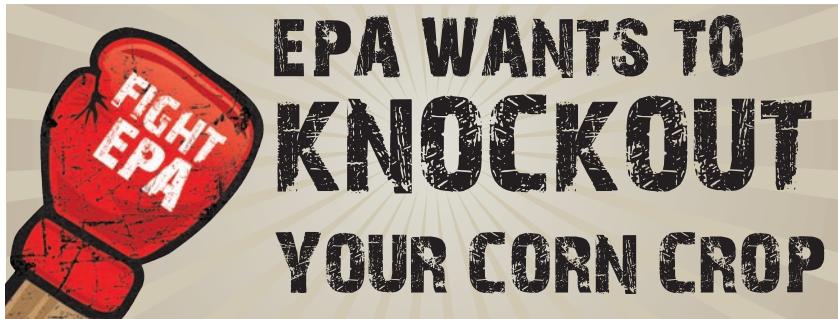




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Action Needed to Stop EPA's Ban on Atrazine

If the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has its way, it would ban atrazine, according to the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association (WCGA).

In June, EPA issued a draft Ecological Risk Assessment, recommending reducing the level of atrazine nearly three times less than current levels, and seven times less than scientific studies have indicated as acceptable. Atrazine is a key ingredient in nearly 100 herbicide mixes. WCGA said EPA's action would increase the cost to Wisconsin corn growers and reduce sustainable farming practices.

"For more than 50 years, atrazine has been a safe and effective crop protection tool to control the spread of resistant weeds and improve yields, and has been a valuable tool in sustainable farming practices," said Casey Kelleher, president of WCGA. "EPA's action would drive up the cost of production to Wisconsin corn growers and reduce their yields."

WCGA said EPA's draft assessment represents a terrible precedent, claiming EPA has not based its assessment on sound science, and has ignored its own Science Advisory Panel's recommendations. WCGA said EPA has also discounted 7,000 rigorous, high-quality scientific studies and didn't adhere to its own high standards. Because of this flawed methodology, if EPA's recommendations in this risk assessment stand, it will effectively ban the use of atrazine.

WCGA is urging corn growers to comment on EPA's proposed atrazine risk assessment. The deadline to comment is October 4.

Corn Grower *Calendar*

Oct. 24-27 U.S. Grains Council Export Exchange Detroit, MI

Jan. 16, 2017 WCGA Policy Review

Feb. 2-3, 2017 Corn/Soy Expo Wisconsin Dells

March 2-4, 2017 Commodity Classic San Antonio, TX

How EPA's action and the loss of atrazine will hit you:

- **\$30-\$59 per acre added cost.**
- **7 bushels per acre yield loss.**
- **Increased herbicide resistance.**
- **Less conservation tillage.**
- **\$119 million annual statewide income loss.**

Join WCGA's effort to FIGHT EPA and protect atrazine.

Comment on EPA's Atrazine Risk Assessment: www.ncga.com/atz

WCGA Leaders Take on Washington at Summer Corn Congress

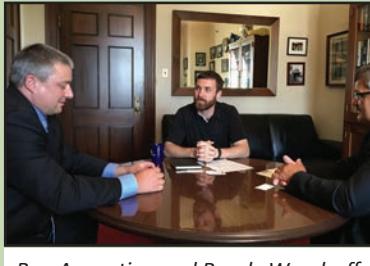
Even though Congress was on its summer recess, WCGA members had a productive time during NCGA's Corn Congress, and visiting with staff on Capitol Hill. Meeting with congressional staff July 20, Wisconsin grower members continued the push for support of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), thanked those members of the congressional delegation who supported passage of GMO labeling bill and made the offices aware of EPA's failures on the Renewable Fuel Standard and atrazine risk assessment.



Cal Dalton, Jayne Dalton, Randy Woodruff, Nicole Wagner and Jim Zimmerman get ready for an afternoon of meetings.



Jim Zimmerman and Cal Dalton talk with Katie Donnell of Speaker Paul Ryan's office, discussing GMO labeling, TPP and ethanol Reid Vapor Pressure.



Ben Augustine and Randy Woodruff meet with Alex Eveland of Rep. Ron Kind's office, talking support of TPP, food labeling and Mississippi River navigation.



Jim Zimmerman was recognized for his service on the NCGA board by president Chip Bowling during the Corn Congress session.

Fill Your Bins! December 1 is the Deadline for Wisconsin Corn Yield Contest Registration

WCGA is seeking applicants for the association's 2016 Corn Yield Contest. WCGA recognizes top-yielding corn production from farmers in four districts of the state.

First, second and third-place cash prizes will be awarded for WCGA member/growers in each of the following four organizations: Columbia County Corn Growers, Juneau/Adams/Marquette Corn Growers and the Dodge/Fond du Lac Corn Growers group. Corn growers in other parts of the state will compete against each other in a statewide category. First-place winners in each of the four categories receive \$500; second place receives \$250; and third place receives \$100.

Entry in the state corn yield contest is free, but growers must be members of WCGA, and only one entry per member will be accepted. At harvest, corn yields must be verified for the contest by either a county agent or a professional agricultural consultant, and can be confirmed by using a weigh wagon or truck scale. A harvest form must be submitted to be considered for a prize. A harvest report form must be postmarked or received electronically by Dec. 1, 2016.



Get the rules and entry form at:
wicorn.org/growers/corn-yield-contest

Boards Adopt New Logos to Establish and Promote “Wisconsin Corn” Brand

To present a more modern and professional identity, the WCGA board of directors approved a new look to the association's logo, and established a “Wisconsin Corn” logo to be used for broader promotion of Wisconsin's corn industry.

The Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board also adopted a new logo, utilizing the “Wisconsin Corn” image to strengthen the promotion board's efforts to increase marketing opportunities for Wisconsin corn.



National Biotech Disclosure Bill Signed Into Law

WCGA believes the new national biotech disclosure law signed into law in July is an important agreement that protects America's food supply from a harmful patchwork of state-level food labeling laws. The law will provide consumers with more information than ever before, and ensure a transparent, national food labeling system.

The bill, which received bipartisan support, will bring consistency to the marketplace and prevent the negative ramifications of conflicting state and national food labeling standards.

America's corn farmers, along with other farmers across the country, rely on agricultural biotechnology to meet the demand of an ever-growing global population, while reducing their impact on the environment. The bill ensures that mandatory, on-pack labels do not place an unwarranted stigma on safe, proven technology.

Legislative Action

Voting in Support

Rep. Paul Ryan
Rep. Ron Kind
Rep. Sean Duffy
Rep. Reid Ribble
Rep. Glen Grothmann
Sen. Ron Johnson
Sen. Tammy Baldwin

Voting Against

Rep. James Sensenbrenner
Rep. Mark Pocan
Rep. Gwen Moore

What WCGA Is Watching

WCGA is active on several issues of importance to corn growers.



Atrazine

WCGA is working to remove some farms from state-imposed Atrazine Prohibition Zones. Research has shown that atrazine can be safely reintroduced into these areas with some monitoring and use restrictions.

Fertilizer and Pesticide Fees

WCGA is leading the effort to reduce the farmers' burden for funding the Agricultural Chemical Cleanup Program. WCGA is also working to reallocate some of the remaining fees to the Fertilizer Research Council. This is a farmer-led committee funding cutting edge research to help farmers better manage fertilizer application.

Transportation

WCGA is part of a broad coalition to make sure that towns, counties and the state have the resources they need to fix and upgrade our roads.

New Nutrient Management Requirements

WCGA is working with other farm groups to assure that public pressure does not lead to unreasonable regulations on nutrient management, and that any new requirements are based on sound science.

Reminder on Rules for Transporting IOH or Ag CMVs More Than 8.5 Feet Wide

Here's a reminder for growers who are transporting an IOH or Ag CMV that is more than 8.5 feet wide. No person may operate on a highway any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer carrying any load extending beyond the fender line on the left side or extending more than 6 inches beyond the fender line on the right side of the vehicle (unless you have a permit to do so).

However, this does not apply to IOH and Ag-CMVs transported by trailer or semitrailer to or from an ag-related destination, BUT here are some specific rules to follow:

1. A person can haul unlimited width for IOH at times other than hours of darkness. During hours of darkness, a load cannot exceed 8 feet 6 inches.
2. The unlimited width provision does not apply on the Interstate Highway System. Unless you hold a valid WisDOT permit, all and any load(s) cannot exceed 8 feet 6 inches.

For state and local roads, if a load containing an IOH or Ag-CMV exceeds 8 feet 6 inches, then two amber flashing warning lamps must be mounted to indicate the lateral extremities of the load. They must be visible from both the front and rear. Some people add orange flags as well - this is perfectly fine-but the lights are a minimum requirement.

3. For purposes of service, repair or delivery (and within a 75-mile radius) an implement dealer and/or a farmer can transport a load that exceeds 8 feet 6 inches during hours of darkness, but two amber flashing warning lamps, visible from both the front and rear, must be mounted to indicate the lateral extremities of the load.



Promoting WI Corn in Southeast Asia

David Adams, Lake Geneva, and board member of the Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board (WCPB), represented Wisconsin corn growers and the U.S. Grains Council (USGC) at the Southeast Asia-U.S. Agricultural buyers conference in Cebu, Philippines, in July. David serves on the USGC Asia Advisory Team.



Department of Energy Labs Report Shows Benefits of Mid-Level Ethanol Blends

A Department of Energy scientific analysis showed the numerous benefits of using high octane mid-level ethanol blends in future optimized engines. The findings were contained in the Argonne and National Renewable Energy Laboratories' "Summary of High Octane, Mid-Level Ethanol Blends Study."

Some of these benefits include: increased vehicle efficiency, increased acceleration and significant reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. In particular, mid-level blends such as E25 and E40 have significantly more octane which allows automakers to manufacture more efficient engines without compromising performance, ultimately saving consumers at the pump, as well as further reducing GHG emissions.

Corn Promotion

Ethanol Promotions for FFVs

The American Lung Association in Wisconsin Clean Air Choice® Program held promotions of E85 in August and September for Flex Fuel Vehicle (FFV) owners.

Promotions were held at the Liberty Station in Sun Prairie and Badger Ethanol Smart Station in Monroe. One will be held Sept. 30 at the Badger Ethanol Smart Station in Platteville. E85 was sold for \$.85/gallon at each location and E15 sold for \$1.15/gallon at the Smart Stations.

The events are supported through funding by the Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board.

...high octane fuels (HOF), specifically mid-level ethanol blends (E25-E40), could offer significant benefits for the United States. These benefits include an improvement in vehicle fuel efficiency in vehicles designed and dedicated to use the increased octane...

Department of Energy

NCGA Wants You to Fill Out Those USDA Crop Surveys

NCGA is encouraging members to participate in the crop surveys conducted by the National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS). Declining producer response rates in crop surveys can adversely impact the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) program's implementation. NCGA said an effective and equitable implementation of the ARC program relies heavily on the published survey data provided the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Farmer-reported data collected is also necessary for numerous loan programs, disaster assistance, Conservation Reserve Program, farm appraisals and the establishment of yields and price elections for federal crop insurance area policy coverage.

Key Surveys and Dates for Corn Growers

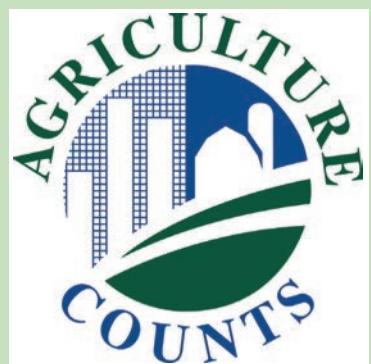
Row crop CAPS (corn, soy, sorghum)
December Ag (Annual Crop Production Summary)

Estimated Mailing

Oct. 17
Nov. 20

Data Collection

11/4-1/15
11/28-12/21



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WCGA has made it easy for you to get DTN weather and pricing information. Go to [WICORN.ORG](http://wicorn.org) and click on Grower Resources.

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The Wisconsin Corn Growers Association works to represent growers with state and federal policy leaders. We rely on membership dues to give corn growers a strong voice. Ask someone you know to join our efforts to create opportunities to keep corn growers in Wisconsin successful.

Wisconsin Corn Growers Association Membership Application

Join the WCGA by completing and mailing this membership form. You may also join online at: wicorn.org/join

Payment enclosed: \$150 (3-year membership) \$60 (1-year membership) Select One: New Renewal

Name: _____

Business/Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Credit Card: MC VISA Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Cardholder's Name (print): _____ Cardholder's Signature: _____

Billing Address (If different than Member Address): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of recruiter who asked by to join: _____

Are you interested in getting more information about WCGA leadership opportunities: Yes No

Return to: Wisconsin Corn Growers Association, W226N5956 Lynwood Drive, Lisbon, WI 53089

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