



# Wisconsin Corn Growers Association



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## Corn Growers Set Policy Resolutions for 2016

The Wisconsin Corn Growers Association (WCGA) approved a range of state and federal resolutions for 2016 at the organization's annual meeting held during Corn/Soy Expo. **Read more on Page 3.**

In the area of ethanol market expansion, the corn growers approved a resolution supporting the removal of regulatory barriers on the use of higher blends of ethanol, and supporting state and national efforts by fuel retailers to market 15% ethanol blends.

With uncertainty over the permitting process of high capacity wells caused by a series of court decisions, the corn growers are supporting regulatory changes to streamline the well permit application process and clarify permitting for new or replacement wells.

WCGA members adopted a resolution supporting adequate funding of state and federal transportation budgets. The corn growers also opposed improper application of road damage statutes.

WCGA members approved a resolution supporting a four-year fee holiday on the Agricultural Chemical Cleanup Program (ACCP) because of its existing balance and to prevent the state from raiding this fund for use in other state budget areas.



WCGA President Casey Kelleher joined farm broadcaster Brian Winnekins and Wisconsin Soybean Association President Dan Roe and Wisconsin Pork Association President Mike Beisbier in talking about legislative priorities at Corn/Soy Expo.

## Corn Grower Calendar

- June 11** Ethanol Night at the Races, Jefferson Speedway
- July 19** Farm Technology Days, Lake Geneva

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Keep track of current WCGA news and information promoting the corn industry.



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## Growers Make Voice Heard in Washington

Eight WCGA members met with the state's congressional delegation in Washington, DC, March 13-16. The members also met with federal agency leaders, foreign embassy staff, lobbying groups and ethanol organizations. The corn growers advocated adoption of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement and support for uniform national labeling of foods produced using GMO technology. The group also continued making the case for protection of the Renewable Fuel Standard.

The WCGA members in attendance were: Casey Kelleher and Mark Hoffmann, Whitewater; Ben Augustine, Sheldon; Randy Hughes, Janesville; Randy Woodruff, Chippewa Falls; Ken Rosenow, Oconomowoc; Cal Dalton, Endeavor; and Bill Hoffman, Columbus.



A highlight of the WCGA trip to Washington, DC, was meeting with Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, now the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

# Corn Promotion

## American Ethanol Super Truck Race Series Schedule Includes "Ethanol Night at Races"

The American Ethanol Super Truck Races Series has its 2016 racing schedule set, with Jefferson Speedway as its home track for the race series. The WCGA and Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board (WCPB) will host an **Ethanol Night at the Races** on June 11 at the Jefferson Speedway. Watch our website or Facebook for more details.



# Member Leadership

## Growers Re-elected to WCGA Board

Corn growers re-elected four members to the WCGA board of directors at the organization's annual meeting Feb. 4.

Steve Duwe, Lake Mills, Zeb Zuehls, Monticello, and Crystal Romanowski, Stanley, were re-elected as grower directors. Tommy Jackson, Syngenta, was re-elected as the industry representative to the board.

Duwe and his wife farm more than 1,000 acres of corn and soybeans near Lake Mills. Zuehls and his family operate a small cow/calf herd, row crop and custom farming operation near Montello. Romanowski and her family operate 5,000 acres of grain, forages and do custom farm work near Stanley.



Crystal Romanowski



Steve Duwe



Zeb Zuehls

- April 16 Rockford Speedway - Practice
- April 17 Rockford Speedway - Spring Ethanol Classic
- May 14 Jefferson Speedway - Ethanol Shootout Round #1
- June 11 Jefferson Speedway - National Ethanol Short-Track Championships
- July 2 Jefferson Speedway - Ethanol Shootout Round # 2
- July 16 Dells Raceway Park - Ethanol Racing Research Clean Air 50
- Aug. 13 Jefferson Speedway - Ethanol Shootout Round #3
- Sept. 18 Jefferson Speedway - Wisconsin State Championships Weekend
- Oct. TDB Rockford Speedway - National Short Track Racing Championships



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## Updates to Implements of Husbandry Law Proposed

The third version of Wisconsin's Implements of Husbandry bill was recently signed by Gov. Scott Walker. The bill's authors, Sen. Jerry Petrowski (R-Marathon) and Rep. Keith Ripp (R-Lodi), say their latest revisions address items that are technical in nature but still critically important to farmers operating machinery on state roadways.

# Legislative Action

Major changes of the bill include:

1. Clarified that an implement dealer must disclose the axle weight(s) and gross vehicle weight of an implement upon sale. The disclosure must be in writing and that the 'unladen' vehicle weight be disclosed at the point of sale.
2. Changed references in statutes of "from farm to field, from field to field or from farm to farm" or "to or from a farm-related destination" to capture the movement between or among farms, fields, agricultural storage or processing facilities, and locations where an IOH or Ag-CMV is stored.
3. Changed the statutes governing the definition and use of the slow moving vehicle (SMV) sign. The changes reflect the true purpose of the SMV sign—to indicate the slow moving speed of a vehicle and nothing else.
  - An IOH must have an SMV sign, but it isn't used to indicate the presence of a 'wide' IOH.
  - An SMV sign will no longer be used as a marking instrument for the side of a vehicle in an agricultural train consisting of two implements of husbandry drawn by a motor truck, truck tractor or agricultural commercial motor vehicle.
  - An operator will no longer be allowed to attach a yellow or amber light to the left rear of an IOH as a marking instrument in lieu of an SMV sign.
4. Federal law does not authorize an Ag-CMV that exceeds 8.5 feet in width to be operated on the interstate highway system unless it has an oversize permit from Wisconsin Department of Transportation. This was understood, but it will now be expressly written out in statutes.
5. For the movement of IOH within a 75-mile radius from an implement dealer to a farmer or vice versa, this bill clarifies statutes with regard to the operation, towing or transport of IOH being transported and facing to the rear. It requires that amber flashers must be activated to mark the lateral extremities of the transported IOH. It also stipulates that an IOH being operated or towed can legally be on the interstate highway system, but any IOH being transported that exceeds 8.5 feet in width must have an oversize permit from DOT.
6. Clarified that if someone is transporting an IOH that exceeds 8.5 feet in width at times other than hours of darkness, they must have amber flashers activated to mark the lateral extremities of the IOH.
7. Allowed an applicant for a no fee permit to submit only one application for multiple IOH or Ag-CMVs if those vehicles listed in the application are identical.



Get more information at:  
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/ioh>

## Corn Growers Make Pitch for UW To Fill Weed Specialist Position Amid Restructuring

The WCGA is backing the hiring of a new Cropping Systems Weed Specialist for the Agronomy Department at the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALs) at UW-Madison.

The organization said in a letter to Kate VandenBosch, Dean of CALs, the research through this position has provided Wisconsin corn growers valuable information on weed management, helping growers increase corn yields and the value of the corn crop to Wisconsin's economy. The Weed Specialist position has been unfilled for several years. WCGA said it recognized the budget restraints faced by the University of Wisconsin System, but expressed its support for funding research through this position to help growers increase productivity and profits through weed management.

WCGA said the Weed Specialist will work with other UW specialists to help corn growers make the most educated decisions possible.

The Weed Specialist will be able to conduct research that will not only help growers improve herbicide-resistant weed management, but will also aid in protecting water quality and increasing food security, according to WCGA.



## WCGA State and Federal Priority Resolutions Adopted At Annual Meeting

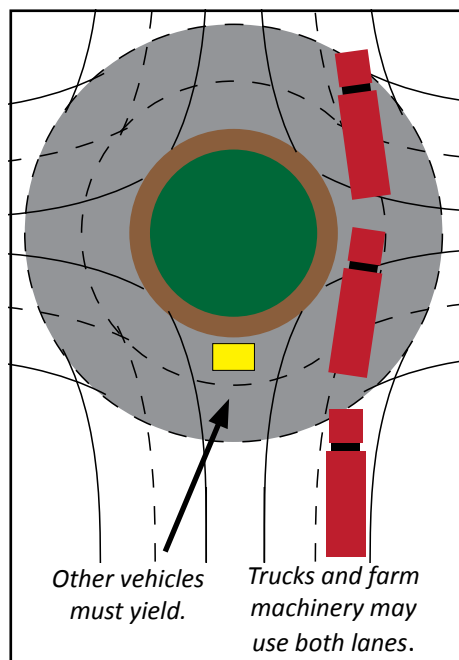
- 1. Renewable Fuels in Wisconsin:** Support removal of regulatory barriers on the use of higher blends of ethanol. Support national efforts to use 15% ethanol blends and the continued promotion of E-85. Support the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) for biofuels and support the statutory Renewable Volume Obligations of RFS2.
- 2. Waters of the United States:** Oppose the EPA's definition of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS).
- 3. High Capacity Wells:** Support regulatory certainty on the permitting of new or replacement wells. Support streamlining the permit application process so that applications are processed within 60 days.
- 4. Soil Conservation:** Encourage farmers to follow conservation plans to improve soil stewardship.
- 5. Responsible Nutrient Management:** Support the intent of current nonpoint pollution regulations and urge that enforcement and rules be based on common sense approach to maintain and increase Wisconsin's livestock sector.
- 6. Transportation:** Support adequate funding of state and federal transportation budgets. Oppose charging farmers for using, maintaining and upgrading local roads not designed or maintained for modern agricultural equipment. Oppose improper application of road damage statutes. Support reasonable Implements of Husbandry rules. Support improving and replacing parts of the aging Mississippi River lock and dam system.
- 7. Agricultural Chemical Cleanup Program and Agrichemical Management Program Funds:** Support discontinuing the ACCP and ACM funds, fees and taxes. Support a four-year fee holiday.
- 8. Fertilizer Research:** Support a separate and expanded fund for fertilizer research.
- 9. Use Value Assessment of Farmland:** Support efforts to protect use value assessment of agricultural lands.
- 10. Atrazine:** Support releasing prohibited areas based on sound science.
- 11. Market Development:** Support efforts to maintain or increase funding of the Foreign Market Development and Market Access Programs through efforts of the U.S. Grains Council.

## Roundabout Bills to Help Trucks, Farm Machinery

Senate Bill 379 and Assembly Bill 451 will allow large vehicles within a multi-lane roundabout to deviate from the lane in which they are traveling to safely navigate the roundabout. Deviations must be done with due regard for all other traffic. The bills would require smaller vehicles to yield to larger farm machinery and trucks.

The bills define a large vehicle as a vehicle or a combination of vehicles with a total length of 40 feet or more or a total width of 10 feet or more. Vehicles that don't meet those specifications must yield the right-of-way when approaching or driving through a roundabout, and, if necessary, shall reduce speed or stop in order to yield.

SB 379 was authored by State Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green). AB 451 was authored by State Rep. Ed Brooks (R-Reedsburg).



## Governor Signs Weigh Exemption and Manure Piping Bills

Gov. Scott Walker signed a package of ag bills on March 1 addressing weight exemption dates and allowing manure piping.

Senate Bill 509, authored by State Senator Jerry Petrowski (R-Marathon), changes the start date for the weight exemption from September 1 to August 1. This allows farmers additional time to operate at increased weight limits during the fall harvest.

Certain agricultural vehicles are now allowed to exceed weight limits, without a permit, by 15 percent between August 1 and December 31 of each year. Commonly referred to as the 'fall harvest exemption,' it allows farmers to transport larger loads of harvested crops from the field to the farm or storage facilities during crucial harvest times.

Senate Bill 390, authored by State Senator Jerry Petrowski (R-Marathon) and State Rep. James Edming (R-Glen Flora) would give clear authority for local municipalities to permit the piping of liquid manure within a highway right-of-way.

## Strengthen the Voice of Wisconsin Corn Growers

The WCGA needs your help to increase our membership and strengthen our voice for Wisconsin's corn industry. All of WCGA's lobbying, legislative and education efforts are financed through membership dollars. Those efforts are made stronger as more corn growers join forces.

### Ask Someone to Join

Ask other growers and business colleagues you know to join. Use the WCGA Membership Application below. Register the new member and send the payment and form to: WCGA, W226 N5956 Lynwood Dr., Lisbon, WI 53089

### An Incentive for You

For every member you sign by April 30 you will be registered for a drawing for a \$250 Cabella's gift card, Packer tickets, and Badger football tickets. Make sure you include your name on the Recruiter line on the membership application.

## WCGA Directors

**Casey Kelleher**, Whitewater (President)  
**Ben Augustine**, Sheldon (Vice President)  
**Steve Duwe**, Johnson Creek (Sec./Treasurer)  
**Brian Long**, Weyauwega  
**Joe Lauer**, UW Extension Corn Specialist  
**Corey Leis**, Cashton  
**Doug Rebout**, Janesville  
**Crystal Romanowski**, Stanley  
**Pete Wendt**, East Troy  
**Zeb Zuehls**, Montello

### AFFILIATE DIRECTORS

**Tommy Jackson**, Syngenta  
**Andy Grebner**, BASF

The success of Wisconsin corn growers depends on many factors. That's why 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. Please join our efforts today 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: <https://membership.ncga.com/mobile/NewRegistration.html>.

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

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## MEMBER BENEFITS

### Legislative Action

Work on local, state and national issues to protect farm profitability.



Participate in state and national corn yield contests with cash awards.

### Corn Promotion

Promote of ethanol and corn products and development of new uses.



10% discount on purchase of Cabela's gift cards.

### Consumer Education

Educate students and consumers on corn production and corn products.



Direct access to race updates, exclusive access to NASCAR gadgets, gear, race tickets and more.



Reduced prices on dozens of Ford and Lincoln vehicles.



Registration discount for Wisconsin corn and soybean growers to meet with industry reps and attend seminars.

## \$100 SEED CORN COUPON

Join or renew with a three-year membership and receive one \$100 coupon toward the purchase of seed corn from one of these supporting companies.

