all organizational and policy issues.

"This year's Corn Board candidates brought impressive records of service to their fellow farmers," said NCGA Nominating Committee Chairman Chris Edgington. "Their willingness to share their time and talent serves as a testament to the importance of the work we do. I look forward to watching how the insights, ideas, experiences, and perspectives each brings help guide NCGA's work to build a bright future for corn farmers across the country."

Matt Mulch selected as Corn Advocate of the Year

CCPC's Secretary Matt Mulch was selected as one of three NCGA Corn Advocates of the Year. This is the first year this award has been presented, and it was done at this year's Corn Congress on July 20.

"I was very surprised to receive the award. I do really enjoy being a voice for the corn producers of Colorado, and hope

that this could just be the beginning. I tried to do as much as I could this year to learn and am grateful for the opportunity," said Matt Much.

Recipients were selected based on their participation in NCGA's call to action alerts, participation in various leadership development opportunities, CornPAC membership and participation in fly-in/Hill engagement opportunities. The individuals were recommended by the NCGA Grassroots Team and voted on by the Corn Board.



BRAZIL'S UPTICK IN CORN EXPORTS NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF TREND, AG ECONOMIST SAYS

While Brazil is positioned to surpass the U.S. in corn exports this year, the data don't indicate the trend leading to this development will necessarily continue, as the South American country faces many challenges when it comes to agriculture and trade, a national ag economist said today.

"U.S. exports have been hindered by droughts that have affected key areas of the Corn Belt," NCGA Lead Economist Krista Swanson said. "But the U.S. has several relative advantages in the global corn market that can be harnessed to support our \$90 billion corn industry."

The U.S. is bolstered by far superior infrastructure and sustainable farming practices, Swanson noted. For example, she said Brazil is 86.6% of the size of the entire United States but has just 25% of the roadway miles found in this country, of which only 12.4% are paved. Nearly 70% of roadway miles are paved in the U.S.

The comments were made during a joint press conference hosted by the National Corn Growers Association and the U.S. Grains Council and come as reports show that Brazil is on pace to surpass the U.S. in corn exports this year. Swanson was joined at the press conference by U.S. Grains Council Vice President Gary Sifferath, who addressed potential new markets

that could be cultivated for U.S. corn growers.

In addition to listing the strengths U.S. corn growers bring to the table, Swanson also highlighted some of Brazil's limitations.

"While there is additional pasture area available for cropland expansion in the country, efforts are also underway to rein in deforestation of valuable rainforest that is critical to global sustainability," Swanson said. "In the U.S., by contrast, farmers have used innovation to sustainably increase production of corn over time with a finite land area."

NCGA has called on Congress to double funding in the farm bill for important trade programs, such as the Market Access Program and the Foreign Market Development Program.

MAP is designed to encourage development, maintenance and expansion of commercial markets for U.S. agricultural exports. FMD is a joint government and agri-industry effort to develop markets by acquainting potential foreign customers with U.S. farm products.

The final data on trade exports from both countries for the 2022-2023 market year will be released in September.

NEW RETAIL OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. BEEF IN THE PHILIPPINES

The expansion of membership-based retailing in Southeast Asia has reached the Philippines, creating new opportunities to introduce high-quality U.S. beef to consumers. USMEF partnered with S&R Membership Shopping to promote U.S. beef during the grand opening of its newest outlet in Kawit, 15 miles south of Manila. S&R is the leading membership shopping retailer in the Philippines

with 23 outlets nationwide.

Fourteen cuts of U.S. beef were featured, including middle meats and several cuts and items from the chuck and round. In addition to featured prices and product samplings, consumers making a qualifying purchase received U.S. beef-branded pepper grinders. USMEF also supported the promotion through its social media platforms.

CCPC DIRECTOR APPLICATION AVAILABLE

Are you interested in serving on the CCPC Board of Directors? We are looking for producers to serve on our seven-person board. Please visit <https://bit.ly/CCPCDirectorApp> or scan the QR code below to learn more.

Applications are due Aug. 15, 2023



MARKET DEVELOPMENT ACTION TEAM INVESTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Your Market Development Action Team is looking for your ideas to promote and market Colorado corn. What things would you like to see the MDAT focus on or invest in? Some ideas that have been put forward include: more E15 gas pumps in northern Colorado, promoting corn-based plastics, exports of corn in all forms, informing the public about the uses of corn and informing consumers about the steps farmers are taking to preserve our clean waters and our land. What ideas do you have?

Please visit <https://bit.ly/MDATSurvey> or scan the QR code below to learn more.



NCGA URGES ADVOCATES AND ALLIES TO ASK CONGRESS TO ADVANCE FARM BILL

The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) launched a campaign that encourages advocates and allies to contact their congressional delegation about the importance of passing a bipartisan, comprehensive farm bill in 2023 that will support and protect the corn industry.

Corn producers manage many variables – weather, price volatility, market uncertainty, and others – to efficiently feed and fuel the world. The farm bill, which authorizes USDA programs, plays a critical role in this challenging mission by helping growers navigate and respond to risks outside of their control.

NCGA has been working diligently since the implementation of the last farm bill to thoughtfully develop recommendations for the 2023 farm bill by surveying membership, processing input from Action Teams and grower leaders, and analyzing the political environment. You can find more information about NCGA's farm bill priorities [here](https://p2a.co/MXYof1A).

So far thousands of messages have been sent by farmers across the country and if you would like to add your voice on the Farm Bill you can by following this link: <https://p2a.co/MXYof1A>



Farm bill-funded trade programs are vital to U.S. agribusiness.

EPA SETS FINAL RENEWABLE FUEL VOLUMES FOR 2023-2025

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released final volume requirements under the Renewable Fuel Standard for 2023, 2024 and 2025, providing for annual growth in total renewable fuel volumes, although with lower conventional biofuel volumes than EPA had proposed.

For 2023, EPA set an implied 15.25-billion-gallon requirement for conventional ethanol, which includes a supplemental 250 million gallons a prior court decision required EPA to restore to the RFS. For 2024 and 2025, EPA holds the implied conventional volume level at 15 billion gallons, despite proposing 15.25 billion gallons for those two years.

“Today’s final RFS volumes came in below levels EPA proposed for conventional biofuels for 2024 and 2025, holding ethanol volumes steady at 15 billion gallons,” said NCGA President Tom Haag. “A multi-year RFS volume rule offers stability and certainty for renewable fuels. However, when it comes to addressing pressing energy, environmental and economic challenges, EPA’s final rule falls short of the emission reductions and cost-saving benefits the higher proposed ethanol volumes would have

provided.”

Separate from the volumes, Haag noted corn growers appreciate that EPA did not finalize a proposal to create a new program to generate RFS credits from automakers for electricity from renewable biomass, referred to as e-RINS.

“NCGA and its members strongly urged EPA to separate its e-RIN proposal from the RFS volumes because the proposal was wholly inconsistent with the way the RFS functions for other fuels and created an unlevel playing field across the RFS,” said Haag.

The RFS requires annual volumes of renewable fuels, such as ethanol, be used in the fuel supply to reduce emissions, expand and diversify the supply, improve energy security and lower costs.

The 2023-2025 volume is EPA’s first RFS rule based on qualitative environmental, economic and agricultural factors listed in the statute, rather than specific volumes in law. The new process allows EPA greater latitude, which the agency used to build on the strong baseline of the 2022 RFS volumes.

USGC RELEASES NEW VIDEO HIGHLIGHTING SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

A new video released by the U.S. Grains Council (USGC) highlights the organization’s efforts to showcase the sustainability practices of the U.S. corn supply chain. The video also provides a breakdown of the Council’s new Sustainable Corn Exports (SCE) platform and the Corn Sustainability Assurance Protocol (CSAP).

“The Records of Sustainability that the USGC is making available to international customers will provide consumers with transparent data and information on the sustainability of U.S. corn. Additionally, the

database of records enables our international customers to comply with ingredient sourcing standards they or their downstream customers may be subject to. We hope this video provides a succinct explanation of the new sustainability tools the Council has launched,” said Andrew Brandt, USGC director of trade policy.

Visit <https://youtu.be/Qhn9EIBQcAs> to watch the video.



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