

Maryland Grain Board Completes Funding Process

EDGEWATER, Md. — After almost three full days of meetings, the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board (MGPUB) completed the yearly process of allocating checkoff funds. Funds are provided in the form of grants to help promote research, education, and the market development of grain.

"It is never an easy job," stated Drew Stabler, long-time board member for MGPUB and grain farmer in Montgomery County. "Because the checkoff funds are based on a percentage of our net income, the level of funding will differ each year due to changes in market prices and yields. Though our board realizes all the grants applied for have value, we really have to weigh the benefits of each when deciding which projects to fund and at what level."

Grant recipients must submit a report at the end of each year. This allows the MGPUB board to see exactly how monies were used and is a great source of information for further funding.

Many of the research projects have proven to be of great value for Maryland farmers. Cur-

rently, a study by Virginia Tech to develop a variety of hull-less barley is under way. It is the hope of the MGPUB that Maryland growers will soon have a variety of hull-less barley that is extremely productive and easy to handle. As barley is the small grain feedstock being considered for the proposed ethanol plant in Maryland, its addition to the market should be timely.

"We are very excited about this project. As our barley markets have diminished, this can make a significant difference to how much barley is grown. Barley is a very abrasive crop but eliminating the hull makes this a much easier crop to deal with. Barley serves as a great cover crop and its potential to be used in an ethanol plant gives it much more value," added Donnie Tennyson, MGPUB member and farmer in St. Mary's County. "This type of research project can really make a difference for Maryland farmers."

Another project of great interest is the research done by Dr. Ken Staver of the Wye Research and Education Center. His four-

year study investigated the effects of nitrogen-based poultry litter applications on both phosphorus and nitrogen transport in field-scale watersheds in conventional and no-tilling settings. Although data will continue to be collected on this project through April of this year, several preliminary findings were presented.

Stabler stated, "As we are in the midst of some nutrient management problems, studies of this nature can really make a difference in showing what does and doesn't work with nitrogen applications. Our Board believes that using checkoff funds for this kind of valuable research can help both farmers and nutrient management consultants make effective decisions."

Along with research, the MGPUB funded grants for many programs involving school-aged children...beginning with elementary schools and going through high school. In many cases, children in the counties represented have very little or no exposure to agriculture. These focused presentations allow children to experience first-hand the importance of grains and agriculture to their lives.

Market development is another huge area of importance for MGPUB funding. These are mostly large, national organizations representing individual states in a collective manner such as the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), US Wheat Associates, and US

Grains Council. These organizations work to develop new markets at the national and international level and offer individual states a much larger voice.

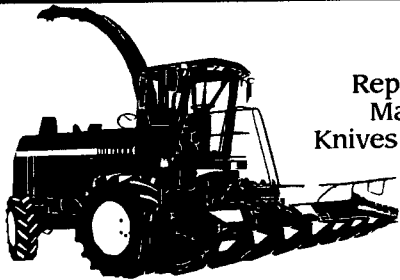
A prime example of the power of these organizations would be last year when President Bush denied California's request to opt out of the federal reformulated gasoline (RFG) oxygen requirement. The NCGA was instrumental in providing and presenting sound research on why the RFG requirement was beneficial and should be left in place. This denial opened the door for many millions of dollars in ethanol production.

The Maryland Grain Utilization Board completed their meeting by funding 34 different grants for a total of \$335,000.

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Cletrac or Oliver crawler dozer blade w/complete assembly brackets & hyds necessary to install on crawler, \$695, Lehigh Co, 610-799-2484

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Field sprayer, 200 gal, trailer type, PTO driven, like new cond, \$650, 371 Detroit dsl, 93 HP, exc, \$3,500, Lanc Co, 717-442-9489

1985 VW Quantum GL5, 5 spd, 145,961 mi, inspected, dk grey, 4 dr, runs good, \$540 as is, York Co, 717-259-9256

4 185/65R14 Firestone FR680 on 99 Honda Civic rims w/wheel covers, \$120, Chester Co, 610-495-5483

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Gehl 7285 TMR mixer wagon, \$1,200, sale or trade on smaller tractor, JD 2940, 4WD, 16 sp, Blair Co, 814-944-0818

1991 Toyota p/u ext cab 4x4, V6, 5 spd, cap, bedliner, new tires, shocks, clutch, exhaust, \$3,950 OBO, Berks Co, 610-944-7509

Alum 12" wheels w/tires, great for pulling tractor, must sell, MO, used Yanmar 3T75U dsl eng, \$1,000 OBO, Lanc Co, 717-445-4541

NI 208 PTO manure spreader, low profile, great for hand loading, new apron chain last yr, \$725, Mifflin Co, 717-667-6838

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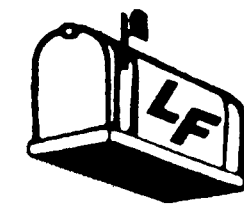
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