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Nebraska Corn Farmers Represented at Commodity Classic

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LINCOLN, Neb. - Nebraska farmers were well represented at Commodity Classic in Orlando, Florida. Corn farmers from across the state attending to discuss policy and plan for the future of the Nebraska and national corn organizations. Commodity Classic had record attendance with over 10,000 people participating in the show and 125 delegates in the Corn Congress sessions. Nebraska Corn was represented by 13 delegates from both the Nebraska Corn Board (NCB) and Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA), along with three Nebraskans that sit on the National Corn Growers Association board of directors.

Commodity Classic and Corn Congress sessions allow corn producing states to come together to debate proposed resolutions that could then be accepted into the National Corn Growers Association's (NCGA) Policy and Position Papers. During the two Corn Congress sessions, topics that passed included the next Free Trade Agreement (FTA), ethanol standards and the need for transparency and standardization when using ESG (environment, social, governance) scores.

In addition to Corn Congress sessions, Nebraska corn farmers interviewed with state and national media on topics including input costs, fertilizer and crop outlooks. Learning sessions were also available for attendees and the Agriculture Committee Hill staff presented a panel which offered the opportunity for farmer questions.

"Commodity Classic provides the chance to converse with other state corn leaders, learn about the newest advancements in agriculture and develop deep-rooted policies to better the industry," said Jay Reiners, Chairman of NCB. "This fast-paced conference provides countless opportunities for farmers."

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“Nebraska Corn was well represented in all capacities from the state to national level,” Chris Grams, NeCGA President states. “We also want to thank Deb Gangwish, Brandon Hunnicutt and Dan Wesley for their representation on the NCGA Board. Brandon also serves on the planning committee for the event and his work does not go unnoticed.”

The 2024 Commodity Classic will be held in Houston, Texas from February 29 – March 2.

The Nebraska Corn Board is funded through a producer checkoff investment of ½-cent-per-bushelcheckoff on all corn marketed in the state and is managed by nine farmer directors. The mission of the Nebraska Corn Board is to promote the value of corn by creating opportunities.

The Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) is a grassroots commodity organization that works to enhance the profitability of corn producers. NeCGA has more than 2,500 dues-paying members in Nebraska. NeCGA is affiliated with the National Corn Growers Association, which has more than 40,000 dues-paying members nationwide.

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Photo Captions

Nebraska Group Photo Corn Congress_2023.png: The delegation from Nebraska Corn while at Commodity Classic

Michael_Dibbern_CC2023.jpg: Michael Dibbern, NeCGA Vice President from Cairo, NE was interviewed by state media about issues important to Nebraska Corn.

Debbie_Borg_CC2023.jpg: Debbie Borg of Allen, NE spoke during the Corn Congress session at Commodity Classic in Orlando, Florida.

Discussion_CC2023: (L-R) Michael Dibbern of Cairo, Ethan Zoerb of Litchfield and Dave Merrell of St. Edward discuss policy prior to the Corn Congress session at Commodity Classic.

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