

Friend elected president of National corn growers

ST. LOUIS — Dain Friend of Warrensburg, IL will become president October 1 of the 14,300 member National Corn Growers Association (NCGA). Friend was elected at NCGA's 27th annual convention held at the Stouffer

Five Seasons Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Harold Cutler of Scotland Neck, North Carolina was elected first vice president; Ray Schaub of Ithaca, Michigan as secretary and Jerry Franz of Poynette,

Wisconsin as treasurer for NCGA.

Five vice presidents were also elected including George Anselm of Taylorville, IL for legislative affairs; Leonard Binstock of Dodge Center, MN for public relations; John Pellet of

Chesterfield, MO for market development; Marion Hartman of Hillsboro, OH for research and education and Alan Kemper of Lafayette, Indiana for membership.

NCGA also recognized three individuals for their outstanding contributions to the association for the past year.

Owen J. Newlin of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa received the President's Award for his efforts in the advancement of the corn growers association and the corn industry. Harlan L. Meier of Dixon, Iowa received the Membership Recruiter's Award for promoting his crop by signing the most new members for the year with 80. The NCGA Communicator's Award went to Craighton Knau of KMA Radio in Shenandoah, Iowa as the outstanding media person for the year.

During NCGA's annual convention, the voting delegates from

the 16 affiliated member state corn grower associations adopted several new resolutions addressing the problems of the Farm Credit System. The delegates urged the President and Congress to pursue:

- a General Accounting Office (GAO) audit of the Farm Credit System with a preliminary report in sixty days to reveal the current financial conditions facing U.S. farmers.

- a Presidential Task Force to develop short term alternatives addressing the Farm Credit System problem and long-term options to meet the needs of agriculture in the future.

- congressional hearings to develop meaningful legislation to help farmers and agriculture credit institutions in this crisis and create an agriculture credit system able to withstand the rigors of the world market place.

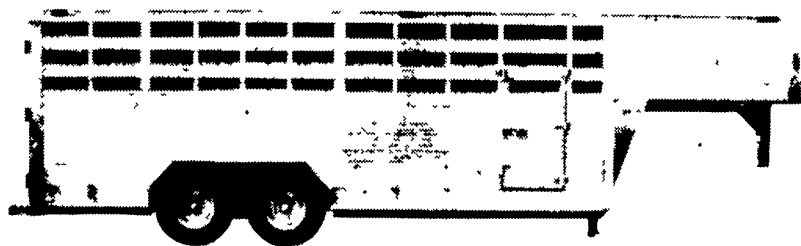
NCGA also supports the concept of tax-exempt bonds for funding the Farm Credit System and supports legislation to implement the use of tax-exempt bonds.

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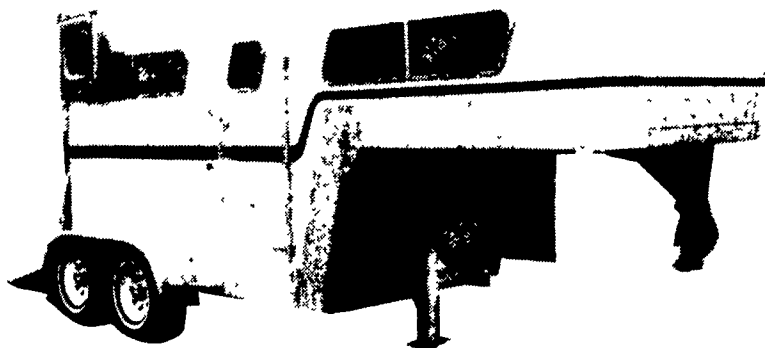
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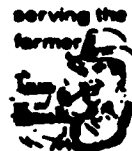
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