



**Deb Gangwish**



**Dan Wesely**

## Corn Congress Review

In July, farmers from across the country attended the National Corn Growers Association's (NCGA) biannual Corn Congress held in New Orleans. **During this event, Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) board members, Deb Gangwish and Dan Wesely, were elected to NCGA's Corn Board. Gangwish is from Shelton and Wesely is from Morse Bluff.**

While this will be Wesely's first term serving on NCGA's Corn Board, this latest election leads to a second term for Gangwish who was first elected to the board in July 2018.

The two farmers will join Brandon Hunnicutt, a Nebraska Corn Board member from Giltner, serving the 15-person Corn Board.

Both terms for Wesely and Gangwish will begin on Oct. 1, 2021. The election took place July 14 during NCGA's 2021 Corn Congress. The event was focused on shaping policy and setting priorities for the U.S. corn industry. Corn farmer delegates from across the country participated in the policy review

and elections. NeCGA submitted a proposed action on phosphorus during the discussion. The proposed action was to complete an analysis or study of the commercial phosphorus industry with emphasis on 1) number of companies providing phosphorus products with U.S. farmers and percentage of market by company, and 2) diversification of phosphorus products and opportunities for more environmentally sensitive products available in the marketplace. This proposed action was brought before the delegate body because the price of domestic phosphorus has greatly increased, while NeCGA believes the number of companies providing product to retailers and the U.S. farmer has significantly decreased, causing concern. This is due to a countervailing duty case brought by a U.S. company. Additionally, there may be products that may assist our industry in greater phosphorus efficiency and/or increasing our sustainability. The proposed action item was unanimously adopted.

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Valued corn grower member,

I hope this letter finds you and your operation well. It's been another season of challenges, as well as successes, on our farms and in the world of Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) and National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) policy. First off, my thoughts and prayers are with many of you that have sustained crop and property damage during the July storms that raced across our state. Having talked with many of you, it seems like we're left with a mixed bag of a corn crop with wind, hail, drought and too much rain. Oh the perils of farming in Nebraska!

Recently, the summer session of NCGA's Corn Congress was held in New Orleans. Thirteen delegates represented Nebraska well during the session in which new and old policies were debated. One resolution that Nebraska Corn successfully brought to the delegate body, was to have NCGA commission a study on the phosphorus industry in the United States. This came about after many in our membership brought forth concerns over the inflated prices of phosphorus products which resulted from duties placed on Russian and Moroccan phosphorus imports.

In addition, many other Cornhusker growers, as well as staff, serve on NCGA Action Teams where they help oversee projects, studies and federal policy, with hopes to influence and improve the corn industry. It was great to be able to work together in person in our A-Team meetings during the week in New Orleans.

I am very excited to announce that two Nebraskans were elected to serve on the National Corn Board. Congratulations to Deb Gangwish and Dan Weseley! Nebraska is very well represented in NCGA leadership that also includes Brandon Hunnicutt - something to be very proud of! Thank you to all delegates, Action Team members and staff that take time to make sure Nebraska has a voice nationally. Finally, I want to remind you of our summer membership drive, *Born for the Field*. Until September 30, 2021, members of the association are encouraged to recruit their friends and neighbors to join our team! Members who recruit someone to join or renew their membership with the association can round the bases and win cool prizes from NeCGA, including a custom Nebraska Corn baseball jersey. More information can be found in the centerfold of this newsletter. As always, if you have any questions about the association, or how we are working for you, please do not hesitate to reach out. !

For Corn and Country,

Andy Jobman  
President, NeCGA  
Farmer from Gothenburg

# Nebraska Legislature Adjourns Early, Special Session Ahead

The Nebraska Legislature adjourned early this session, wrapping up the long 90-day session on May 27. The Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) had been monitoring over 80 bills with key focuses on property taxes, sales tax exemptions and broadband. While the session ended early, a special session will be called to address redistricting following the release of Census data. NeCGA lobbyist Mick Mines highlights some of the positive outcomes of the session below.

**Property Tax Wins (NeCGA focus)** - Agricultural and horticultural land valuation is now 50% rather than 75% for NEW school district bonds approved by a vote of the people. The state school aid formula is fully funded over the next two years, requiring no new education funding requests. The State Property Tax Credit Relief Fund will deliver \$1.36 billion in property tax relief over the next biennium. \$550 million in refunds are available in direct property tax relief through Refundable Property Tax Credits.

**Sales Tax Exemptions (NeCGA focus)** - The purchase of header trailers, seed tenders, ag machinery that protects the health and welfare of livestock, and general ethanol production inputs are now exempt from Nebraska sales tax.

**Broadband Expansion (NeCGA focus)** - The Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act adds \$40 million, over two years, to further develop and expand broadband infrastructure in unserved or underserved areas.

**Beginning Farmer Act** - The program was due to expire, but senators extended the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act through 2025.

**Cuts to Top Corporate Income Tax** - In tax year 2022, the rate on income over \$100K moves from 7.81% to 7.5%. In 2023, the rate will drop again to 7.25%. The Legislature intends to continue cutting the top corporate tax rate over \$100K to 7% in 2024 and 6.84% in 2025.

**Personal Income Tax Cuts** - Military retirement benefit income is now exempt from Nebraska income taxes. Nebraska has long collected income tax on 100%

of Social Security income. This tax year drops to 95%, then 80% in 2022, and 10% each year until reaching 50% in the tax year 2025. The Legislature intends to eliminate Nebraska's income tax on Social Security in 2030.

**Decennial Redistricting** - The Legislature will convene in a special session to begin redistricting on September 17. Speaker Hilgers anticipates he will receive census data from the federal government by mid-August. Today, 25 of 49 state senators reside in Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster Counties. Rural Nebraska may find itself with fewer representatives if the census count shows Nebraska's population is further shifting to urban counties. The Legislature will also redraw district boundaries for Nebraska's three congressional seats, the Nebraska Supreme Court, the Nebraska Legislature, the Public Service Commission, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, the Nebraska Supreme Court and the Nebraska State Board of Education. The Speaker intends to adjourn the special session before Sept. 30.

## Senator Fischer, Representative Smith Introduce E15 Fix: NeCGA Strongly Supports Legislation

The Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) and the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) thank bipartisan members of Congress in both the House and Senate for their continued support of corn growers and rural America through the introduction of legislation that would ensure higher blends of ethanol, specifically E15, are available in the marketplace year-round. Led by Nebraska Representative Adrian Smith, Minnesota Representative Angie Craig and co-chairs of the House Biofuels Caucus, 22 House members introduced H.R. 4410, the Year-Round Fuel Choice Act. In the Senate, Nebraska Senator Deb Fischer and Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar, led introduction of the Consumer and Fuel Retailers Choice Act with 10 bipartisan cosponsors.

The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals vacated a 2019 rule by the Environmental Protection Agency that removed outdated regulatory barriers to the sale of a 15% ethanol fuel blend, E15 or Unleaded88. The case, American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, et al. vs. EPA, was a challenge by oil refiners to the rulemaking that extended the same treatment 10% ethanol blends receive to E15, allowing year-round market access for E15. Growth Energy, the Renewable Fuels Association, and the National Corn Growers Association joined the litigation as intervenors in support of EPA's rule. NCGA will continue to pursue all options to prevent impact on retailers and drivers this summer and to ensure a long-term solution before next summer.

# Corn Producers Help Fuel Red Meat Export Growth in Key Asian Markets



A thriving U.S. livestock industry is critical to Nebraska corn producers' bottom line,

and exports of U.S. beef and pork help maximize the value of every animal raised. Despite the ongoing challenges presented by COVID-19, U.S. red meat exports are climbing in 2021. In May, according to the latest available data from USDA, both beef and pork exports shattered previous value records. Beef exports also reached a new volume high in May, while pork export volume was the third largest on record.

Through the first five months of the year, beef exports are on a record pace at nearly 588,000 metric tons (mt), up 15% from a year ago, while value increased 22% to \$3.84 billion. Pork exports were slightly below last year's record pace at 1.34 million mt, but export value increased 3% to \$3.63 billion.

This year, the NCB helped bolster demand for U.S. red meat in two leading markets – South Korea and Japan – through support for promotional programs managed by the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF). Korea has been a standout performer for U.S. beef in 2021, with exports poised to break the \$2 billion mark for the first time. The U.S. holds two-thirds of Korea's highly valued chilled beef market and continues to expand its market share. Korea is also a growing market for U.S. chilled pork, with

exports through May (3,700 mt) already nearly matching the full-year total from 2020.

Japan maintains its position as the largest volume market for U.S. beef and at the current pace, exports to Japan will also top \$2 billion in 2021. This would mark the first time U.S. beef surpassed the \$2 billion milestone in two markets. In addition to being a great destination for underutilized muscle cuts such as short plate and chuck roll, Japan has a growing appetite for thick-cut U.S. steaks and is the dominant market for U.S. beef tongues. This year, NCB support aims to keep building momentum for U.S. beef at major retail outlets such as Costco, while also promoting U.S. beef to Japan's popular yakiniku restaurants – a sector that has fared well through the pandemic.

The outlook for U.S. red meat exports through the end of 2021 is extremely bright, as USMEF projects global beef shipments to reach a record 1.4 million mt (up 11% from a year ago), valued at \$9.4 billion (up 23%). Despite a slowdown in demand from China, U.S. pork exports are expected to exceed last year's record totals, increasing an estimated 3% to 3.07 million mt, valued at \$8.3 billion (up 8%).

This is outstanding news for Nebraska corn producers, as confirmed by an updated independent

study commissioned by USMEF. Based on 2020 export data, U.S. beef and pork exports utilized more than 530 million bushels of corn, representing a market value of nearly \$1.9 billion and more than 3 million acres of production. The study estimates that beef and pork exports contributed 41 cents per bushel to the value of U.S. corn last year, or 11.5% of the average 2020 price (\$3.52). Red meat exports also used more than 3 million tons of distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS) in 2020. At an average price of about \$155 per ton, that's a market value of \$468 million.

U.S. beef and pork exports utilized 67 million bushels of Nebraska-grown corn, which equated to nearly \$236 million. Red meat exports also contributed nearly \$66 million to the value of Nebraska DDGS. Assuming an average yield of 181 bushels per acre, this translates to a contribution of more than \$74 per Nebraska corn acre.

For more information on how corn producers support demand-building programs for U.S. red meat, please visit [www.usmef.org](http://www.usmef.org).



Funding support from Nebraska Corn Board helps promote USMEF beef cuts at Costco stores in Japan

# Grains Council Works to Keep U.S. Corn Moving Around the World

Keeping grain flowing for U.S. farmers is the task for the U.S. Grains Council (USGC) in good times and bad – and during the pandemic, it has never stopped work to ensure overseas customers are getting the corn and the information about grain markets that they need.

**The complex market that is China has emerged as the top buyer of U.S. grains over the last marketing year.**

As of July 22, export sales of U.S. new crop corn to the country rang in at just under 11 MMT (433 million bushels) in the 2021/2022 marketing year. Mexico is second with sales of just under 2.1 MMT (82.7 million bushels). Japan, Guatemala and Costa Rica round out the top five.

“We’ve already shipped over 62 million metric tons or 2.44 billion bushels of corn according to USDA as of July 29,” said Cary Sifferath, USGC senior director of global programs. “That is already an all-time record, and it just shows the growth and the importance of U.S. corn exports.”



**U.S. GRAINS COUNCIL**

**Mexico continues to purchase U.S. corn above historic pace, up about 10% year-on-year even as sales south of the border trail China’s corn buying boom.** This is happening with the shadow of a legal decree there threatening to upset the corn market by banning GM corn by 2024 as well as the herbicide glyphosate.

The Council’s attention has been focused on the Middle East, where near-term marketing opportunities exist and longer-term demand building holds significant potential. One creative project has been a recent starch study rollout with one of Egypt’s largest grain companies to improve its industrial starch plants’ operations and significantly increase corn demand.

“The findings have shown that U.S. corn can extract 3-4% higher yields of starch versus corn from other origins,” said Kurt Shultz, USGC senior director of global

strategies. “That can have a significant impact on overall profitability.”

If the Council’s engagement with the starch sector there is successful, it will establish a consistent demand for 2 MMT (78 million bushels) of U.S. corn in the region for the industrial starch sector. In turn, this could increase overall demand for U.S. corn on an annual basis as traders and vessels are routinely shipping U.S. corn into the region 12 months of the year rather than just six. Subsequently, the local starch industry has the potential to earn a combined \$15 million more annually due to higher starch yields in U.S. corn.

**Whether it’s from long-established trading partners or ones showing growth potential, the Council continues to work around the world to find homes for the U.S. corn farmers have to offer.**

## Nebraska Corn Leading on the National Stage

**USMEF Representative: David Bruntz**

**Hometown:** I am from Friend, NE. I have raised corn and fed cattle all my life. I have served as president of the Nebraska Cattlemen and also on some national committees.



**Why did you get involved at the national level:** Since the U.S. Meat Export Federation is one of the larger cooperators of the Nebraska Corn Board, I chose to serve on their committees and am now on their executive board.

**What is your favorite part of serving at the national level:** Meeting fellow corn producers from all over the U.S. and seeing how our dollars are used in the export market.

**USGC Representative: John Greer**

**Hometown:** I am from Edgar, NE. I served on the Asia A-Team for four years, two as team leader and am currently serving on the Western Hemisphere A-Team on the U.S. Grains Council.



**Why did you get involved at the national level:** I became involved because of the vital importance of exports of corn and value-added corn products such as distillers grain and ethanol.

**What is your favorite part of serving at the national level:** My favorite part is the friendships I have made with so many people both here in the U.S. and globally. People just want a good life for their families. Maybe I can do a small part to help them!



# Born FOR THE Field

Nebraska's corn farmers are as American as apple pie, hot dogs and baseball. Our growers are truly "Born for the Field." To lead up to its 50th anniversary, the Nebraska Corn Growers Association is hosting a summer membership drive. The more people YOU recruit to join or renew their NeCGA memberships, the more Nebraska Corn swag you can get! Memberships must be 3-year commitments. Ensure your name is listed as the recruiter for each new member or renewal you earn. Recruitment drive ends Sept. 30, 2021. For more information, contact [info@necga.org](mailto:info@necga.org) or 402-438-6459.



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- SINGLE:** 3 new members or renewals = Lunch Container
- DOUBLE:** 5 new members or renewals = Stainless Steel Water Bottle
- TRIPLE:** 10 new members or renewals = Nebraska Corn Baseball Jersey
- HOME RUN:** 20 new members or renewals = \$200 Cabela's Gift Card

\*Recruits must sign up for 3-year memberships.

# "Inside the Beltway" Campaign has New Life in Nebraska Communication Efforts

In 2021, the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) launched its "Inside the Beltway" campaign in Washington, D.C. This initiative was born out of a collaborative effort between NCGA and state communicators with a strong desire to target the ever-rotating group of D.C.-area policy elites and staff to elevate the reputation of the nation's corn farmers. By focusing on this group, this corn reputation effort helps build initial touchpoints with policy staff. Those working in Washington, D.C. may not have experience in agriculture, yet they care deeply about sustainability. By sharing the incredible sustainability story of our nation's corn farmers, NCGA is able to increase its collective influence with an audience that directly impacts farmer opportunities and profitability.

The creative messaging is told through imaging showcasing the capable hands of our nation's corn farmers. Based on extensive audience identification and message research, the campaign is focused on key areas of sustainability, such as water usage, greenhouse gas emissions, soil health and production efficiency.

The campaign went live on May 1, 2021. Targeted audiences are reached through compelling messaging that runs from the



TSA checkpoint to the gate to luggage claim in Reagan National Airport, as well as podcasts, social media and advertisements played during streaming television.

As creative elements and messaging were in development, there was a strong desire by state and national staff to ensure the adaptability of the assets to localize and utilize at the state levels. For example, people visiting Raising Nebraska at this year's Nebraska State Fair will be able to see adapted "Inside the Beltway" messaging as part of Nebraska Corn's reading rail and digital displays. Students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will also see this messaging through digital displays at the newly renovated Dinsdale Learning Center (formerly C.Y. Thompson Library).



Through the "Inside the Beltway" initiative, messages are focused on water usage, greenhouse gas emissions, soil health and production efficiency.



A Letter from the NCB Chairman | **DAVID BRUNTZ**

Greetings, corn growers!

It's hard to imagine we're approaching harvest already. I hope you all had a successful growing season and are ready to reap the rewards of your tireless efforts so far this year. Of course, Nebraska weather is never perfect, and my thoughts and prayers go out to each of you who may have been impacted by severe storms or drought conditions.

This will be my last letter to you as chairman of the Nebraska Corn Board. Serving as your chairman has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I do not take the trust you have placed in me for granted to assist in the administration of the Nebraska corn checkoff. I know I can speak on behalf of the entire board when I say we really do invest checkoff dollars as judiciously and strategically as possible. Although I may not be your chairman anymore, I will continue to serve on the board to continue to build upon the great work we are undertaking.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank David Merrell for his service to the Nebraska Corn Board. Dave is transitioning off of the board of directors as his term ended this summer. Dave represented District 7 and has been serving the board since 2006. Dave has been an important asset within our organization, serving various leadership roles at the local, state and national levels. He preceded me as chairman and has been a tireless advocate for Nebraska's corn growers. Fortunately, while he is exiting the checkoff side of Nebraska Corn, he will continue to work for the industry through his involvement with the Nebraska Corn

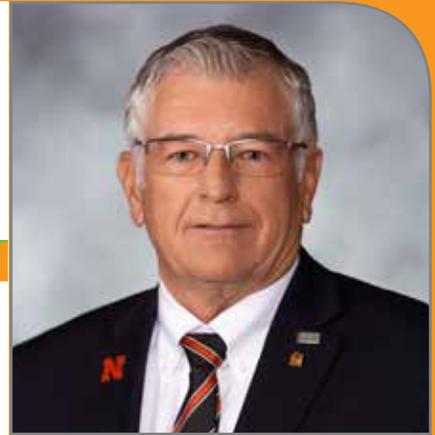
Growers Association. I wish Dave the best, and would like to welcome John Krohn, from Albion, to the board as the new District 7 Director.

I encourage you to thoroughly take the time reading through this newsletter to see how your corn checkoff is working for you through research, market development, promotion and education. Every project we undertake in our portfolio is based upon how well it aligns within these four main pillars, as that's how we're ultimately able to build demand.

Additionally, if you plan on being at Husker Harvest Days this year, make sure you stop by the Commodities Building on Main Street. We'll have several members of our leadership and staff on hand to talk about how the Nebraska Corn Board and the Nebraska Corn Growers Association are both working for you!

Best wishes for a successful corn harvest! Remember to always take a second for safety!

David Bruntz  
Chairman, Nebraska Corn Board  
Farmer from Friend



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# Nebraska Corn Board Collaborates with UNL & LPS in High School Ed Program

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (UNL CASNR) recently teamed up with Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) to launch the LPS-UNL Early College and Career STEM Program at Northeast High School in Lincoln. Through hands-on, immersive experiences and early college pathways, the program will prepare Northeast students in the areas of food, energy, water and societal systems, often called FEWS2 (pronounced "fuse").

The program is designed to provide pathways for learners at Northeast High School that are interested in FEWS2. Examples of these pathways include:



**CommonGround volunteers Joan Ruskamp and Paula Peterson engage with teachers from Northeast High School about animal agriculture. The farm event took place at Triple E Equine outside of Beaver Crossing.**

Students who plan to enter the workforce after high school graduation can earn non-credit competencies in certain areas that will give them an edge as they look for employment.

Students will be able to earn college credit for classes that will

transfer to UNL and other post-secondary institutions.

Students who earn a certain number of credits can earn a certificate of college credit, which they can use to seek work after high school or can put toward a 4-year degree.

Most importantly, students will be able to explore careers in agriculture and natural resources.

As part of this new collaboration between UNL CASNR and LPS, the Nebraska Corn Board (NCB) teamed up with the Nebraska Soybean Board (NSB) to provide funding to support a multi-day summer enrichment program designed to familiarize teachers, LPS curriculum specialists and LPS directors in subjects related to agriculture and natural resources. As part of this summer learning program, teachers in multiple disciplines will be expected to identify ways to incorporate FEWS2 concepts into everyday course instruction.

To supplement the program, NCB teamed up with NSB to activate CommonGround volunteers (another collaborative endeavor between Nebraska's corn and soy checkoffs), to offer participants a field trip and meal on a local farm. CommonGround is made up of farm women across the state who help bridge the gap between farmers and consumers.

The CommonGround volunteers were able to build upon the information gained from the faculty at UNL CASNR by showing participants life on the farm, while debunking common myths and misinformation regarding modern agriculture.



**Teachers from across disciplines at Lincoln's Northeast High School will soon be incorporating agricultural concepts into their classrooms as part of a joint partnership between Lincoln Public Schools, UNL's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and Nebraska's corn and soybean boards. As part of a multi-day enrichment program, the teachers were able to visit a farm and interact with farm women from across the state.**

# Nebraska Corn Growers Lead Discovery Mission to California

Three Nebraska corn farmers recently took part in an exploratory mission to California to better understand market development opportunities for the state's corn industry. John Greer, from Edgar, Dave Warner, from Albion, and Brian Brown, from Central City, joined corn growers and staff from Missouri, Kansas and Indiana for the first visit of its kind to California, primarily focused on building demand for corn ethanol.

As one of the more western states comprising the U.S. Corn Belt, Nebraska has a significant advantage in ethanol exports to California. A majority of Nebraska's ethanol is sent to the Golden State with remaining untapped potential. California is the largest E85 market in the entire country and also leads the nation in the number of flex fuel vehicles on the road with 1.1 million in 2020.

The Nebraska Corn Board has already provided infrastructure support to two fuel retailers in population-dense locations within California through a partnership with Pearson Fuels. Pearson Fuels supplies the most E85 fuel to gas stations in California. The corn delegation visited the updated pumps and explored potential new sites for E85 development. The group also learned about policies that may impact biofuels, like ethanol, including the state's Low Carbon Fuel Standard and flex fuel vehicle plans.

While in California, the Nebraska farmers departed from the rest of the group to also explore additional corn opportunities within the state. The group visited Foster Farms to see a feed facility that helped purchase more than 7.4 million bushels of Nebraska corn in the 2019-2020 marketing year. The Nebraskans also visited J.D. Heiskell, a commodity trading business, that was the top buyer of Nebraska corn in California during the 2019-2020 marketing year, purchasing 27.1 million bushels. Finally, the group stopped at Penny Newman Grain Company, another large purchaser of Nebraska corn with four million bushels in its 2019-2020 marketing year.

In a large and diverse state like California, there are many opportunities for Nebraska's corn industry to create demand opportunities through feed and fuel. Nebraska Corn will continue to explore collaborative ways to add value for Nebraska's corn growers. For more information on the recently completed infrastructure projects supported by Nebraska Corn, visit [NebraskaCorn.gov](http://NebraskaCorn.gov).



Three Nebraska corn farmers recently visited with Pearson Fuels, the largest supplier of E85 in the state of California at a Shell station in Agoura Hills, California. The Nebraska corn checkoff provided funds to assist with the installation of this pump. From left to right: Greg Jones (Pearson Fuels), John Greer (Edgar, Nebraska), Dave Warner (Albion, Nebraska), Brian Brown (Central City, Nebraska) and David Natanzi (Agoura Oil, Inc.).



As part of the exploratory market development mission into California, the Nebraska delegation also toured other destinations for Nebraska corn, including the Penny Newman Grain Company in Fresno.

## Growing Season! Promoting Diversity of Ag Careers to HS Students

This spring, subscribers to any newspaper in Nebraska likely saw a modified CornsTalk issue called "Growing Season." This insert was targeted to students and their parents throughout the state and is designed to showcase the breadth of careers related to agriculture. In addition to the publication, guidance counselors in Nebraska received access to additional resources to help encourage students to explore a potential career in agriculture. A series of videos and podcasts episodes were also developed.

As the beginning of the school year kicks off, if you know of a high school student, teacher or guidance counselor that would benefit from the Growing Season materials, direct them to [NECornsTalk.com](http://NECornsTalk.com) or have them call 402-471-CORN.



The latest CornsTalk focuses on the diversity of agricultural careers and is targeted to high school students, their parents and teachers. For the full teacher resource kit, visit: <https://necornstalk.com/resource-toolkit/>.



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## NeCGA Intern Update

Hello Nebraska Corn readers! My name is Wesley Wach and I am the Communications and Outreach Intern for the Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA). In just a few weeks, I will be a senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where I am majoring in Agricultural Economics. I grew up on a diversified farming operation near Hayes Center, Nebraska, where I am part of the sixth generation. Throughout the years, my family has raised corn, soybeans, wheat and cattle. Agriculture has had a huge role during my time in college, and I have been eager to experience the industry in different ways and to make connections with new people throughout the year. I still have a lot to learn, but I am grateful for the chance to be a part of an incredible organization.



In my short time at NeCGA, I have met with producers across Nebraska, along with expanding my knowledge of agricultural policy and advocacy. I am very familiar with the labor side of agriculture, so it has been interesting to learn about this side of the industry. At the office in Lincoln, my daily tasks include producing content for the NeCGA and local association social media pages, putting together the e-newsletter, and attending various local events. My internship goes through next May, and I am looking forward to experiences like the PRIME fly-in to St. Louis and the D.C. Leadership Mission next year. It seems like I am always on the move!

Nebraska Corn has provided numerous opportunities for internships, and I am very grateful to be a part of NeCGA. I would encourage any student to investigate the wide array of available positions when intern applications come out next year. This experience has broadened my outlook on agriculture, and after I graduate, I have total confidence that I will be prepared to be a leader in the industry.

-Wesley Wach  
NeCGA Communications and Outreach Intern

For more intern updates, visit <https://nebraskacorn.gov/2021interns/>