

CCPC PARTICIPATES IN THE USGC GLOBAL INDUSTRY PARTNERS CONFERENCE

The world is a complex place, and ensuring and facilitating access for U.S. corn across the globe takes a tremendous amount of effort and strategy to accomplish. This is why the CCPC has the U.S. Grains Council as one of our strategic partners. The USGC has 28 offices around the world, where they operate programs in more than 50 countries with the goal of increasing the export of U.S. corn in all forms.

In April, the USGC hosted its Global Industry Partners Conference (GIPC) in Marrakech, Morocco. USGC staff from its nine worldwide offices came together with their corn, sorghum, and barley checkoff partners to discuss the opportunities and challenges that the industry faces right now, as well as those in the future. Over the three days of the GIPC, participants heard about feed grain and ethanol market updates directly from USGC global staff, our boots-on-the-ground efforts promoting U.S. corn across the globe, as well as discussions on trade policy barriers, innovation and sustainability.

“We definitely have some challenges to exporting U.S. corn to other countries. We are seeing increased competition from countries like Brazil, who have invested heavily in infrastructure and trade relationships with countries like China and India which leads to what near-term strategies can we implement to remain competitive looking out five-to-ten years,” said Colorado Corn Promotion Council Executive Director Nicholas Colglazier, who attended the conference.

He added, “We also discussed issues around biotech. The dispute with Mexico may be at the forefront, but this is an issue we still see around the world. Ironically, our biggest market competition, Brazil and Argentina, are our best allies as we work with them through Maizall to promote biotech crops across the globe.”

While there are headwinds, there are a fair number of opportunities too. An increasing focus for USGC is in the ethanol space. As countries look to decarbonize their transportation sector, many are turning to ethanol to do so, and that is an opportunity to expand our exports. There is also the developing sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) market, that has the potential to utilize ethanol as a jet fuel, as well as clean cooking applications. USGC has also undertaken a study that will increase US corn competitiveness, showing that better quality will lead to increased starch or animal growth yields.

Also among the major topics was the new Regional Agriculture Promotion Program, also known as RAPP. This program was recently announced by the USDA and will be providing \$1.2 billion over five years to help exporters break into new markets. This is a major opportunity that can help USGC expand its global footprint to increase the imports of US corn across the world.

“In the end, the discussions we were able to have will help the USGC set their priorities, programs and strategies for the near term as well as those in 5-10 years to ensure that our farmers have access to consumers across the world,” stated Colglazier.

After the conference, Council staff and checkoff members were invited to tour COPAG, a major citrus and dairy cooperative and manufacturer in southern Morocco. The Council has sponsored several projects for COPAG in the last 20 years, including providing engineering and start-up support for a modern feedlot and three large dairy operations that have become models for a modern dairy industry in Morocco and helped promote the use of corn and corn co-products in ruminant diets throughout the country.



CCPC, AG INDUSTRY MOURNS THE LOSS OF DR. RYAN MATTHEW TAYLOR



Ryan Matthew Taylor passed away on May 5, 2024 at the age of 50, of natural causes.

Ryan served as the Director of Sustainability, Research and Industry Relationships for the CCPC.

No one was expecting Ryan's life to be cut short so soon, as there were far more plans and adventures in store. "We are all devastated by this huge loss and we'll forever hold him in our hearts. He was born with a heart of gold, a kind soul and a huge smile for everyone he met. He was larger than life itself," his family said.

He had such an adventurous spirit. He loved spending time with his family first and foremost, but enjoyed camping, fishing, hiking, biking, canoeing, really anything outdoors. He also really enjoyed sports — golf and basketball if he was involved, but if watching it, the sky was the limit. As he watched he'd be "coaching" or cheering loud enough for them to hear. We always knew if his "Nuggets" were winning or not. If he didn't have a team in the game, he would always root for the underdog.

Ryan took a hiatus from school when he was younger and perfected his craft of homebuilding, including custom log homes. Once he decided he needed a change of scenery, to school he went. He studied soils with the intent of being a "biogeochemist" as he put it. He was awarded his PhD from Colorado State University on May 4, 2024.

He was passionate about learning and was always reading something. He felt like over the last year or so he'd really come into his own in his career, bringing people together for a great cause and bridging the divide.

Ryan was preceded in death by his dad, Dean Taylor. He missed him

deeply every single day. He was also preceded in death by both sets of his grandparents.

He will always be remembered by his wife Rittie as the greatest love of her life and he felt the same of her, daughters Rittie Winkelman (CO) and her daughter "Tootie" who was Ryan's favorite person in the entire world; Ashley Searcy (CO); his loving mother Gayla Taylor (CO); his older brother Rob and his wife Alison (TX); and a long list of deeply saddened Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and extended family.

He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by friends and colleagues as well.

Services will be held at a later date.

If you would like to share a memory you have of Ryan, please visit <https://bit.ly/RyanMTaylor> or scan the QR code.



CCPC UNVEILS NEW WEBSITE



The Colorado Corn Promotion Council (CCPC) is proud to announce the launch of its newly redesigned website, aimed at providing a modern and user-friendly platform for corn producers and consumers alike. The year-long project, culminating in the new website, reflects CCPC's commitment to advancing market outreach and promoting the importance of grain corn in Colorado's agricultural landscape. The overarching objective was to establish an intuitive online experience that serves as a valuable resource for industry stakeholders and the general public.

"We are thrilled to introduce our new website, which embodies our dedication to supporting Colorado's corn producers and fostering greater awareness about the significance of grain corn," said Nicholas Colglazier, Executive Director of the CCPC. "Our goal was to create a modern, classic platform that not only showcases our initiatives but also serves as a comprehensive hub of information and tools."

Key features of the revamped website include the innovative "Producer First Platform™" designed specifically to cater to the needs of corn producers by offering pertinent resources, industry insights, and ensuring producers are getting the most for their investment in the CCPC. Additionally, the site serves as an educational resource for consumers interested in learning more about grain corn and its various applications.

For more information about the Colorado Corn Promotion Council and to explore the new website, please visit www.coloradocorn.com.

NCGA REFLECTS ON FARM BILL MARKUP

The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 has passed the House Committee on Agriculture by a vote of 33-21.

The NCGA said many of the recommendations made by corn grower leaders are reflected in the legislation and language in the bill would improve programs for corn growers across the country.

“We are deeply appreciative of the members on the committee and their staff for their work on this legislation,” said NCGA President Harold Wolle. “Advancing the farm bill through committee is an important milestone in the legislative process.”

During the markup, corn growers supported several amendments that were filed by committee members to improve the farm bill. Wolle said growers were appreciative of Rep. Max Miller (R-Ohio) for offering an amendment on sustainable aviation fuel that was adopted by the committee. He also thanked Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) for leading and offering an amendment requiring a mandatory base acre update that would better reflect corn growers priorities for commodity program eligibility. Rep. Caraveo (D-CO), who serves on the House Ag Committee, voted in favor of the bill.

Wolle said corn growers stand ready to provide additional feedback to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees and all members of Congress as the legislative process moves forward. “For the farm bill to be successfully reauthorized this year, there will ultimately need to be broad support from members of both parties,” Wolle noted.

NCGA’s farm bill priorities include protecting federal crop insurance, bolstering U.S. international market development efforts, strengthening the producer safety net, supporting voluntary conservation programs, championing initiatives important to rural America and providing a base acre update.

CORN GROWERS DISAPPOINTED IN GREET MODEL UPDATE

An announcement in early May by the U.S. Department of Treasury regarding the final guidance on eligibility for the Sustainable Aviation Fuel tax credits enacted in the Inflation Reduction Act was met with concern from leaders at the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) who say they are now committed to ensuring that the updated guidelines for the credit are vastly improved.

NCGA raised specific issues with the changes Treasury made to the Department of Energy’s GREET model, which is used to measure greenhouse gas emissions and will be a crucial mechanism in determining who receives the tax credit.

Corn grower leaders said they are particularly troubled that the updated model requires farmers to bundle the use of no-till practices, enhanced efficiency fertilizers and cover crops for their grain to meet the standards now required to qualify for the tax credit.

“We are deeply disappointed that this updated model requires farmers to implement environmental practices that are not practical for all acres of the large and varied geographic region in which corn is grown,” said Minnesota farmer and NCGA President Harold Wolle. “This requirement in GREET will significantly hinder the chances corn growers have in accessing the sustainable aviation fuel market, even as higher blends of corn ethanol offer great promise in the country’s fight against greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.”

Wolle noted that cover crops can be difficult, if not impossible, to grow in dryer climates, making the bundling requirement extremely unreasonable. He also noted that growers should be able to implement their own environmental practices.

“As corn growers, we already understand the environmental practices that work best for our growing conditions and climate, so it is not necessary for the government

to dictate specifically how we reach an emissions reduction goal,” Wolle said. “Farmers are going to have different methods depending on a variety of factors, including where their farms are located.”

The Inflation Reduction Act, passed in 2022, allocates tax credits for biofuels that can demonstrate that they cut greenhouse gas emissions by 50% or more. After the law was passed, Treasury and EPA were charged with choosing a model that would measure emissions throughout the life of biofuels.

NCGA has been at the forefront of this issue, making a case about how ethanol can help the aviation sector meet the nation’s environmental goals. But recent developments have made growers question the Biden administration’s commitment to using ethanol as a climate solution.

“President Biden has repeatedly said that biofuels will play an important role in the decarbonization of the transportation sector,” Wolle said. “Yet, this announcement and the recently finalized Multi-Pollutant Rule issued by the EPA have left corn growers across the country grasping for ideas on just how they will be able to contribute to this effort.”

Wolle said NCGA and corn growers across the country will increase their advocacy efforts to improve the changes Treasury made to the GREET model as the Biden administration focuses on the next phase of the Inflation Reduction Act for passenger vehicles, referred to as the 45Z tax credit. The 45Z tax credit will take effect at the beginning of 2025. As part of the law, the aviation tax credit will be folded into the 45Z tax credit beginning on January 1, 2025.

NCGA has been concerned about the delays with the release of the sustainable aviation fuel guidance because the regulatory uncertainty is beginning to impact fuel delivery contracts already being negotiated for January of next year.



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