

CORN BITS

Senate Overwhelmingly Supports China PNTR

The Senate showed its overwhelming support for free trade and for U.S. farmers Sept. 19, voting 83-15 in favor of permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) for China.

"This vote brings American agriculture one step closer to being able to capitalize on the opportunities that will be created by China's admission to the World Trade Organization," said NCGA President Lynn Jensen.

Under the groundbreaking WTO accession agreement negotiated last year, China consented to eliminate export subsidies and significantly improve market access for a wide variety of U.S. food and agriculture products. In return, the United States agreed to grant China PNTR status.

"Quite simply, this is a great one-way deal for U.S. agriculture. We gain access to the largest market in the world — and we give up nothing in return," Jensen said.

To see how your senators voted on this important bill, visit the Legislative Action

Center on the NCGA Website www.congress.nw.d.c.us/ncga.

Winners Announced In ZENECA Membership Recruitment Program

NCGA has announced winners in the Zeneca Agricultural Products NCGA Membership Recruitment Program. Each winner will receive a \$500 gift certificate.

Winners and their divisions are Barbara Fulcher-Reynolds, Brodhead, Ky., Force division; Rodney Weinzierl, Bloomington, Ill., NCGA division; Ross Pauli, Edwards, Ill., NCGA division; Richard Peterson, Mountain Lake, Minn., Surpass division; Duane Adams, Cosmos, Minn., Surpass division; and Leslie Roach, Wheatland, N.D., Warrior division.

NCGA Honors U.S. Leaders For Genome Support

The NCGA and 25 other agricultural and scientific organizations honored key U.S. leaders for their significant contributions to and support for plant genomics and agricultural research recently at a reception in Washington, D.C. Those honored were

Sen. Christopher "Kit" S. Bond (R-MO), Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS), Sen. Herbert H. Kohl (D-WI), Rep. Joe Skeen (R-NM) and Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH).

NCGA representatives at the reception were CEO Rick Tolman, director of business development/corn processing research, Rene Shunk, and consultant Kellye Ebersole.

NCGA Represented At TIGR Genomic Conference
Boyd Smith of York, Neb., a member of the Customer and Business Development Action Team, Rene Shunk of the NCGA staff, and consultant Kellye Ebersole represented the NCGA at the 12th International Genome Sequencing and Analysis Conference, sponsored by The Institute for Genomic Research (TIGR) in Miami, Fla.

The conference offered an opportunity for attendees to learn about the latest in the field of genomics. Sessions on both plant and human genomics were led by cutting-edge research scientists.

NCGA representatives also met individually with leading scientists to discuss the future potential of corn genomics research.

Bill To Raise Payment Limited Introduced In Senate

Sen. Peter Fitzgerald (R-Ill.) recently introduced S. 3049, a bill to increase the payment limit on marketing

loan gains and loan deficiency payments.

Joining Fitzgerald in his effort were Sens. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), John Edwards (D-N.C.), and John Ashcroft (R-Mo.). This bill is a companion to H.R. 4894, introduced in the House by Reps. Jo Ann Emerson (R-Mo.) and Marion Berry (D-Ark.) in July. Both bills would raise the payment limit from \$75,000 to \$150,000.

The major difference is that the Senate bill applies only to 2000 production, while the House bill would raise the payment limit for the life of the Farm Bill.

NCGA has been working closely with both chambers to ensure immediate action on this important issue. Your input is needed as well. Please visit the Legislative Action Center on NCGA's web site (www.congress.nw.dc.us/ncga), click on "Current Legislation," and look for the bills under the category "Farm Programs." Here, you can easily send e-mail messages urging your senators and representatives to sign on as cosponsors.

'Spring Rise' Proposal Would Be Bad News For Farmers

Iowa Corn Growers Association leader David Sieck represented NCGA and the American Soybean Association at a news conference Sept. 13 in Washington re-

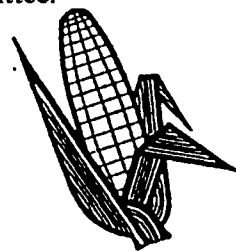
garding responsible management of the Missouri River.

He joined Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Kit Bond (R-Mo.) and John Ashcroft (R-Mo.), who are leading the effort to stop implementation of a controversial U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) plan to alter water levels along the Missouri.

This so-called "spring rise" would hamper farmers' ability to plant crops and would wreak havoc with the barge transportation system.

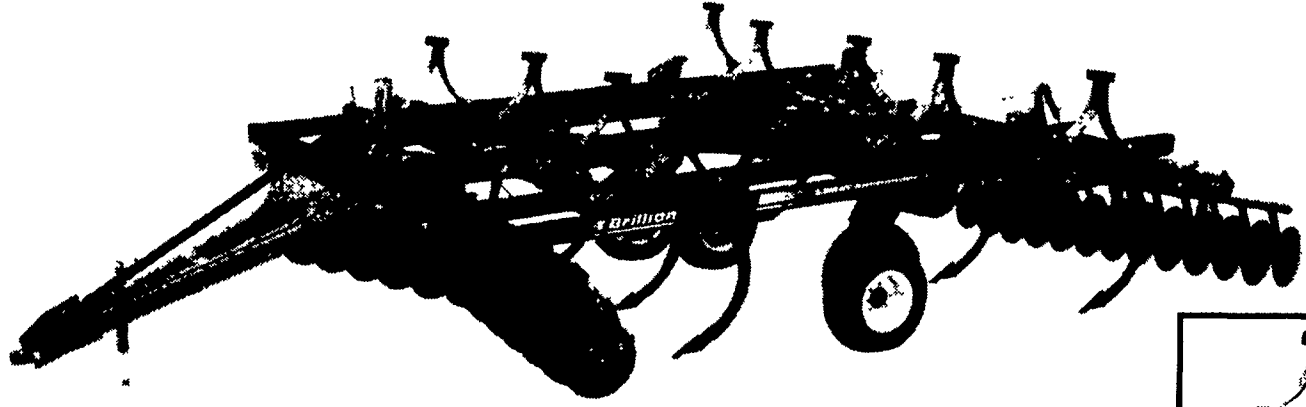
"For those of us farming along the river, dealing with its unpredictability is a fact of life," Sieck said. "What makes things particularly difficult for us, though, is dealing with the unpredictability of certain policies and proposals governing the management of the river."

The Senate version of the FY 2001 energy and water appropriations bill contains language prohibiting FWS from implementing the spring rise proposal, but the House version of the bill does not include similar language. This discrepancy must be worked out by a conference committee.



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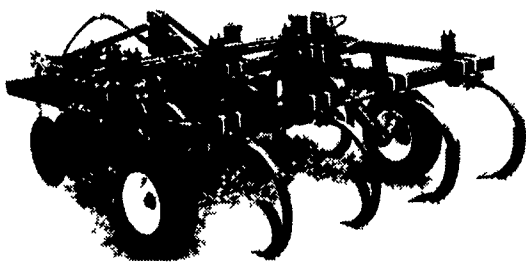
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