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Wisconsin Corn Calls for Bipartisan Action Following Senate Committee Farm Bill Vote

The U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry did not advance the Agriculture Act of 2026 after the legislation failed to secure enough votes. The Agriculture Act of 2026, also referred to as "Farm Bill 2.0," included several top priorities for Wisconsin Corn, including language that would allow for the year-round sale of E15, or Unleaded 88.

In response to the vote, Wautoma farmer and Wisconsin Corn Growers Association (WCGA) President Paul Jarvis released the following statement:

"Today's outcome is frustrating for Wisconsin corn farmers who continue to face economic uncertainty and need long-term policy solutions. For corn growers like me, the inclusion of year-round E15 is particularly important because it represents a significant opportunity to strengthen domestic demand for corn, expand consumer fuel choices, and support rural communities across our state."

"Farmers cannot afford continued delays. We urge senators to work together to advance a bipartisan bill to support American farmers and rural economies. Time is running out with many more steps to go, and agriculture needs action – not more uncertainty."

Message from the President



The season of harvest is upon us, with most of our day spent in the cab, watching the rows disappear behind the combine. Harvest has a way of making the months go by quickly. It seems like just yesterday we were working ground and putting seed in the soil, and now we're bringing another crop home.

Every harvest is different. We deal with the weather we're given, make adjustments along the way and do our best to put up a good crop. Some years everything seems to go our way. Other years, we have to work a little harder for every bushel. That's farming.

Harvest is also a good reminder of how much goes into producing a crop. It takes planning, long hours and a lot of people working together. From the family members helping in the field to the neighbors who lend a hand when you need it, agriculture is still built on people looking out for one another.

As we head into another harvest, there are plenty of challenges facing our farms. Input costs, commodity prices, markets, weather and policy decisions can all have a major impact on the bottom line. We may not be able to control all of those things, but we can make sure Wisconsin corn growers have a voice when decisions are being made.

That's why the work of the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association matters. We're farmers advocating for farmers—working to protect markets, create new demand for corn and make sure the people making decisions understand what those decisions mean back home on the farm.

I'm proud to be part of an organization made up of growers who are willing to speak up, get involved and work together for the future of Wisconsin agriculture. Your membership and participation make that possible.

Most importantly, as harvest gets underway, take care of yourselves and each other. The days are long, the workload is heavy and there is always one more thing that needs to get done. Take a minute when you can to appreciate what we get to do—and the fact that another crop is making its way out of the field.

On behalf of the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association, I wish you and your families a safe, successful harvest. Here's hoping for good weather, good yields and a little time to enjoy the work we've put in all year.

-Paul





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Wisconsin Corn Growers Association Endorses Kevin Krentz

The Wisconsin Corn Growers Association (WCGA) announced its endorsement of WCGA member Kevin Krentz, who is running to represent Wisconsin's 57th Assembly District, citing his commitment to supporting Wisconsin agriculture, rural communities and policies that strengthen the state's corn industry. Krentz has had extensive leadership in agricultural organizations, having served as president of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Dairy Business Association.

"Kevin Krentz understands the important role agriculture plays in Wisconsin's economy and the challenges facing today's farmers," said Paul Jarvis, President of the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association. "He has demonstrated a willingness to listen to farmers and advocate for policies that encourage growth, innovation and long-term success for rural Wisconsin."

Wisconsin's corn farmers contribute \$628.8 million to the gross state product, supporting thousands of jobs while providing grain for livestock feed, renewable fuels and a growing number of bioproducts. WCGA supports candidates who recognize the importance of maintaining a strong agricultural economy through sound public policy.

As a candidate for the Wisconsin State Assembly, Krentz has expressed support for initiatives that promote renewable fuels, protect farmers' ability to remain competitive and strengthen rural economic development.

Summer Events Recap



Madison Mallards Games

We attended two Madison Mallards baseball games this year! From Alice in Dairyland throwing the first pitch to talking to game attendees about Wisconsin corn, it was a terrific evening thanks to the help of our fantastic volunteers.

We were able to hand out over 1,000 WI Corn-branded baseballs and over 600 informational postcards & keychains about E15! We also had several great discussions with game attendees about E15 and its benefits to both WI corn growers and their wallets.

WI Corn Summer Event

Wisconsin Corn gathered at HV Acres LLC in Osseo for our Summer Event on August 10!

Presenters included Amber Radatz of Discovery Farms, Brian Westrate of Wisconsin Congressional District 3, Brent Wink, and Shane Goplin.

Attendees joined us for demonstrations, collaborative discussions, and networking opportunities.



A Successful Visit to Washington D.C. for Wisconsin Corn

Wisconsin corn growers traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the National Corn Growers Association's (NCGA) July Corn Congress, joining corn farmer leaders from across the country to shape national policy priorities and advocate for the future of U.S. agriculture.



Throughout the week, Wisconsin corn growers and Wisconsin Corn staff met with members of Wisconsin's congressional delegation and federal policymakers to discuss key issues impacting the state's corn industry and rural economy.

Conversations focused on expanding year-round access to E15, strengthening international trade through the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and other export opportunities, advancing a comprehensive Farm Bill, and addressing rising input costs that continue to challenge farm profitability.



In addition to Capitol Hill meetings, several Wisconsin growers serve on NCGA Action Teams, where they help develop national policy positions and strategic initiatives that strengthen the U.S. corn industry. These leadership roles allow Wisconsin Corn to contribute directly to discussions on issues ranging from ethanol and trade to sustainability, biotechnology, transportation, and market development.



By serving on these national committees, Wisconsin growers help shape policies that increase demand for corn and corn products, create new market opportunities, and ensure farmers remain competitive in a rapidly evolving agricultural landscape.



Wisconsin Corn remains committed to advocating on behalf of the state's corn growers at both the state and federal levels, working to advance policies that support farm profitability, strengthen rural communities, and secure a strong future for Wisconsin agriculture.



Wisconsin Corn Attends U.S. Grains and Bioproducts Council July Meeting



Milwaukee was in the spotlight this summer as the U.S. Grains & Bioproducts Council held its 66th Annual Board of Delegates Meeting July 28–31. The meeting brought together farmers, industry leaders and trade experts to talk about where opportunities are growing for U.S. agriculture and how we can continue moving grain from the farm to customers around the world. Attendees also got a firsthand look at Wisconsin's role in agricultural trade with a tour of the DeLong Co. Agricultural Maritime Export Facility.

Trade was a big part of the conversation throughout the meeting. Ambassador Julie Callahan with the U.S. Trade Representative and USDA Under Secretary Luke Lindberg provided updates on the outlook for U.S. trade and agriculture. Action team meetings and sector-focused sessions also covered ethanol, market access, sustainability and trade policy in several key regions around the world.

For Wisconsin corn growers, these conversations matter. Strong export markets give us more places to sell the corn we grow, and continued work on trade, transportation and new markets will be important to keeping those opportunities moving forward. The meeting wrapped up with additional discussions on USMCA and Southeast Asia trade, two areas that will continue to be important for U.S. agriculture.



Attention in Madison is shifting toward the November election and the next state budget. Lawmakers are still staying busy through study committees and informational hearings on issues ranging from artificial intelligence and cryptocurrency to veterans benefits and other state policy topics.

Wisconsin is also heading into the next budget cycle in a strong financial position. Preliminary tax collections reached \$23.13 billion, about \$451 million above projections and 3.4% higher than last year. Those stronger-than-expected revenues could push the state's budget surplus above \$3 billion as lawmakers begin looking ahead to the 2027-29 state budget.

State agencies are now preparing their budget requests, which are due September 15. Governor Evers directed agencies to submit zero-growth requests, and statewide revenue estimates are expected in November. These early steps will help set the stage for next year's budget discussions, including decisions affecting agriculture, rural infrastructure, transportation, conservation programs, and other priorities important to Wisconsin corn growers.

The race for governor remains competitive. The latest Marquette Law School Poll shows Democrat David Crowley leading Republican Tom Tiffany 49% to 44% among likely voters, while the two candidates are tied at 44% among all registered voters.

Control of the Legislature is also up for grabs. All 99 Assembly seats are on the ballot this fall, along with the 17 odd-numbered State Senate seats. Twelve competitive Assembly districts and four Senate districts have emerged as key battlegrounds that could determine which party controls each chamber heading into 2027.

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WI Corn in the News

- [Productive but Priced Out: Why Input Prices Matter for US Corn Competitiveness](#) (Published from NCGA on September 4)
- [Wisconsin Corn Growers Association Joins More Than 250 Agriculture Organizations Urging Senate Action on Farm Bill](#) (Published August 6)
- [NCGA Report: U.S. Farmers Pay Substantially More for Inputs than Brazilian Counterparts](#) (Published from NCGA on July 8)
- [New Study Highlights Corn's Significant Contribution to U.S. and Wisconsin Economy](#) (Published July 7)

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The following are races WCGA has on their radar:

- Senate District 5 (Open Seat, former Sen. Rob Hutton (R)): Democrats have a sitting Assembly member, Rep. Robin Vining, running against Republican Mike Roberts. In previous elections this district performs slightly better for the GOP in gubernatorial cycles than in presidential elections.
- Senate District 17 (Incumbent: Sen. Howard Marklein (R)): Democrat Rep. Jenna Jacobson will challenge longtime Republican Sen. Howard Marklein in November. Sen. Marklein has notoriously over performed in this district, however, this district leans 52.8% democrat.
- Senate District 21 (Open seat, formerly Sen. Van Wanggaard (R)): This seat is truly a toss up leaning only 50.6% towards the democrats. Previously the district has performed better for the GOP in gubernatorial cycles, but that was prior to redistricting. Republican candidate Jim Croft will face Democrat Trevor Jung.
- Assembly District 91 (Incumbent: Rep. Jodi Emerson (D)): The Democratic city of Eau Claire is surrounded by rural areas making this a potential close race for Democrat Jodi Emerson against Republican Bruce Stabenow in the November election.
- Assembly District 94 (Incumbent: Rep. Steve Doyle (D)): Last election Rep. Doyle was able to hold this seat for democrats with just 50.3% of the vote. This November he will face off against Republican Keith Purnell for this highly competitive seat.
- Assembly District 85 (Incumbent: Rep. Pat Snyder (R)): In past elections Rep. Snyder was able to out-poll the top of the ticket. This election he will face Democrat John Kroll for this Wausau area seat.

For Wisconsin corn growers, these races matter. The next Governor and Legislature will make decisions on funding for agriculture and policies that directly affect your farms. WCGA will continue building relationships with candidates and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle so that, no matter who wins in November, Wisconsin corn growers have a voice in the conversations ahead.

With the August 11 primary concluded, the general election field is set. Stay informed, remain engaged, and, most importantly, make your voice heard by voting on November 3.

Ears in Washington

The August issue of Ears in Washington was written by Representative Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa), a long-standing champion for corn grower priorities, especially for expanding ethanol access.



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