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Michigan Corn Growers Appointed to National Posts

LANSING, MICH. – Michigan corn growers are paving the future for farmers in the state and across the nation. Two Michigan Corn Growers Association (MCGA) members are among the 83 growers recently named to serve on Action Teams and Committees for the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA).

“The NCGA and the MCGA are both grassroots organizations, so it is vital to have active involvement by grower members,” said Jody Pollok-Newsom, MCGA and Corn Marketing Program of Michigan (CMPM) executive director. “The NCGA Action Teams take the lead in facilitating problem solving efforts and policy setting for corn growers across the United States. These selected teams decide the path NCGA will take throughout the next year. As one of 28 active corn growing states, we are very excited to have two representatives appointed to national level positions.”

Jeff Sandborn of Portland was appointed to serve on the Ethanol Committee. The Ethanol committee works to unify the promotion, marketing and policy development for the ethanol industry in the United States.

Clark Gerstacker of Midland is currently serving a second term as a member of the NCGA Corn Board and has been reappointed as chairman of the Association Relations Committee. The Association Relations Committee is tasked with ensuring a strong and productive working relationship exists between the individual state associations and the NCGA.

“It is a positive reflection on not only these growers, but on Michigan as a whole, when our corn farmers are recognized and asked for their leadership in national activities,” added Pollok-Newsom. “These growers are truly leaders in both Michigan’s and the United State’s corn industries.”

Headquartered in Lansing, the MCGA is a grassroots-membership association representing the state’s corn farmers’ political interests. Since the 1970s, the MCGA has been looking out for the state’s corn growers and working to keep them on the cutting edge. The MCGA works cooperatively with the CMPM a legislatively-established program that utilizes one-cent per bushel of Michigan corn sold and invests in research, education, new uses and market development. For more information, visit the website of the MCGA and the CMPM at www.micorn.org.

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