

Neb. Farmers To Head NCGA, NCDF

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) and the National Corn Development Foundation (NCDF) have elected a new slate of corn growers from eight states to lead their organizations.

Rod Gangwish, a corn grower from Shelton, Neb., has been elected to serve as NCGA president by its board of directors. For the past year, Gangwish has served as NCGA vice pres-

ident. He has also chaired NCGA's Government Relations Committee. At the state level, Gangwish has served as president and vice president of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association.

During his one-year term as president, Gangwish says that the 1995 farm bill will rank as a top priority. "Congress is reaching increasingly crucial points in its consideration of the 1995 farm bill and related

legislation," said Gangwish.

"As corn growers, we have to be prepared. If we don't take the opportunity to have a say in the issues that affect us, we forfeit the chance to have a voice in the outcome," he said.

Outgoing NCGA president Pete Wenstrand, who farms near Essex, Iowa, will serve as NCGA chairman. And Bill Northey, a Spirit Lake, Iowa, corn grower is the newly elected NCGA vice president.



Also elected to lead NCGA are Wallie Hardie, Fairmount, N.D., chairman of government relations; Ryland Utlaut, Grand Pass, Mo., chairman of market development; Daryl Reid, Macomb, Ill., chairman of field services; Russell Williams, Leaf River, Ill., chairman of research and commercialization; Gayle Bergstrom, Adams, Minn., chairman of public relation; Neal Burnett, Plainview, Texas, secretary; and Gary Krug, Bad Axe, Mich., treasurer.

The NCDF directors elected LaMoine Smith, a corn grower from Minden, Neb., to serve a one-year term as president. Smith previously served a one-year term as NCDF vice president. Outgoing NCDF president Larry Zabel of Dwight, Ill., will serve as chairman.

Other officers elected are Everett Nordine, Albert City, Iowa, vice president; Gene Fynboh, Brandon, Minn., secretary; and Ruth Gerdes, Auburn, Neb., treasurer.

NCGA, Ethanol Coalition Receive Federal Funds

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) announced that the joint E-85 vehicle promotion project being coordinated with the Governors' Ethanol Coalition has received a federal grant of \$162,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy (DoE).

Last fall, NCGA and Governors' Ethanol Coalition joined forces in an effort to coordinate marketing, promotional and development activities regarding the use of high blends of ethanol. The use of ethanol at levels of 70 to 85 percent alcohol is limited to vehicles being manufactured by Ford Motor Company. Such Alternative Fuel Vehicles are being acquired by federal and state governments, private fleet operation, and individuals in a effort to improve air quality, reduce the importation of foreign oil and promote rural economic development.

"The increased use of high concentrations of ethanol for vehicle application offers a tremendous opportunity to increase demand for corn," said Rod Gangwish, president of NCGA and a Shelton, Neb. corn grower. "Federal laws and a recognition that our nation's demand for fossil fuels is harmful to our domestic economy, is a driving force to increase the use of renewable fuels to power motor vehicles. Ethanol derived from corn is an extremely

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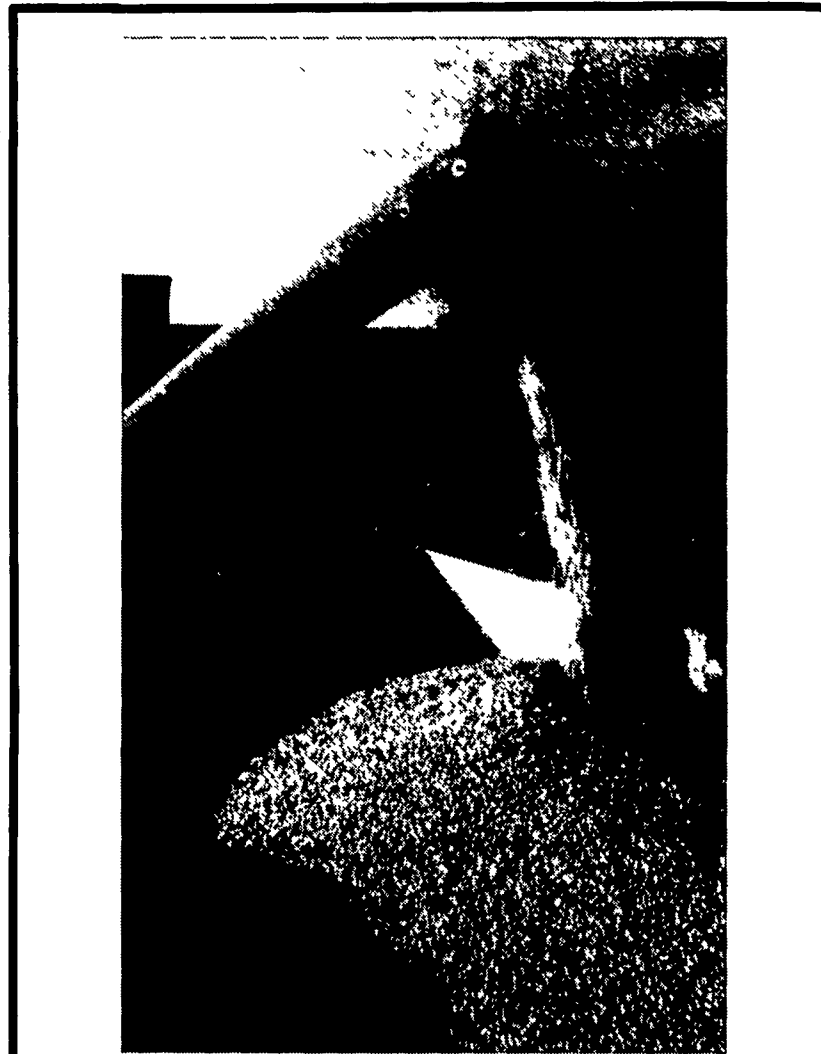
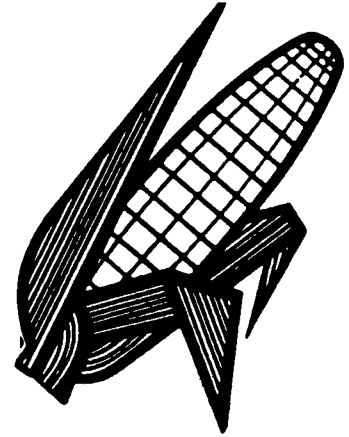
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