PRIME Program

Production, Research, Innovation, & Management Education

The Nebraska Corn Growers Association is accepting applications for Class X of its PRIME Program. This program is designed for younger or newer Nebraska producers who want to increase their knowledge and better themselves and their operation in all aspects. All sessions are focused on maximizing the long-term viability of the operation through the latest research, emerging technologies, farm management practices, and peer relationships.

The program consists of three sessions, lasting approximately two days each, plus attendance at the Nebraska Corn Growers Association Annual Meeting. Participants can expect a total time commitment of 6-8 days away from the farm over a 12-month period. The material will be relevant and presented by the best that the industry has to offer. Locations of the sessions will be determined once the class has been selected.

A registration fee of $190 is required for enrollment. The fee will be waived for NeCGA 3-year members. All other costs of the program will be covered by NeCGA. The class will consist of 5-10 corn farmers selected from applications and local association board recommendations.

Applications should be submitted by January 9, 2026. Participants will be selected and notified following the application deadline. Primary selection criteria will be the applicant's desire and ability to participate and contribute during **all** sessions. Diversity among farm size, geographic location, and background will be sought as well.

Tentative Session Outline
Session I – March 2026
Learning Session I
Nebraska Ag Industry Tour
Session II – Summer 2026
Learning Session II
Nebraska Ag Industry Tour
Session III – January 2027
Learning Session III
NeCGA Annual Meeting
Other topics or speakers you are interested in:

Submit completed application to the Director of Grower Services, Katherine Byrne, at kbyrne@necga.org.

I. Applicant and Farm Information		
First Name:	Last Name:	NeCGA Member #:
Address:		City, State, Zip:
Business Name:		Corn Acres:
Cell Phone:	Email:	

Explain your role in the operation. Also, briefly describe the farm, listing technology adoption, agronomy practices, and environmental measures you believe sets your farm ahead of the pace.

II. Professional Background (certifications, personal development activities, awards, employment history, civic involvement, academic degrees, etc.)

Dates	Institution/Business/etc.	Focus/Objectives/Achievements

III. Personal Statement

Provide brief examples of what you would like to gain from the PRIME Program. Explain how your participation will benefit your farming operation and how you can contribute to Nebraska's corn industry.

IV. Commitment Statement

My enrollment in the PRIME Program will be a high priority. My family and farm partners understand the time commitment that this program will require and are willing to assist in my full attendance.

Signature: _____