The Nebraska Corn Growers Association focuses their philanthropic efforts on the Food Banks of Nebraska. One in every five children are food deprived in Nebraska. The food bank distributes 36,902 meals a day and feeds over 10,000 people a week.

The Nebraska Corn Growers will be holding a silent auction at the 2015 Corn Grower Open. This will be the second year that the proceeds from this auction will be donated to the Food Bank of Lincoln. Last year NeCGA was able to raise $1,640. The money donated to the Food Bank of Lincoln provided over 4,900 meals to children, families and seniors and distributed in 16 counties throughout Southeast Nebraska.

Please join us for the Nebraska Corn Growers Association 5th Annual Corn Grower Open. This year’s four person, best ball scramble will be hosted at the Meadowlark Hills Golf Course in Kearney, Nebraska on Wednesday, July 29th. We will kick off the day with registration at 9:30 a.m. Golfing will begin with a shotgun start at 11:00 a.m. followed by an awards ceremony and formal dinner to conclude the day.

We greatly appreciate the support we receive for this event, and hope everyone can join us on the course to network with a number of Nebraska’s finest corn producers, allied members and friends of the industry!

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News from the Beltway

By Rep. Adrian Smith

Nebraska’s Third District is the number one agriculture district and the top ethanol distiller in the country, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our producers. In Washington, I am working to cut red tape and open new opportunities for Nebraska agriculture.

One of the top concerns for Nebraska farmers is the administration’s unprecedented regulatory expansion through its Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule. Washington bureaucrats should never have control over the puddles and irrigation ditches on rural farmers’ property. Though the Obama administration has finalized WOTUS, the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act passed by the House with my support would require the EPA to withdraw the rule. We will continue taking action to prevent WOTUS from going into effect.

The EPA also recently released disappointing Renewable Volume Obligation (RVO) targets for biofuels under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Despite record harvests showing the supply exists, excessive government regulation continues to prevent this clean, efficient, and affordable fuel source from reaching consumers.

In April, I introduced H.R. 1736 to fight arbitrary ethanol regulations and expand consumer choice at the fuel pump. This legislation would extend to E15 the same waiver from EPA volatility limits already granted to E10, allowing these blends of ethanol to be sold year-round.

The House Ways and Means Committee, on which I serve, is also continuing its work on trade. By passing Trade Promotion Authority on June 18th, the House showed the world we are serious about getting the best possible trade agreements, asserted American leadership in the global economy, and set the stage for greater opportunity for our agriculture producers, manufacturers, and consumers. TPA requires the administration’s negotiations to be directed by Congress, and I am committed to ensuring U.S. trade agreements level the playing field for Nebraska’s corn producers and boost our agriculture economy.

U.S. Representative for Nebraska’s 3rd congressional district

Ethanol Night at the Races

The summer tradition is back with four dates and locations across the state. The first race was held on May 30th at Junction Motor Speedway in McCool Junction. On, Sunday June 28th, we were at I-80 Speedway near Greenwood. The Biofuels Mobile Education Trailer and American Ethanol Show car were in attendance. Next up is Dawson County Raceway in Lexington on Sunday, July 19th which is the last night of Dawson County Fair. The Biofuels Mobile Education Trailer and the American Ethanol Show Car will be in attendance for this event as well! The final race of the season will be held Friday, August 7th at Beatrice Speedway in Beatrice. It’s kid’s night so bring the whole family and get ready to have some fun!
Dear Corn Growers,

Now is the time to be a member of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association. With all the current issues arising, it is important to address these challenges and let your voice be heard in order to protect our livelihood. While most of us have been dealing with a difficult growing season already we need to remain focused on the issues that may have a long term effect on our industry.

Some of the current federal issues that impact our industry are the Renewable Volume Obligation (RVO) and the Waters of the U.S. Rule (WOTUS).

Renewable Volume Obligation (RVOs) is the technical process used to implement the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Recently the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has lowered the amount of corn based biofuel used to supply our nations renewable fuel supply. This lowering of the usage of ethanol will have a severe impact on our corn grind the next year. A full blown effort is underway by agriculture and ethanol interest to reverse this proposal by EPA.

The revised Waters of the U.S. Rule did not end up like we initially planned. This burden falls on our industry and it is up to us to help Congress understand that the final rule will have a negative impact on our industry. These regulations will affect our ability to operate our farms and produce food. It will bring federal regulations right back to the mud puddle in your driveway. As proposed, it has many flaws, so I encourage each of you to continue to pressure for it to be withdrawn.

On a positive note, Congress and the President did find a way to get Trade Promotion Authority completed. This was an important step to increase trade opportunities for our producers and all agriculture.

Even with the difficult spring, I wish everyone a great growing season.

Larry A. Mussack
President-Nebraska Corn Growers Association

‘Rally for Rural America’

Rural America rallied around the Renewable Fuel Standard on Thursday, June 25th, in a strong show of support to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. With 450 ethanol supporters following Captain Cornelius from the park side rally into the EPA hearing rooms, farmers and their friends raised their voices to roar “don’t mess with the RFS.”

EPA officials began a full day of listening at nine in the morning as more than 40 panels of approximately 280 farmers, ethanol and oil industry executives and an array of other interested citizens supplied a steady stream of testimony. State corn associates and the NCGA together ensured U.S. corn farmers played a major role in the conversation, nine members of NCGA’s corn board and a multitude of grower leaders from 12 states shared their unique perspectives on the importance of ethanol and the RFS.

The 450 supporters joined in Huron Park near the Reardon Civic Center to rally for rural America. Speakers from industry-leading organizations, the Governors and Secretaries of Agriculture of Iowa and Missouri, and NCGA President Chip Bowling revved up the crowd by reminding them of the critical nature of their cause.

The final panelists wrapped up testimony knowing that, after hours upon hours of authentic speakers detailing the real world impacts of EPA’s RFS-eroding proposal, the agency officials present must realize the disastrous impact policy changes formulated in Washington can have on the family farmers who drive economies in rural America.
Summer Schedule of Events

July
• 13th-17th – Summer Corn Congress
• 19th – Ethanol Night at the Races – Dawson County Raceway – Lexington, Nebraska
• 28th – NeCGA Committee Meetings at Holiday Inn – Kearney Nebraska
  5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in Stateroom E
• 29th – NeCGA Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. at Meadowlark Hills Golf Course – Kearney, Nebraska
• 29th – NeCGA Corn Grower Open at Meadowlark Hills Golf Course – Kearney, Nebraska
  Registration for tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m., shotgun start at 11:00 a.m.

August
• 7th – Ethanol Night at the Races – Beatrice Speedway – Beatrice, Nebraska
• 20th-21st – Corn/Soy Mentor Bus Tour

September
• 2nd – NeCGA and NCB volunteer in Beef Pit at Nebraska State Fair – Grand Island, Nebraska
• 15th-17th – Husker Harvest Day – Grand Island, Nebraska

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