

State-Wide Corn Checkoffs

What is a Checkoff?

For each bushel of corn sold in 19 different states a specified rate or checkoff is invested by the seller at the first point of sale. These monies are then collected at the state level. A state checkoff or promotion board of farmer-directors invests the money in state programs of research, market development and education to increase the demand for corn. The farmer-directors also invest in the

National Corn Development Foundation, which is the banking arm of the National Corn Growers Association. Then, on a national level, NCGA invests checkoff dollars in research, market development and education with the mission to enhance corn profitability and usage to improve the quality of life in a changing world.

STATE	DATE ORGANIZED	ORIG CHECKOFF PASSED	CURRENT RATE
Alabama*	.....1986	.....	1 cent
Colorado	.....1979	.....1987	1 cent
Georgia	.....1984	.....
Illinois	.....1971	.....1982	1/2 cent
Indiana	.....1971	.....
Iowa	.....1967	.....1977	1/2 cent
Kansas	.....1975	.....1977	1/2 cent
Kentucky	.....1982	.....1990	1/4 of 1%
Louisiana*	.....1986	.....	1/2 cent
Maryland	.....1977	.....1991	1/2 of 1%
Michigan	.....1973	.....1993	1 cent
Minnesota	.....1978	.....1990	1/2 cent
Missouri	.....1978	.....1984	1/2 cent
Nebraska	.....1973	.....1978	1/4 cent
New York	.....1988	.....
North Carolina	.....1978	.....1979	1/2 cent
North Dakota	.....1987	.....1991	1/4 of 1%
Ohio	.....1977	.....1989	1/2 cent
Pennsylvania	.....1973	.....
South Carolina	.....1991	.....
South Dakota	.....1986	.....1988	1 cent
Tennessee	.....1986	.....
Texas	.....1989	.....1990	1/2 cent
Virginia	.....1979	.....1980	1 cent
Wisconsin	.....1975	.....1982	1/10 cent

* Alabama and Louisiana do not have state associations.

NCGA Releases 'World Of Corn'

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In a recent NCGA publication, entitled the "World of Corn", a number of interesting figures relating to Pennsylvania corn production and corn use were listed.

In 1994, we ranked 15th in corn grain production, producing more than 123 million bushels, with an average yield of 120 bushels per acre.

According to data from the 1992 Census of Agriculture, there are 21,610 farms that grow corn in the state that average 47 acres of corn per farm. Of these farms, 19,181 grow less than 100 acres, 1,881 grow 100-249 acres, 396 grow 250-499 acres, and 152 grow more than 500 acres of corn. Corn makes up about 26.2 percent of the harvested crop acreage in the state and is planted for both silage and grain on 1.4 million acres.

Projected total corn use in

the U.S. has increased dramatically in 1994 compared to 1993. Food, seed and industrial use increased from 1.58 billion bushels in 1993 to an estimated 1.7 billion bushels in 1994. The largest components of this market are fuel ethanol, corn sweeteners, and industrial cornstarch.

Animal feed use increased from 4.7 billion bushels in 1993 to 5.65 billion in 1994. During the same period, corn exports increased from 1.3 billion to 1.9 billion bushels in 1994. Our largest corn export customers are Japan, Taiwan, Korea, and Mexico. These increases in corn usage have accounted for a dramatic increase in total corn use from 7.6 billion bushels to 9.3 billion bushels. The total projected corn use of 9.3 billion bushels in 1994 is larger than any previous crop in our history, with the exception of the 9.5 billion bushel crop in 1992. The value of the 1994 crop was estimated at more than 22 billion dollars, the largest in U.S. history.

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