



Wisconsin Corn Growers Association Heads Back to the Hill

Wisconsin Corn made its second trip of 2017 to Washington, D.C. in July for the annual National Corn Growers (NCGA) Corn Congress meeting as well as visits with some of Wisconsin's senators and representatives.

During Corn Congress, delegates voted four new members onto the National Corn Board, approved and updated NCGA resolutions, and heard from a panel on the upcoming Farm Bill. Attendees also heard from the Mexican ambassador to the United States, who provided an optimistic update on the current state of trade relations between the United States and Mexico, our number one trading partner for corn.

On the Hill, Wisconsin Corn members met in the offices of the state's lawmakers, including Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson. Topics for discussion included the importance of trade and agriculture's strong relationships with Mexico and Canada, the need for Congress to help pass the RVP waiver necessary to get E15 into more gas pumps this summer, the importance of protecting crop insurance in the upcoming Farm Bill, and our state's need for improvements to both its rural transportation infrastructure and the locks and dam system.



Left to Right: Mark Hoffmann, Casey Kelleher, Bob Welch, Tom Gillis, Tammy Baldwin, Cal Dalton, Ben Augustine, Nicole Wagner, Randy Woodruff and Mike Berget.

CALENDAR

September 13, 2017

Wisconsin Corn Day
at the Capitol
Madison

September 16, 2017

Corn Grower Night at the Races
Jefferson Speedway

December 12, 2017

6th Annual UW Discovery Farms
Conference
More Info Coming

December 12–15, 2017

NCGA Action Team Meetings
St. Louis, MO

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Join Us for Corn Day at The Capitol

The Wisconsin Corn Growers Association will host the first annual Corn Day at the Capitol on September 13, 2017. The event is an opportunity for WCGA members to meet with state representatives and talk about the issues affecting farms across Wisconsin. Attendees will meet for a briefing on important issues before walking to the capitol for meetings with various representatives in the State Senate and Assembly.

Help us give Wisconsin Corn a voice in our state!

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

The Madison Concourse Hotel
1 West Dayton Street
Madison, WI 53703

RSVP:

info@wicorn.org or call 262-372-3289

SCHEDULE:

Noon	Registration
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Speaker
2:30 p.m.	Meetings
4:30-6:30 p.m.	Reception

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Wisconsin Corn Deliberated USGC Strategy in Vancouver

Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board members Dave Adams, Jim Birchman, Tom Gillis and Jim Zimmerman attended the 57th Annual Board of Delegates Meeting in Vancouver, Washington. Experts on the year's most pressing topic for U.S. agriculture – trade – stirred the thoughts of U.S. Grains Council (USGC) delegates “Every farmer needs to work to be a foreign policy expert as much as we are crop or market experts,” Chip Councill, USGC chairman and farmer from Maryland, told the delegation. “This meeting serves as part of an ongoing series of events and information that make up a ‘trade school’ meant to help you know as much as possible about these important topics.”



Darci Vetter, former chief agricultural negotiator with the U.S. Trade Representative, gave a keynote emphasizing the need for all in agriculture to not only understand the current trade environment, but also communicate its importance on the local, state and national levels.

The next two speakers discussed Frontier Asia and the current geopolitical environment. Yadong Liu, president of the China Energy Fund Committee, spoke on China's increasing influence on global trade through the One Belt, One Road initiative. Dr. Stephen Haggard, director of the Korea-Pacific program at the University of California-San Diego, followed with an outline of developments in the Asia-Pacific region, focusing on the potential impacts of recent tensions with North Korea.

The morning general session concluded with a briefing from representatives from the Washington State Department of Agriculture on the important role commodity inspections play in keeping U.S. trade moving. The presentation preceded a moderated boat tour of local export infrastructure.



Through the next two days of meetings, discussions by Council members and delegates focused on the shifts in trade and trade policy discussions across commodities, sectors and countries around the world.

“Trade is in a time of change, and that makes the work of the Council more important than ever,” Councill said. “It is good to see these issues getting the attention they deserve. What we are talking about here is critical to our profitability.”



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Presented by American Ethanol

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

Jefferson Speedway in Cambridge, WI
Free pre-race hog roast

SCHEDULE:

5:00 p.m. Time trials and
Wisconsin Corn Gate Open
5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served
7:00 p.m. Racing starts

REGISTRATION COSTS:

Member and one guest are free
Additional adults are \$32 each
Youth 8–15 are \$25
7 and under are free
Registration includes dinner and entrance to the race

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 12TH:

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University of Wisconsin-Madison – Weed Science Research and Extension Programming

Rodrigo Werle contacted the Wisconsin Corn Program to see if we could help him gather responses to the following survey. Please read through the message from Rodrigo, if you choose to respond you can send your responses via email to info@wicorn.org, fax to 262-372-3289 or mail to **WCGA, W226N5956 Lynwood Drive, Lisbon, WI 53089**.



Dear stakeholder,

My name is Rodrigo Werle and I am currently an Assistant Professor of Agronomy and Cropping Systems Specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In January 2018 I start my new role as a Cropping Systems Weed Scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I would appreciate if you could take a few minutes of your time to answer the following questions. Your feedback will help me tremendously as I begin to develop the Research and Extension plans for the UW-Madison Cropping Systems Weed Science Program.

1. What are the most troublesome weeds in Wisconsin row crop production systems?
2. What are the biggest needs in terms of Weed Science Research and Extension Programming in the state of Wisconsin (e.g., distribution and management of herbicide resistant-weeds, integrated weed management strategies, management of off-site movement of synthetic auxin herbicides [dicamba, 2,4-D], strategies to mitigate ground water herbicide contamination, etc.)?
3. Is there interest in learning more about cover crop species selection, planting and termination time, and their impact on weed suppression and crop productivity?

I look forward to working with you to address the weed management challenges in the state of Wisconsin.

– Rodrigo Werle

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