REQUEST FOR APPLICATION
ACTION TEAMS | COMMITTEES 2025

TO: Action Team/Committee Members, Delegates, Alternates, State Organization Offices, Corn Board

CC: All NCGA Staff

FROM: Ken Hartman, First Vice President

DATE: July 22, 2024

Enclosed are application materials for growers to be considered for positions on the FY 2025 NCGA Action Teams and Committees.

Under our new plan, NCGA will move from seven to six teams. Each Action Team will have 15 grower members for a total of 90 grower members across all six teams. Two state staff members will be appointed to each team where they will serve as non-voting subject matter experts and as part of the Executive Team (Chair, Vice Chair, Board Liaison, NCGA Staff, State Staff).

Action Team appointments will be one year in length and members will have the opportunity to re-apply to serve on the same team for at least two consecutive years and a maximum of 6 consecutive years.

Action Team service will align with the start and end of NCGA's fiscal year—October 1 through September 30. Action Teams will continue to meet twice a year in person, during January and July, with online meetings occurring as necessary based on the team's work and priorities.

A new onboard and training series will be established and provided to FY 2025 team members and team leadership.

Positions are available on the following Action Teams and Committees:

- **Biofuels** – Mission: Engage in the development and expansion of markets for corn-based biofuels. Key responsibilities: Ethanol, Sustainable Aviation Fuel.

- **Communication and Education** – Mission: Strengthen the understanding and perception of U.S. corn and corn-based products with key stakeholders. Key responsibilities: Corn Reputation, Common Ground, Nourish the Future.

- **Production and Sustainability** – Mission: Protect and expand voluntary access to economically viable sustainable production practices and technologies for U.S. corn farmers. Key responsibilities: Crop Protection, Tech Access, LCA (Water Quality, Air Quality, Soil Health), Market Based Incentives.

- **Research and New Uses** – Mission: Support research and development of new production practices and demand opportunities for U.S. corn. Key responsibilities: Ag Research, New Uses, AMCOE.

- **Risk Management** – Mission: Utilize research, education, and advocacy in the development of policy supporting the viability of U.S. corn farmers. Key responsibilities: Farm Bill Title I, Crop Insurance, Taxes

- **Trade/Transportation/Animal Ag** – Mission: Engage in the development and expansion of demand for U.S. corn in all forms for Export and Animal Agriculture. Key responsibilities: Trade/Exports, Transportation, Animal Ag.

- **Corn Political Action Committee** – Mission: Promote the public policy goals of corn producers and their related agricultural interests, providing the opportunity for individuals interested in the future of corn growers to contribute to the support of worthy candidates for federal office – regardless of party affiliation – who have demonstrated their belief in the priorities of corn growers.

- **Resolutions Committee** – Mission: The Resolutions Committee shall seek NCGA policy recommendations from all relevant sources for presentation to the Corn Congress.

Action Team and Committee applications are distributed each year to current team and committee members, as well as state organization offices and NCGA delegates and alternates to obtain applications from persons interested in service on an Action Team or Committee. **Anyone wishing to be considered for service, even if currently serving on an Action Team or Committee, must complete and submit an application.**

Action Team/Committee applications should be collected and coordinated through the affiliate state office, where applicable, and states should then complete the Action Team/Committee Prioritization form to offer recommendations for service for Action Team/Committee candidates.

Action Team/Committee members will be appointed and announced by the beginning of the fiscal year. Service for 2025 Action Team members will begin October 1, 2024, and continue through September 30, 2025.

Your service provides a substantive program, policy and communication foundation for the Action Teams and Committees. Our team approach to corn grower business has proven successful, and the coming year will continue to strengthen team and committee program work accomplished on behalf of corn growers.

Applications should be completed and returned to your State Organization Office, where applicable, by Friday, August 9, 2024.

State Organizations should compile applications and send to the NCGA/St. Louis office by Friday, August 16, 2024.

Questions may be directed to Kathy Kimack, kimack@ncga.com

Enclosure: *2025 Action Team/Committee Application*

NATIONAL CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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Application Form
ACTION TEAM | COMMITTEE MEMBER

Name *(first, middle, last)* _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Home Telephone No. _____
Fax No. _____
Cell No. _____
NCGA Membership No. *(required)* _____
Email Address _____

TO ALLOW A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEPTH OF EXPERIENCE OUR GROWER LEADERS BRING, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR <u>CURRENT</u> PARTICIPATION IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

_____ Are you currently serving on an Action Team/Committee? _____
_____ Member of another state or national board or organization related to NCGA? _____
_____ Experience with ag issues/participation in leadership training? _____
_____ Elected position in other ag or ag related association? _____

_____ Ethanol Plant Board
_____ Co-op Board
_____ State or County FSA Board
_____ State or County Conservation Board
_____ Drainage District Board
_____ Irrigation or Water Control Board
_____ Federal or State Agency Advisory Board
_____ Member of USMEF?

_____ Seed Dealership
_____ Crop Protection Dealership
_____ Custom Applicator
_____ Livestock Production
_____ Crop Insurance Agent or Adjustor
_____ Elected Official Advisory or Transition Team
_____ Member of USGC?
_____ Other?*

**If other, please list:* _____

IF SELECTED, WHICH <u>ACTION TEAM OR COMMITTEE</u> ARE YOU MOST INTERESTED IN SERVING? *(Please indicate at least two preferences, ranked by number)*

ACTION TEAMS	COMMITTEES
_____ Biofuels	_____ Corn Political Action Committee
_____ Communication & Education	_____ Resolutions Committee
_____ Production and Sustainability	
_____ Research and New Uses	
_____ Risk Management	
_____ Trade/Transportation/Animal Ag	

IF SELECTED, WHICH <u>POSITION</u> ARE YOU MOST INTERESTED IN SERVING? *(If more than one, please rank by number)*

_____ Member of the Action Team/Committee
_____ Chair of the Action Team/Committee
_____ Vice Chair of the Action Team/Committee
_____ State Staff Member

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