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Energy Bill Victory: What it means to South Dakota

The U.S. Senate sealed a long-awaited victory for the corn and ethanol industries by overwhelmingly passing the largest energy package in history in July. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 was signed into law by Pres. Bush and includes a 7.5 billion gallon renewable fuels standard (RFS) which promises to double the market for ethanol and increase the local price of corn.

"South Dakota corn producers are celebrating the future of our industry which was bolstered by final action on an energy package containing a tremendous RFS. The passage of this bill marks the actualization of a determined pursuit to provide energy security for our nation," said David Gillen, president of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association (SDCGA). "We look forward to meeting the expectations Congress set forth by anchoring our energy demands domestically through a guaranteed market for ethanol."

The bill demonstrates bipartisan craftsmanship at its best as it contains a vigorous schedule to increase the usage of ethanol to 7.5 billion gallons by 2012. The industry currently produces nearly 4 billion gallons annually. The RFS is expected to create the need for 70 more ethanol plants to be built in the next seven years.

South Dakota devotes the highest proportion of its corn crop to ethanol of any state in the United States. As much as one-third of it has gone to ethanol plants in past years, according to Lisa Richardson, executive director of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association.

As such, the timing of the RFS in the Energy Bill passage couldn't be better for South Dakota as three new ethanol plants are proposed in the state and expansions of existing plants have recently occurred or are planned:

- Broin Enterprises recently completed a successful equity drive clearing the way for them to build a 60 million gallon ethanol plant near Mitchell, S.D.
- Redfield Energy, a 50 million gallon plant proposed near Redfield, S.D., will be constructed and managed by Glacial Lakes Energy of Watertown, S.D. They hope to begin construction in October of this year.
- FreMar cooperative of Marion announced it has formed Ethanol Express, LLC. The company plans to raise funds from farmer-investors to build a plant with a capacity of 50 million to 100 million gallons per year.
- Broin Companies plans to increase the production of Great Plains Ethanol in Chancellor from 50 million gallons to 100 million. The expansion is proposed to add 15 to 20 jobs, and could increase the local price of corn by five to seven cents per bushel.

"The RFS in the Energy Bill has provided a tremendous sense of security to the industry which has all these plants coming on line. There's going to be a market for them. It's done exactly what we hoped it would do," said Bob Dinneen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA). "The economic stimulus that this is going to provide will mean about \$120 to \$140 billion to rural America in terms of ethanol sales, DDG sales, grain purchasing; it's a phenomenal stimulus to rural America."

The 7.5 billion gallon RFS is expected to provide a significant impact to the American economy as a whole. The industry growth will create as many as 234,840 new jobs in all sectors of the economy. By 2012, 2.4 billion bushels of corn will be used for ethanol production, a demand which should increase the local price of corn by 5 to 10 cents per bushel.

"What does this all mean to South Dakota?" said Gillen. "It will mean potential increases to farm income. It will provide economic drivers for our rural communities to thrive. Perhaps most important, it means we can establish an environment for our young people to stay and have a career in their home state. This RFS allows long-term certainty that our industry will continue to grow."

The next step is implementation of the Energy Bill, a process the RFA and other organizations are closely monitoring for the industry.

"Our job at the RFA is to make sure that the RFS isn't hijacked through the implementation process. I don't think it can be because the legislation is such that there's going to be 7.5 billion gallons of ethanol sold. Frankly, there's going to be a lot more than that sold because it's a floor, not a ceiling," said Dinneen.

The RFA has already met with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy on the initial steps of implementation.

"In addition to working with the various departments and agencies, we'll be promulgating parts of this rule and issuing studies that affect how Congress reviews the program," said Dinneen. "We're going to be working with the oil industry to make sure that this program is implemented successfully. We have

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won the battle – the battle is the legislative activities that have brought this bill to passage. We now have to win the war, which is implementation. This energy bill was such a seminal moment in this industry's history that we're going to continue to be focused on that for a while."

And Dinneen believes enthusiasm for ethanol – both in usage and investments – will continue to grow at home and abroad as nations such as India and China

become developing countries, creating an even bigger demand for oil.

Existing ethanol plants are already stepping up to the challenge of providing that alternative energy source to the nation and are developing technologies to exceed the industry's expectations.

"I believe that the industry five years from now will be unrecognizable from the industry today. I envision new feed stocks, new technologies," said Dinneen. "I see what's going on in South Dakota with some of the companies and the innovations that they're looking at and I get really excited about it. We need to have that kind of innovation if we're going to expand to the level that I think we're going to need to expand in order for this country to continue to meet its energy needs."

As the RFA continues to serve as a watchdog of the implementation of the Energy Bill, Dinneen said they wouldn't be where they are today without the leadership and vision of Congress, and particularly South Dakota's delegation.

"I really do think that South Dakota had such a critical role in the success that we've had," said Dinneen. "Sen. Johnson, Sen. Thune and Congresswoman Herseth were largely responsible for getting this bill done. South Dakota can be very proud of its leadership, past and present."



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Gillen, SDCGA President

Are you a cattle guy or a grain guy? If you think you're both, do you have time for both or is your farm operation structured for both? SDCGA will be sponsoring some financial planning workshops this winter to answer these questions for you.

If you knew that you were losing \$30 per cow/calf pair and your profitable grain operation was carrying your unprofitable beef enterprise by \$3,000 per year (100 head x \$30 per head), would it be as much fun watching those new born calves play on a beautiful spring day?

If you knew you lost an average of \$25 per acre on all your crop acres in the last three years and your profitable cow calf operation was carrying your unprofitable grain farm by \$12,500 per year (500 acres x \$25 per acre), would it be as much fun planting corn and anticipating that big yield that will more than likely lose money?

What if you raised grain or cattle, but not both? Why do you suppose in the book of Genesis that Cane was the grain guy and Able was the cattle guy? I would suspect that they each had different talents that fit their occupation. Think about this:

Cattle guys, what if you expand your profitable cow operation and sow your crop acres to grass, or rent the crop acres to the grain guy? These may be the results:

- More dollars in your pocket. You could sell your crop machinery, reduce debt, and have more time for your family. It is okay to spend a couple of hours in the evenings with your family. You will get used to it.
- Your cows will fall graze the stalks, whether you planted it or your neighbor did.
- Doesn't it make sense to buy grain for your livestock if you can purchase it for less money than you can raise it?
- You could do a better job calving. You

could save the cow and calf, instead of pulling a dead calf from a crippled cow after a long day in the field.

- Maybe you could run your farm, instead of the farm running you.

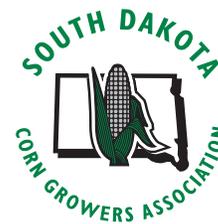
Grain guys, what if you expand your profitable grain operation by farming all your tillable acres, and renting your non tillable to the cattle or pheasant guy? The following may be the results:

- More dollars in your pocket. You could sell your cattle and your cattle equipment, reduce debt, and have much more time for your family. Working on the honey-do list from time to time isn't so bad.
- Your asset turnover ratio would improve tremendously.
- At planting time, you would be ready to go, instead of being so tired and emotionally drained by the previous muddy six week calving season.
- You could spend some time pricing your grain at a price that fits you, instead of when the cash flow is screaming for some attention.
- Maybe you could run your farm, instead of your farm running you.

The choices described above do not have to be emotional ones. Let the numbers from your farming history make the decision. Sign up for one of the financial planning courses this winter, sponsored by the SD Corn Growers. You can make good decisions if you have the facts to make them.

On a personal note, with the help of accurate records, 10 years ago Carol and I made a choice to do one over the other. It was one of the best decisions we ever made.

David Gillen
SDCGA President



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Your membership is important. Please take the time to join the SDCGA today. We're working hard to add value to the product you grow, and we need your support.

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Congratulations members! The importance of membership in the South Dakota Corn Growers Association is always stressed in Membership Matters, but the recent passage of the renewable fuels standard in the overall Energy Bill is proof of what a strong membership base can accomplish. Your membership in the SDCGA made a difference and the Energy Bill will be added to the list of successes you and the SDCGA have achieved.

The SDCGA has had a very active summer attending numerous farm shows, fairs and promotional events. These venues are opportunities to visit with our members, invite more corn growers to join and educate the public about the industry. The SDCGA had a presence at the Sioux Empire Fair, Dakotafest, Brown County Fair, Thunder Road Family Fun Park in Sioux Falls and the South Dakota State Fair, just to name a few.

A continuing focus of the SDCGA is growing the membership base to include all corn growers in the state. A letter campaign was conducted in August, encouraging producers to join or re-join the organization. In addition, a telemarketing campaign is currently underway to contact current or potential members in person about the membership opportunity. If you recently joined through any of these efforts, we welcome you and thank you for your support of this industry.

In upcoming months, there will be several invitations exclusively for our membership to take part in educational seminars, legislative events and more. Be watching for more details on those events and we encourage your participation.

And don't forget the yearly culmination for our membership at the SDCGA Annual Meeting. We will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the SDCGA on Jan. 7 at the Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls. A day full of seminars will be topped off by a banquet and entertainment by Nashville stars, BlackHawk. As a member of the SDCGA, your tickets to the day-long event are just \$25, as opposed to \$50 for non-members. Last year the Annual Meeting sold out so consider calling today to RSVP to make sure you have a spot at the biggest event of the year for the SDCGA. See you there!

The Broin Companies were started in the early 1980s when the Broin family built a farm scale plant to produce ethanol. During those early years the family worked to learn new and more efficient ways to manufacture ethanol.



In 1987, the Broin family purchased an ethanol plant at auction in Scotland, S.D. which was in foreclosure and not running. The plant was refurbished and ethanol production began. From there the Broin family's pioneering spirit has propelled them to develop, design, construct, engineer and market ethanol through 21 ethanol plants to date. Broin has two plants under construction in Iowa and three under development, including a proposed plant near Mitchell, SD. Of the 21 plants built, 16 are under Broin's Management.

The Broin Companies have built plants in South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan and Missouri. Ethanol plant projects the Broin Companies have completed offer thousands of farm families a vehicle to capture value added income by marketing locally grown corn to the facilities for use in the production of ethanol and co-products.

A 50 mmgy (million gallons per year) ethanol plant will consume approximately 17.5 million bushels of corn; produce 50 million gallons of ethanol and 150,000 tons of Dakota Gold dried distillers grain with solubles (DDGS) on an annual basis. In addition, a plant of this size provides a local, regional and statewide economic impact by creating 38 to 40 jobs, a payroll of approximately \$1,500,000 and other local community expenditures such as utilities, equipment, repairs and support services.

The Broin Companies have been and continue to be instrumental in leading the ethanol industry into the future. In addition to development, design, engineering, operations and management of ethanol production plants, the Broin Companies also market ethanol and distiller's dried grains with solubles (DDGS) through their marketing companies Ethanol Products and Dakota Gold Marketing. For more information about Broin Companies, visit their website at www.broin.com.

The following South Dakota plants are under Broin's Management:

Broin Enterprises, Inc.

- The Broin Enterprises, Incorporated, is located near Scotland, S.D.
- The plant was designed and built by Broin Enterprises. The plant operates using the patent-pending BPX process.
- It began production in 1988 and is projected to produce 9 million gallons of ethanol this year.
- Broin Enterprises is also one of our research and development centers. Gary Gall is the General Manager.

Great Plains Ethanol, LLC

- Great Plains Ethanol is located near Chancellor, S.D.
- Great Plains operates using the patent-pending BPX process.
- Great Plains Ethanol began production in March of 2003, and is projected to produce 50 million gallons of ethanol in 2005. An expansion to approximate 100 million gallons per year is planned.
- www.greatplainsethanol.com

James Valley Ethanol, LLC

- James Valley Ethanol is located near Groton, S.D.
- The plant operates using the patent-pending BPX process.
- James Valley Ethanol began production in May of 2003, and is projected to produce 52 million gallons of ethanol in 2005.
- www.jamesvalleyethanol.com

Northern Lights Ethanol, LLC

- Northern Lights Ethanol is located near Big Stone City, S.D.
- Northern Lights began production in 2002, and is projected to produce 48 million gallons of ethanol this year.
- The partners in Northern Lights Ethanol, LLC are Northern Growers, LLC and Broin Companies.
- www.northernlightsethanol.com

Sioux River Ethanol, LLC

- The Sioux River Ethanol plant is located near Hudson, S.D.
- The plant operates using the patent-pending BPX process.
- Sioux River Ethanol began production this year, and is projected to produce 55 million gallons of ethanol this year.
- www.siouxriverethanol.com

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New watersheds are announced in CSP program

USDA announced recently that 110 watersheds, with at least one in all 50 states, Guam and Puerto Rico, will be eligible for the 2006 Conservation Security Program (CSP). Three watersheds were named in South Dakota: Middle James, Mud and Beaver.

The Mud watershed runs through Brown, Day, Marshall and Spink counties in South Dakota. Middle James encompasses Beadle, Brown, Clark, Day, Hand, Jerald, Kingsbury, Miner, Sandborn and Spink counties and the Beaver watershed including portions of Custer, Fall River and Pennington county as well as a larger portion of Wyoming counties. The announcement brings the number of watersheds enrolled to 330 across the nation, covering 250 million acres that have been eligible for the program. Last year, two watersheds were funded in South Dakota, the Vermillion and the North Big Sioux. There are a total of 52 watersheds in South Dakota.

"The focus of the program is to reward producers who are doing some high levels of management to protect soil and water quality," said Rod Voss, CSP coordinator for the South Dakota Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "In order to be eligible, producers must be doing those things necessary to protect soil and water quality."

On water quality, Voss said they are looking for four specific things: nutrient management; pesticide management; sedimentation; and salinity.

"From a water quality standpoint, those are the things that we are trying to protect," said Voss.

There are three tiers of participation in the watershed program that differ in contract length and total payments. For Tier I, contracts are for 5 years; maximum payment is \$20,000 annually. For Tier II, contracts are for 5-10 years; maximum payment is \$35,000 annually. And for Tier III, contracts are for 5-10 years; maximum payment is \$45,000 annually. All three tiers include the potential for enhancement payments for exceptional conservation effort and additional conservation practices or activities that provide increased resource benefits.

Conservation Security Program

Information Web Page: www.sd.nrcs.usda.gov/

What should producers be doing?

- Document nutrient management
- Yields
- Fertilizer applied
- Manure applied

- Follow SDSU Soil Fertility Recommendations

- Soil Sample
- 0 – 6 in P,K, and micro's
- 24 inch deep nitrate test for crops using nitrogen

- Document your Pesticide Applications for each field
- Pesticides application rates
- Equipment used
- Weather conditions when applying

- Document crop rotations
- Document tillage practices

Start doing these practices today and it will help you get signed up!

"Producers outside of the current watersheds are encouraged to start to apply appropriate management to become eligible when a watershed is named in their county," said Voss.

One of the biggest issues of non-compliance realized in the first year of the CSP watershed program was inadequate soil tests to base nutrient applications.

"What we're looking for are producers who are taking soil tests and applying fertilizer – nitrogen and phosphorus – according to South Dakota State University recommendations based on a realistic yield goal," said Voss. "And then consider things like gully erosion, they need to be putting in waterways; applying pesticides according to label; abandoned wells can be an issue in some areas. And documenting – farmers know all of that and in one form or another they have that stuff; it just takes

them a while to pull it all together."

Voss recommends producers document nutrients and pesticides; records of soil tests; grazing/rotation records; tillage, yields, crops grown; and farming systems as a start.

The 2006 CSP will also include a renewable energy component. Eligible producers will receive compensation for converting to renewable energy fuels such as bio-diesel and ethanol, for recycling 100 percent of on-farm lubricants, and for implementing energy production, including wind, solar, geothermal and methane production.

NRCS will be holding informational meetings this fall once signups are announced to assist producers in understanding the requirements of the program. A sign-up announcement will be published that will detail specific program requirements in the watersheds. The program will be offered each year on a rotational basis in as many watersheds as funding allows. Additional information on CSP, including a map of the fiscal year 2006 watersheds and eligibility requirements, is on the Web at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp>.

A Great New Benefit for SDCGA Members:

Members of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association can get reduced rates on supplemental insurance through AFLAC. For more information about this unique opportunity, attend one of the upcoming meetings at the following dates and locations:

Sept. 19th, 7 pm, at Flandreau, SD library

Sept. 20th, 7 pm, at Canton, SD library

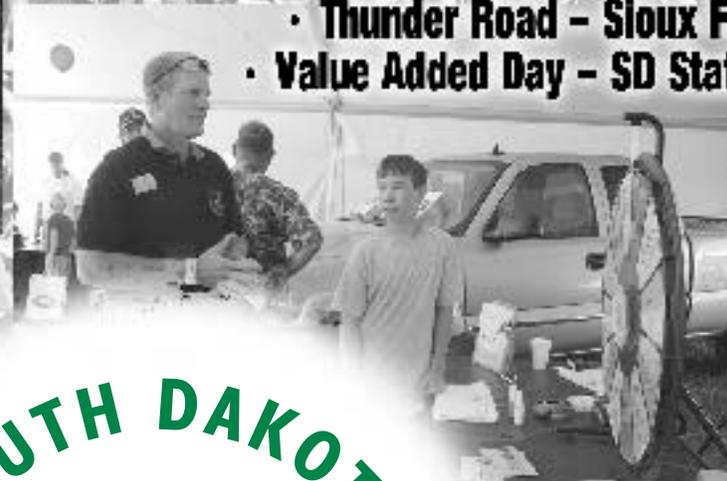
Nov. 7th, 7 pm, at Madison, SD library

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"Truckin' through 2005" at area events

- Farmer Appreciation Day – Sioux Empire Fair
- Dakotafest
- Brown County Fair
- Thunder Road – Sioux Falls
- Value Added Day – SD State Fair



HERSETH HOSTS AG COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ON TOUR OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SDCGA invites ag groups to Summit with Goodlatte

The South Dakota Corn Growers Association (SDCGA) welcomed the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Bob Goodlatte, on Aug. 4 to their Sioux Falls office to facilitate early discussions about South Dakota priorities for the next farm bill. Rep. Stephanie Herseth, D-S.D., hosted the Virginia Republican on a tour of South Dakota agriculture.

Sen. John Thune joined Goodlatte and Herseth when the SDCGA brought together representatives from 12 agricultural groups to impress upon Goodlatte the importance of agriculture and the impact of farm bill negotiations on the state of South Dakota.



SDCGA president David Gillen of White Lake, S.D., listens as U.S. House Ag Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, R-VA, offers comments during an informal summit held Aug. 3 at the SDCGA office in Sioux Falls.

Attendees discussed the need for adequate and predictable programs and provisions for different sectors of South Dakota's agriculture economy. The provisions in the current Farm Bill, signed into law in 2002, are set to expire in 2007. Hearings and discussions about the parameters of the 2007 Farm Bill should begin in earnest early next year.

"This was an unprecedented meeting during which nearly every agricultural group in South Dakota had the opportunity to communicate the needs of its industry to high ranking and influential law makers," said David Gillen, president of the SDCGA.

Rep. Herseth said, "I'm pleased that Chairman Goodlatte took the time to hear firsthand the ideas and concerns of South Dakota producers as we look ahead to the 2007 Farm Bill."

Sen. Thune, who served with Chairman Goodlatte on the House Agriculture committee from 1996-2002, added, "This meeting is a critical first step toward a strong farm bill for South Dakota."

Attendees also discussed the implications of international trade and mandatory cuts to agriculture programs contained in the upcoming budget reconciliation.



U.S. House Ag Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, R-VA, Rep. Stephanie Herseth, D-S.D., and Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., met with representatives from 12 agricultural organizations on Aug. 3 during a meeting hosted by the South Dakota Corn Growers Association.

South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture, Larry Gabriel was also present at the meeting which featured representatives from Sen. Tim Johnson's office, SDCGA, South Dakota Cattlemen's Association, South Dakota Dairy Producers, Dairy Farmers of America, South Dakota Farm Bureau, South Dakota Farmers Union, South Dakota Pork Producers Council, South Dakota Soybean Association, South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, South Dakota Wheat, Inc., Ag United for South Dakota and the American Coalition for Ethanol.



Board members of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association had the opportunity to discuss agricultural policy with the U.S. House Ag Committee Chairman during his recent trip to South Dakota. Pictured from left to right: Gary Duffy, SDCGA board member from Oldham, S.D.; Reid Jensen, SDCGA vice president from Burbank, S.D.; Rep. Bob Goodlatte, U.S. House Ag Committee Chairman, R-VA; Rep. Stephanie Herseth, D-S.D.; David Gillen, SDCGA president from White Lake, S.D.; Kurt Stiefvater, SDCGA board member from Salem, S.D.; Sen. John Thune, R-S.D.; and Larry Gabriel, South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture.

An Evening with the Stars



SDCGA 20th Anniversary featuring BLACKHAWK



Register Soon!

The South Dakota Corn Growers Association will celebrate their 20th Anniversary during their Annual Meeting themed "An Evening with the Stars" on Jan. 7, 2006 at the Sioux Falls Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center..

A high-powered lineup of speakers and entertainment will be on tap for the day-long event which is expected to draw over 1,000 producers, industry leaders and others. In addition to educational opportunities, the SDCGA will conduct resolution meetings designed to set the direction of the organization for the upcoming year.

The powerhouse vocal trio BlackHawk will top off the day's events as the featured entertainment. Make plans now to attend the SDCGA Annual Meeting on Jan. 7, 2006. Tickets for SDCGA members are \$25 and for non-members, \$50. That covers the cost for the entire day's events including seminars, meals and entertainment. Register today by calling 605-334-0100 to RSVP.

SEMINAR SPEAKERS

Jay Lehr: In his program "Megatrends in Agriculture" Dr. Lehr will apply his half century of Agricultural experience to his crystal ball and explain from the simple to the complex why farming has a bright future. To begin, he has declared the ethanol war over and won by the corn interests. Precision Agriculture using GPS, GIS and Variable Rate technology will improve corn yields as will reduced tillage and advancing genetically modified seeds. Biotechnology will increasingly allow us to grow energy, material and medicines as well as foods. A strong back, a strong mind and a positive attitude will keep the American farmer on top in the coming decades.



Arlan Suderman has devoted his career to helping farmers manage their operations by developing risk management and marketing tools for producers. In his presentation, Suderman will combine his experience as a past marketing consultant and current market analyst for *Farm Futures* magazine to give producers perspective and an inside track on crop and commodity marketing and risk management tools. Suderman also is the Marketing & Management Editor at Farm Progress Companies for which he writes regular market outlooks for the publications and provides daily in-depth crop marketing commentary.



Nicholas Duck will share with audiences his unique perspective from being on the front lines of biotechnology development over the past 10 years. He has successfully led several alliance projects to commercial success working for Monsanto, Ciba-Geigy and Pioneer Hi-Bred. Much of his research has focused on insect resistance in transgenic plants. Duck was part of the teams that developed Maximizer™ and Hurculex™ corn borer resistant corn and rootworm resistance corn at Pioneer Hi-Bred. Currently, Duck is vice president of research for Athenix Corporation, a leading biotechnology company that discovers and develops novel products, technologies and processes for the agriculture and chemical business. During his presentation Duck will give producers the edge in knowing how future traits will impact the face of agriculture.



Val Farmer: What good is farming if it doesn't provide for the happiness and well-being of all those who are connected with it? Dr. Farmer will discuss what he wishes farm families knew about key relationships, how to improve them and to give them the priority they deserve while dealing with the stress and challenges in modern agriculture. You will learn many specifics on how to make your relationships glisten and shine brighter than any farmyard, fields or machinery ever could.



Annual Meeting Agenda

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

“Megatrends in Agriculture: Where are we going with the American farm?” – Jay Lehr

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

“Seizing Marketing Opportunities in 2006”
– Arlan Suderman

11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

Corn Yield Contest Luncheon
Featuring keynote speaker:
S.D. Secretary of Agriculture Larry Gabriel

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

“The Outlook for Biotechnology in Agriculture:
The Next 10 Years” – Nicholas Duck

2:10 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

“Relationships: The true measure of farming success”
– Val Farmer

3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

SDCGA Resolution Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Wine Social & Silent Auction

6:30 p.m.

Banquet
Emceed by Jim Woster

8 p.m.

Entertainment by BlackHawk

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SDCGA Hosts Field Day

Over 40 producers gathered at the Reid Jensen plot in Clay County for a field day to observe how different hybrids develop under the same growing conditions. The program featured Rod Voss, Conservation Security Program (CSP) coordinator for the South Dakota NRCS, who discussed the CRP program, watersheds and keys for producers to participate.

Seed dealers were also in attendance and visited with producers about the benefits of their hybrids.

SDCGA Showplot chairman, Chad Blindauer of Mitchell, S.D. said, "The Showplot program provides seed dealers the opportunity to interact with producers; and producers the opportunity to compare the performance of several corn hybrids under actual growing conditions first-hand."

The SDCGA Showplot program had 15 cooperators participate in the program in 2005 from across the state. Results of each showplot will be compiled into a book and mailed out to SDCGA members this fall.



NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The fourth quarter of fiscal year 2005 was a busy one for members of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA). And the first quarter of fiscal year 2006 is expected to be just as busy.

Energy bill

A major victory was scored with the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which included a 7.5-billion-gallon renewable fuels standard by 2012.

"Not since 1992 has the United States Congress enacted a comprehensive national energy policy. We are delighted that this legislation promotes more diverse and domestically based energy sources and we are particularly happy that this bill will expand the use of domestic renewable fuels," said Leon Corzine, NCGA president. "Everyone wins with the Energy Policy Act of 2005."

The next step is the implementation process. The Environmental Protection Agency will look over the bill and make rule suggestions for implementation in the fall. The process could take 12 to 18 months. NCGA will work with the SDCGA to make sure the necessary rules are in place.

Farm bill

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns and his staff have been attending farm bill listening sessions throughout the country, gathering data from local farmers on what they see as the future of the next farm bill due in 2007. In addition, the public may comment on the farm bill by letter or on the Web at www.usda.gov until Dec. 30, 2005.

A listening session was held at the S.D. State Fair on Sept. 7.

"The process of farm policy development is in the early stages, and it is very beneficial that all growers be involved in these important discussions," said Lisa Kelley, NCGA director of public policy.

The SDCGA will be gathering more grassroots input toward determining what is needed in the next farm bill."

CSP

USDA recently selected 110 watersheds, with at least one in every state, Guam and Puerto Rico, to be eligible for the 2006 Conservation Security Program (CSP). There are now 330

watersheds covering 250 million acres in the United States. The sign-up period will take place early next year. As in 2005, eligible farmers will receive compensation for converting to renewable energy fuels such as biodiesel and ethanol, recycling 100 percent or on-farm lubricants and implementing energy production, including wind, solar, geothermal and methane production.

In South Dakota, two new watersheds have been added, with approximately 2.4 million acres in the watersheds. The Mud watershed has approximately 415 farms in it; the Middle James watershed has approximately 1,983 farms in it.

"Those who depend on the land to make a living are the best stewards of the land – which is certainly true in South Dakota," Kelley said. "Corn growers have been interested in the ongoing implementation of the CSP, which aims to reward farmers who practice conservation and to provide incentives to help further their efforts."

Corn Congress



Corn producers from across the country meet in Washington, DC, every year in July to attend Corn Congress. In 2005, South Dakota Corn Growers met to discuss National Corn Grower policy. It was a unique time in corn grower history as the United States Congress was in the middle of the Conference Report for the Energy Bill, the Highway Bill and WRDA, all of which held significant importance to corn growers. Representing the SDCGA at Corn Congress are from left to right: David Gillen, SDCGA president from White Lake, S.D.; Mark Garber, Pierre, S.D.; Jake Volkers, Brookings, S.D.; Ron Olson, Waubay, S.D.; and Bill Chase, Wolsey, S.D.

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National Safety Council

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THE Olinger REPORT

by Ron Olinger



SDCGA Lobbyist-Pierre

As I read the recent articles on the increase in value of farm real estate in South Dakota and throughout the United States, I could only think of the problems that those increases cause. Some would say that is a foolish statement in light of the increased net worth on land owned by farmers. Higher land prices have been driven by the new farm bill, crop insurance and recreational use and results in higher cash rents that make it particularly impossible for young farmers to get started.

Please remember that the family farm and the passing of farms from one generation to the next is greatly endangered by our current federal estate tax structure. Currently, transfers from one spouse to the other are exempt from federal estate tax under the marital deduction. The problem results when the transfer is made to the next generation and all you have to deal with is a \$1.5 million dollar unified credit. That amount goes to \$2 million on January 1, 2006 and then goes to \$3.5 million on January 1, 2009. In 2010 the tax is completely repealed for one year and then we revert back to the 1997 level of \$600,000 being the unified credit amount.

How can Congress deal with this issue in such a lackadaisical matter? We live in an area where jobs are being outsourced to other countries and other countries still prevent our meat from being marketed into them. With fuel prices skyrocketing and inputs in agriculture going up astronomically it is difficult to see why anyone would find the outlook to be very good for agriculture.

More importantly, if you were willing to take these risks of farming, you have to retain substantial assets in order to protect yourself against the costs of nursing home insurance and extremely high medical costs. If you retain enough assets to provide protection, instead of being able to pass them to your family in preserving the family farm, you will face an approximate 50 percent tax rate on any amounts you transfer to family members over the unified credit.

With all of the stresses that face us in agriculture I think that it is time for Congress to enact not a repeal of the federal estate tax but an exemption that allows businesses who compete with foreign competition and farmers to transfer land, equipment and machinery and businesses from one generation to the next. My suggestion is a \$5 million unified credit per person that is indexed to inflation. This would allow an exemption in that amount for each spouse to transfer at death to the next generation. This should apply not only to agriculture but to small businesses. In order to be fair, tax payers who don't go into business or farming should have a larger exemption and some certainty in what the tax structure will be.

Those who speak of a complete repeal of the federal estate tax would only have to wait two or three generations and all of the wealth would be centralized into a small group of people and our declining middle class would be wiped out. Remember the backbone of America is small business and agriculture and the survival of our country in a competitive world is dependent on our base.

* The comments in the above column are that of lobbyist Ron Olinger and do not necessarily reflect the positions and policy of the South Dakota Corn Growers Association.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

On behalf of the South Dakota Corn Producers and 8,000 Farm Families invested in Ethanol, Thank You for your proven leadership and vision in completing the 7.5 billion gallon Renewable Fuels Standard!



"A robust Renewable Fuels standard places farmers and producers at the forefront of solving the decadal-long puzzle as to how the United States can lessen its dependence on foreign sources of energy. I was pleased to be able to use my influence as a member of the final conference committee that crafted the Energy Bill which included the 7.5 billion gallon Renewable Fuels Standard."



"I am proud to have worked hard in the House to build support among a bipartisan group of colleagues for a strong and meaningful Renewable Fuels Standard. This historic RFS recognizes the value of renewable fuels as clean, homegrown energy sources to decrease dependence on foreign oil. It also ensures that South Dakota will continue to be a national leader in ethanol production, and will expand opportunities for economic growth throughout our rural communities. This is a great victory for South Dakota."



"This long-awaited legislation guarantees the continued growth of corn markets for South Dakota farmers. It will bolster South Dakota agriculture for years to come. I am proud to have worked to deliver such a big victory for South Dakota."



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The Renewable Fuels Standard Will:

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- ★ Provide Opportunities for the Next Generation of Family Farmers
- ★ Stimulate Rural Economic Development

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RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINARS

Nov. 14 Pierre, Ramkota
Nov. 15 Huron, Crossroads Hotel
Nov. 16 Brookings, Brookings Inn

SPEAKERS:

"An Overview of Crop Insurance: Using Crop Insurance to Manage Risk in South Dakota" – **Laurence Crane**

"Strategies for Increasing Financial Success in a Changing Environment" – **Alan Lash**

"Asian Soybean Rust, Is the Threat Real?" – **Michael McNeill**

"It's Not Your Father's Corn Field – Medicine and Fuel" – **Bill Horan**

Please register for these free seminars by calling the South Dakota Corn Growers Association office at 605-334-0100.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDTABLES

Don't miss your chance to affect change through grassroots participation in setting policy and priorities for the SDCGA!

Nov. 29

Watertown, Ramkota

Nov. 30

Yankton, Kelly Inn

Dec. 1

Mitchell, Holiday Inn

FARM BUSINESS PLANNING WORKSHOPS

Managerial Analysis – AS 203

Presented by Alan Lash of AgriSolutions

Dec. 8-9, Sioux Falls, Ramkota Inn

AS 203 – This course will assist producers to define profit and costs associated with various activities within farming operations. They will be able to measure and monitor the following: center/area performance; profitability; asset efficiency and effectiveness; and cost control. As a result, producers will be able to see true profit and costs "per head, per bushel, per acre" which will change their enhanced decision making.

Writing a Business Plan – AS 301

Presented by Alan Lash of AgriSolutions

Jan. 16-17, Sioux Falls, Ramkota Inn

AS 301 – Writing a Business Plan: This class is offered for individuals who have participated in some of the previous training and have a real understanding of how to drive financial performance. AS 301 provides the foundation for developing a three-to-five year business plan to achieve goals. The plan is designed to improve internal business and family communications as well as open the door with investors, landowners and farm managers. This course requires previous five years of farm profit and loss statements, tax returns and a detailed asset listing.

"Taking Action to Improve Performance" – AS 103

Presented by Alan Lash of AgriSolutions

Feb. 14-15, Watertown, Ramkota

AS 103 – Taking Action to Improve Performance: The number of participants for this workshop is limited to 40. Each of these individuals will utilize the financial data from their farming operation to prepare and produce a unique historical farm financial performance report. Analysis of this report demonstrates the historical revenue-generating capacity and efficiency of the operation, reveals potential financial opportunities and highlights areas in need of improvement. The participants will then build action plans to accomplish objective they identify as critical to their individual and specific business performance.

"Growth and Funding Options" – AS 104

Presented by Alan Lash of AgriSolutions

Feb. 16-17, Mitchell, Holiday Inn

AS 104 – Growth and Funding Options: The focus of this course is asset management. Participants rank assets for asset management and growth purposes and identify those that are productive and non-productive. Specifically, participants will cycle through exercises and worksheets to evaluate business assets in terms of their efficient production of revenue. Additionally, the course will focus on debt management assisting participants in determining the amount of debts their assets can carry. They will also determine how their debt should be structured to cash flow.

**Also coming in February:
Computer Training Classes!**

What's Up



in the Industry

By the Red River Farm Network

→ Katrina Aftermath

The grain markets are focused on Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. Pro Farmer Senior Analyst Brian Grete says recovery at the Gulf shouldn't take as long as originally thought. "It sounds like the export side should get up and start crawling, if not walking or running in the near term."

→ Mississippi Losses

Extension agronomists say wind and rain from Hurricane Katrina knocked over much of Mississippi's corn and rice crops. About 30 percent of the state's corn was harvested before the storm struck, lodging a large percentage of what was left. That could cut yields by 10 to 20 percent.

→ Only Minor Damage

According to the U.S. Grains Council, only minor damage is being reported at grain terminals in the New Orleans region. Power has been available sporadically, but most facilities have auxiliary power to operate ship loading and barge unloading operations. Should it become necessary, USGC says the ports of Corpus Christi and Houston are only running at 20 percent of their rated capacity and could increase output if need to reposition grain

for export.

→ Energy Prices Skyrocket

National Corn Growers Association President Leon Corzine says farmers are feeling the pinch from Hurricane Katrina. "In a lot of areas, they can't even get a quote on the anhydrous price and we're just starting up our harvest through the Midwest." The NCGA leader recently met with congressional aides, who voiced concern about the increase in fuel prices. "They had to buy 20 gallons of gasoline a week; I said this harvest I'm going to use 20 gallons every hour."

→ CRP Options

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns says USDA will soon offer re-enrollment and extensions of CRP contracts. The option includes more than 28 million acres of farm land. USDA will re-enroll acres that have contracts expiring through 2010. That includes 16 million acres set to expire in 2007. Johanns says details will be released in a matter of weeks.

→ Farm Bill Forum

USDA Undersecretary Thomas Dorr was at the South Dakota State Fair on Sept. 7 for a farm bill forum. The event was part of the schedule of USDA forums being held nationwide.

→ BSE Investigation Complete

The USDA has completed its investigation into this summer's BSE case. The Ag Department tested 67 animals from the Texas herd and each animal tested negative. Dr. Steve Sundlof of the Food and Drug Administration emphasized the ruminant feed ban is also being followed. "We did over 6,800 inspections in the last year, of the feed plants or the renderers, and in all cases we find that the compliance by the industry inspected is over 99 percent. So, it's an extremely high compliance rate, it's hard to get any better than that." The FDA plans to expand its feed regulations within a matter of months. A broader ban is being considered, restricting other ingredients thought to carry the risk of spreading disease.

→ Johanns urges Japan, again

With the BSE investigation complete, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns called on Japan to step up and open its border to U.S. beef. Since BSE has not been found in animals under 20 months of age, Johanns says there is no risk in reopening the border.

→ Premise and I.D. number, please

Due to concerns over confidentiality, the administration wants a private system to collect information about animal move-

ment. That database will be available to state and federal authorities when an animal health problem is found. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said, "Our goal is to work hand-in-hand with producers and estates to enhance our collective ability to quickly identify animals that may be of concern in a disease outbreak. When this system is fully implemented we expect to be able to identify all potentially infected animals and premises, within 48 hours of detection." Over 100,000 premises have been registered in the voluntary animal ID system.

→ Pork Checkoff Encourages Producers to Sign-up for ID Program

Forty-nine of the 50 states have a system in place to establish premise ID numbers. The Pork Checkoff Director of Swine Health Programs Robyn Fleck says the voluntary national ID system is important. "It's all about foreign animal disease; in the case of an outbreak, animal health officials are going to want to be able to trace back the disease as quickly as possible."

→ Ethanol Production

The Renewable Fuels Association reports the U.S. ethanol industry set an all-time monthly production record in June. Production was up more than 12 percent, compared to a year ago.

→ Aussie's Consider More Reliance on Ethanol

Australia's ethanol industry is pushing for mandatory blending of ethanol at 10 percent for gasoline and 15 percent for diesel. While that may save \$1.3 billion in oil and gas imports, a study done in Canberra shows it could also cost the economy nearly \$3 billion in lost wheat exports.

→ John Deere Features New Iron

John Deere unveiled its new 8030 Series tractor at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, Illinois. The 30 Series tractors provide up to a 5 percent savings in fuel consumption. These tractors come with a price tag that ranges from \$118,000 to \$126,000. John Deere will also have these tractors on display at the Big Iron Farm Show in mid-September.

→ "A Harvest of safety and health"

That's the theme for this year's National Farm Safety week, Sept. 18-24. Farm Safety Week is an annual promotion from the National Safety Council. It commemorates the hard work, diligence, and sacrifices of farmers and ranchers while emphasizing safety. The 2005 event marks the 62nd consecutive proclamation signed by U.S. presidents.

EXPORT UPDATE

• **As efforts to save lives and bring order to the New Orleans region continue to be the priority, the U.S. grain trade also awaits news on U.S. feed grain export capability, according to the U.S. Grains Council.** Only minor damage continues to be reported at those grain terminals that have been inspected by employees. Power has also been sporadically available at some of the facilities, but almost all have auxiliary power units that can be used to operate ship loading and barge unloading operations. The Louisiana ports handled about 70 percent of U.S. corn exports last year. The Council has learned that should it become necessary to reposition grain for exports, the ports of Corpus Christi and Houston are running at approximately 20 percent of their rated capacity at the present time and could increase output in light of this disaster if called upon. Likewise, representatives at Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroads state that there is some additional capacity available within the rail system west of the Mississippi River should demand for grain movement to that area become necessary.

• **Two feed mills in Morocco are finalizing preparations for corn gluten feed (CGF) trials in poultry and dairy cows.** The U. S. Grains Council purchased and donated 72 tons of CGF through the USDA's Quality Samples Program to the El Alf and COPAG feed mills. El Alf will conduct poultry trials in northern Morocco using 36 tons, and COPAG, a co-op feed mill in southern Morocco, will use 36 tons in dairy trials. The Council will use the feeding trials, expected to start later this month, to educate importers and government officials about CGF and the need for an immediate phase out of Morocco's 32.5 percent tariff on CGF imports. CGF could decrease ruminant feed costs by approximately \$30 per ton by replacing imported wheat bran.

• **Initial results from corn gluten feed (CGF) trials in Tunisia are encouraging, according to USCG's director for the Mediterranean and Africa, Kurt Shultz.** He reports that on-farm calculations for the first month indicate feed containing CGF costs \$38 per ton less than the previous feed formulation using imported wheat bran and the new formulation using corn gluten feed has been well accepted by dairy cows in the trial.

• **Proconco, a Vietnamese feed mill, has purchased 500 metric tons of distiller's dried grains with solubles (DDGS).** U.S. Grains Council staff in Southeast Asia met with Proconco representatives in Ho Chi Minh City recently to discuss feed formulations and cost-savings associated with DDGS in advance of the purchase. Although the current shipment will be included in commercial sow and dairy feed, the Council also provided information on DDGS that has led Proconco's feed formulators to consider whether their poultry and other swine diets could benefit from DDGS. "We expect that their initial purchase of U.S. DDGS will be followed by another in light of the current competing ingredient prices and freight rates," said Kimberly Rameker, USGC Southeast Asia regional director.

"CORNY"

COOKING

Bean and Cornbread Casserole (Crockpot)

From the Rival Corporation

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 (16 ounce) can red kidney beans, undrained
- 1 (16 ounce) can pinto beans, undrained
- 1 (16 ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 1/8 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 (8 1/2 ounce) can cream-style corn

1. Lightly grease Crock-Pot.
2. In a skillet over medium heat, cook onion and green bell pepper until tender.
3. Transfer to Crock-Pot.
4. Stir in kidney beans and pinto beans.
5. Add diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, seasonings, and hot sauce.
6. Cover and cook on High for 1 hour.
7. In a mixing bowl, combine cornmeal, flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar.
8. Stir in milk, eggs, vegetable oil, and cream-style corn.

Crockpot Chicken w/Blackbeans and Corn

- 4-5 boneless chicken breasts
- 1 (15 1/2 ounce) can black beans
- 1 (15 ounce) can corn
- 1 (15 ounce) jar salsa, any kind
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese

1. Take 4-5 frozen, boneless chicken breasts put into crockpot.
2. Add 1 can of black beans, drained, 1 jar of salsa, 1 can of corn drained.
3. Keep in crockpot on high for about 4-5 hours or until chicken is cooked.
4. Add 1 package of cream cheese (just throw it on top!) and let sit for about 1/2 hour.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 10-12, 2005

Biofuels Workshop
Atlanta, GA

NOVEMBER 2-4, 2005

USMEF Strategic Planning & Marketing Conference
Santio, TX

NOVEMBER 14, 2005

Risk Management Seminar
Pierre, SD

NOVEMBER 15, 2005

Risk Management Seminar
Huron, SD

NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Risk Management Seminar
Brookings, SD

NOVEMBER 24, 2005

Thanksgiving Day

NOVEMBER 29, 2005

Legislative Roundtable
Watertown, SD

NOVEMBER 30, 2005

Legislative Roundtable
Yankton, SD

DECEMBER 1, 2005

Legislative Roundtable
Mitchell, SD

DECEMBER 1-2, 2005

NCGA Action Team Meetings
St Louis, MO

DECEMBER 6-7, 2005

S.D. Crop Improvement Association Conference
Sioux Falls, SD

DECEMBER 8-9, 2005

SDCGA "Managerial Analysis" Workshop
Sioux Falls Ramkota

JANUARY 7, 2005

SDCGA Annual Meeting
Sioux Falls, SD

JANUARY 10, 2005

SD State Legislature Starts
Pierre, SD

JANUARY 11-12, 2005

NCGA Priority & Policy Conference
St Louis, MO

JANUARY 16-17, 2006

SDCGA Writing a Business Plan Workshop
Sioux Falls Ramkota

JANUARY 30, 2005

Ag Fest
Pierre, SD

JANUARY 31, 2006

Livestock Day at the Capitol
Pierre, SD

FEBRUARY 1, 2006

Ethanol Day at the Capitol
Pierre, SD

FEBRUARY 14-15

SDCGA Farm Business Planning Workshop
Watertown Ramkota

FEBRUARY 16-17

SDCGA Farm Business Planning Workshop
Mitchell Holiday Inn



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