The Nebraska Corn Growers Association urges farmers to submit comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, following publication of the Agency’s draft Ecological Risk Assessment for atrazine, and herbicide used for weed control in growing corn and other crops. If it stands, EPA’s recommendation would effectively ban the use of atrazine in most farming areas in the U.S.

Atrazine is a widely used herbicide proven to combat the spread of resistant weeds, while also reducing soil erosion and improving wildlife habitats. When farmers have access to atrazine, they do not have to do as much tilling, or turning up of the soil - a practice that erodes soil and leads to water and nutrient loss. Studies suggest farming without atrazine could cost corn farmers up to $59 per acre as effective, safe, long-lasting weed control will be lost. Minor crops that have few approved herbicides will lose access to one of their main weed control options.

As part of the assessment, EPA’s proposed aquatic life level of concern (LOC) is not based on credible science and is exceedingly low. EPA recommends reducing the LOC from 10 parts per billion (ppb) on a 60-day average, to 3.4 ppb. Scientific evidence points to a safe aquatic life LOC at 25 ppb or greater while more than 7,000 science-based studies consistently prove the safety of atrazine. This proposed LOC cuts the average field application rates down to 8 ounces per acre. No crop protection tools could withstand this type of risk assessment.

Please submit comments at www.FightEPA.com by October 4, 2016
Dear Fellow NeCGA Member,

First, thank you for your membership in the Nebraska Corn Growers Association. Your membership investment allows us to address key issues collectively, but there are times when as an association we need your individual voice to affirm our collective position. One of those times is now. It can be easy to assume that “the other guy” is going to take care of the challenges that face agriculture and Nebraska’s corn farmers. Right now, every one of us needs to be “the other guy” as we communicate to EPA on their proposed risk assessment on atrazine.

Yes, EPA is at it again, this time proposing to drastically reduce atrazine application levels – changes that will render this important production tool virtually useless on your farm. The proposal would:

- Increase costs by $30-$60/acre
- Drastically set back conservation and no-till practices
- Eliminate safe, long-lasting weed control

EPA is making this proposal in spite of more than 7,000 scientific studies proving atrazine’s safety. In fact, even EPA’s own science advisory panel has discredited the science they are using as a basis for their proposal.

Don’t allow EPA to ignore sound science and bend to the influence of environmental activists.

Submit your comments directly to EPA via email by visiting www.FightEPA.com

As corn farmers, we’re all in this together. Your membership makes our voice that much stronger as we fight to maintain your freedom to farm—and to ensure the future of Nebraska’s corn industry.

This is about your freedom to farm. This is about your bottom line. This is about the future of agriculture in Nebraska and our nation. Let your voice be heard!

Have a safe harvest season,

Larry Mussack, President
Nebraska Corn Growers Association
The Nebraska Corn Growers Association (NeCGA) has closed the books on this summer tradition fueled by American Ethanol. This summer six different speedways played host to American Ethanol Night at the Races sponsored in part by Nebraska Corn. Local corn grower associations and Nebraska Corn staff had a fun summer talking with race fans about the benefits of homegrown American Ethanol.

The races kicked off on Saturday, June 11th at Junction Motor Speedway in McCool Junction with a great turnout of locals and race fans. The event was hosted by the York County Corn Growers and Blue River Corn Growers Associations.

Next, it was time to race over to US 30 Speedway near Columbus on Thursday, June 16th. Since one race in a weekend is not enough, staff and local volunteers headed to Boone County Raceway in Albion on Friday, June 17th. Both of these tracks were first time locations for American Ethanol Nights at the Races. Staff and volunteers had great opportunities to talk with race goers about American Ethanol and Nebraska Corn. These races were hosted by the Central Plains Corn Growers Association.

Sunday, June 19th at Lexington Raceway in Lexington was another great night fueled by American Ethanol. Volunteers from the Dawson County, Custer County, and South Central Corn Growers were on hand to talk with race fans as they entered the gates. The locals were also the hosts for this race.

A special event happened on Friday, July 15th at I-80 Speedway near Greenwood. Austin Dillon's American Ethanol show car made an appearance at the track. I-80 Speedway was a packed house as locals, staff, and fans came out to enjoy the races and check out the car. This race was hosted by the Saunders County Corn Growers Association.

The summer series wrapped up on Friday, August 12th at Beatrice Speedway in Beatrice. This was a great race to finish off the summer with as locals, staff, and fans came out to watch the modified madness. This race was hosted by the Southeast Corn Growers Association.

The American Ethanol Night at the Races tradition is a chance for local corn growers, family, and friends, to get together on a fun night and help promote homegrown fuel. American Ethanol helps promote cleaner air for our environment, creates job opportunities in rural communities, and is an industry supported by Nebraska corn farmers.
The 2016 Corn Grower Open is in the books and we are thankful for another fun and successful day of golf! We had over 110 golfers and nearly perfect weather at the York Country Club. Flight 1 had a tie for first place between the teams from AgriGold and Buffalo-Hall (Rohrich). The winning team of flight 2 was Wilbur-Ellis, followed by the team from the Polk-Butler local. Our Valley Putter raffle winner was Deb Gangwish. NeCGA wants to give a big thank you to all of the sponsors, golfers, and members who came out to enjoy the day with us. Without you, the tournament would not be possible. We look forward to seeing everyone on the course next year!

Thank you to our 2016 Corn Grower Open Sponsors!
Husker Harvest Days Quickly Approaching

Nebraska Corn is busy preparing for Husker Harvest Days! This year HHD is September 13th – 15th. Show hours are 8 AM - 5 PM Tuesday and Wednesday, and 8 AM – 4 PM on Thursday. You can find Nebraska Corn in both 8 in the commodities building (red building on Main St.). Stop by to learn more about how Nebraska Corn is adding value to the state and to sign the petition telling the EPA we want to keep Atrazine! Don’t forget to grab an ice cold Coca Cola, sweetened with High Fructose Corn Syrup, on your way out. Local President’s, be on the lookout for the HHD work schedule. As a reminder, all locals are asked to supply volunteers for a two-hour shift during the show. We will see you all there!

Husker Harvest Days: 9000 W. Husker Highway Wood River, NE 68883

Annual Meeting Announcement

Save the Date: December 1, 2016 @ Innovation Campus, Lincoln.

Specialty Corn License Plate Updates

Have you been seeing these plates around town and wondering how you can get one too? You’re in luck! You can fill out an application online directly with the DMV at https://www.nebraska.gov/dmv/splate/index.cgi OR fill out the application from necga.org and mail back with payment to the address on the front (Nebraska DMV). You can also get an application by emailing mwrich@necga.org.

Have you picked up your new plates? Let us know! Share a picture with us on Facebook or Twitter!
Calendar of Events

**September**
- 1 Dawson CCGA Plot Tour
- 5 Labor Day- NeCGA Office Closed
- 7 Soil Health Partnership Field Day
- 7 Hamilton CCGA Field Day
- 8 Irrigation Management Field Day
- 13 Husker Harvest Days
- 14 Husker Harvest Days
- 15 Husker Harvest Days

**October**
- 10 Columbus Day- NeCGA Office Closed

**November**
- 11 Veteran's Day- NeCGA Office Closed
- 24 Thanksgiving-NeCGA Office Closed
- 25 NeCGA Office Closed

**December**
- 1 NeCGA Annual Meeting, Lincoln
- 25 Christmas- NeCGA Office Closed

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