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Chairman's Column

Approaching 2023 with Optimism



As I reflect on 2022, I'm proud to say that, despite the challenges, the sorghum industry walked away with some really big wins like championing 2022 disaster assistance, the \$65 million Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities grant National Sorghum Producers received, and the irrigated sorghum insurance pilot that will begin in the 2023 growing season. While these efforts began before I took the role of Chairman, I'm proud and excited to carry that torch forward into the future and build on the acumen of my predecessors.

I want our readers and supporters to think about these achievements for a minute. The climate smart grant is an opportunity that only came about in the last 12 months. NSP seized the chance to make our industry better and for the bottom line benefit of our producers. The irrigated sorghum insurance pilot, on the other hand, has been an effort in the making for nearly a decade. While we live in the age of instant gratification, some things, good or bad, just take time. At NSP's December board of directors meeting, we began laying the groundwork for a new five-year strategic plan. I hope when you consider investing your dollar in NSP, you take into consideration our resume of achievements over the years and trust we have a long-term strategic vision with a close eye on new opportunities as they arise. We're playing the long game here and appreciate those who continue to support our efforts on your behalf.

You don't need me to tell you 2022 was also a challenging year for many of our growers. As a farmer, and it's just my personality in general, I am the eternal optimist though and believe in looking at the upside even with a record drought. Are there lessons to be learned from 2022 like what hybrids stood out in challenging conditions we can utilize more going forward? Were there farming or fertility practices that were maybe better than others? Despite a top 10 drought, we still had a top 10 yield on record in the National Sorghum Yield Contest this year, showing just how resilient sorghum can be. We also had the opportunity to feed a lot of livestock through hay, feed and grazing and leave some residue on the soil, which is still a blessing to be able to do.

Some parts of the Sorghum Belt have received some early winter moisture, which gives us a brighter outlook for 2023. As we continue to have more discussions about climate, I believe we can harness Mother Nature's power instead of fighting it, and sorghum is a crop we can do that. On the policy front, you can expect NSP leadership to be spending a lot more time in Washington, D.C. this year. The 2023 farm bill is a top priority among a number of other issues, and we'll be working hard to protect your interests. Happy New Year!

Craig A. Meeker

Board of Directors Chairman

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2022 Policy Round Up

By Jennifer Blackburn

Omnibus Bill to Include 2022 Disaster

Congressional negotiators reached a bipartisan, bicameral agreement on an Omnibus Appropriations Bill funding all twelve FY 2023 appropriations measures, including Agriculture. While it's not over until the ink is dry, at the time of publishing, the omnibus bill is widely expected to pass Congress before Christmas and signed into law by the President. The voluminous document, numbering 4,155 pages, not including explanatory statements, contains many things, but in particular, a win for farmers and ranchers is the inclusion of an extension of the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) to cover 2022 calendar year losses.

Leading up to final negotiations, National Sorghum Producers led a coalition of agriculture groups sending a letter to U.S. House and Senate Agriculture Appropriations Committee leadership calling on the committee to include adequate resources that extend ERP to cover losses for 2022. NSP Chairman Craig Meeker, Vice Chair Amy France, Past Chairman Kody Carson and CEO Tim Lust also took to Capitol Hill Dec. 5-7 to meet with legislators on the same issue.

This bill is expected to pass, giving USDA discretion on implementation of the program, and NSP will be working through the process to achieve the best possible outcome for sorghum farmers, encouraging the program follow the Phase I methodology used for the 2020 and 2021 crop years.

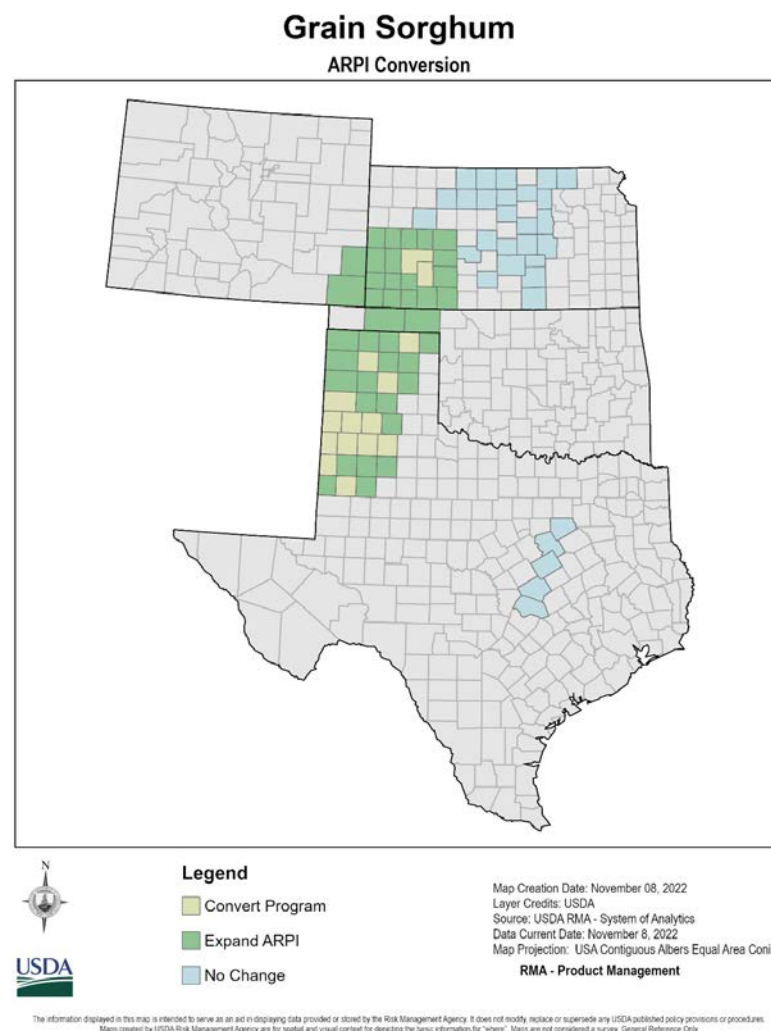
Irrigated Sorghum Insurance Expanded

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) recently enhanced coverage for irrigated grain sorghum producers. The new coverage will be effective November 30, 2022, for the upcoming 2023 crop year.

"This expanded coverage for irrigated sorghum producers is the culmination of a decade of work between NSP, Congress and RMA, and we thank the agency for continuing to work with

our industry to improve coverage options for sorghum producers," NSP CEO Tim Lust said in a November statement. "Improved rates and yields for sorghum producers will offer a greater level of aid and new opportunity for the 2023 growing season."

RMA said in its announcement it has developed a modification to the Area Risk Protection Insurance (ARPI) program to improve crop insurance options for irrigated grain sorghum producers in select counties in



Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. This modification was pursuant to the 2018 Farm Bill, a policy component NSP advocated to include, that required RMA to research and develop potential improvements to insurance for grain sorghum.

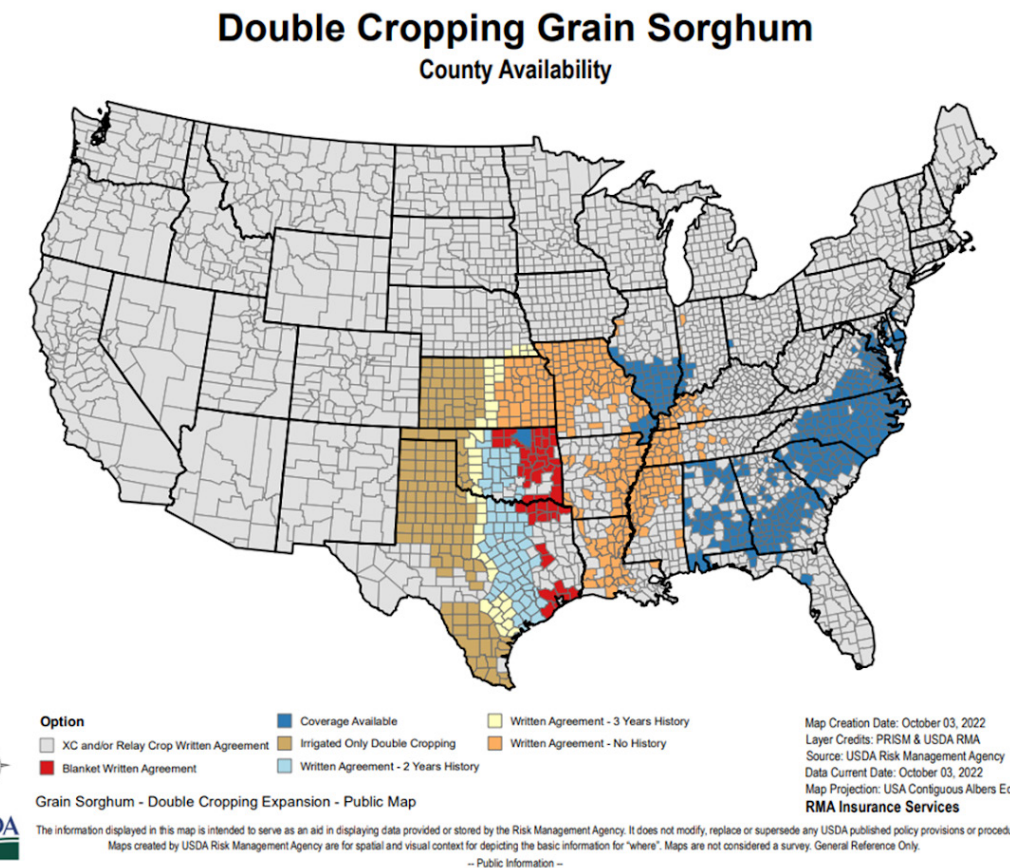
RMA said it will now allow irrigated grain sorghum producers to index grain sorghum indemnities to corn, which will be used as a "proxy" crop, and producer data shows when there is a loss for irrigated corn, there is a high correlation to a loss for irrigated grain sorghum.

"The existing rates for irrigated corn will be used for irrigated grain sorghum and 80 percent of the irrigated corn yield will be used to determine the guarantee," RMA said. "There is no change to the grain sorghum price. This modification will be available for Area Yield and Revenue Protection, as well as Area Revenue Protection with Harvest Price Exclusion. If there is not an irrigated corn ARPI offer in a county, there will not be an irrigated grain sorghum offer."

NSP encourages producers to contact their crop insurance agent to learn more about the new coverage, and view the RMA fact sheet and frequently asked questions for more information.

Double Crop Insurance Expanded

RMA released an expansion of double crop insurance for sorghum for the 2023 growing season. This is the most significant one-time expansion of coverage offered by RMA in history by which the agency increased the number of counties where double crop sorghum and soybeans can be insured. For sorghum, this action will expand double crop coverage in more than 1,000 counties. In some counties, the process for insuring double crop will use the normal written agreement process, and in others the process for insuring double crop will use a much less arduous written agreement process. Rates and yields as compared to first crop sorghum are competitive.



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National Sorghum Yield Contest

- 2022 BIN BUSTER -

WINSOME FARMS - BRANT & AMY PETERSON
Stanton County, Kansas
245.8 BUSHEL PER ACRE
Channel 6B95

National Sorghum Producers is proud to feature the winners of the 2022 National Sorghum Yield Contest, including Bin Buster winner Winsome Farms, Brant & Amy Peterson from Stanton County, Kansas, with the top yield in the contest at 245.8 bushels per acre.

"National Sorghum Producers congratulates the winners of the 2022 sorghum yield contest," NSP Board of Directors Chairman Craig Meeker said in a December press release announcing the winners. "Despite a challenging growing season, there are impressive top-end yields scattered across the nation. We congratulate the winners and look forward to recognizing them at the 2023 Commodity Classic in Orlando."

Top yields are highlighted in three different categories ranging from the eastern to western U.S. regions, plus an overall food grade winner.

"The results of this year's contest show just how resilient sorghum can be," Meeker added. "The Bin Buster yield is six times the 2022 national average yield this year and one of the top 10 yields on record in the contest. While the drought had significant impacts on many of our growers this season, we are really proud of the overall results and commend these growers for outstanding yield achievements."

The national winners will be recognized further in March 2023 during Commodity Classic in Orlando.

National and state winners are below, and a complete list of the NSP Sorghum Yield Contest results, plus more information about the contest, can be found at sorghumgrowers.com/yield-contest/.

NATIONAL Winners

Note: National winners are selected from state first, second and third place winners

IRRIGATED WEST

Top Yield!

1. 245.80 bu/ac **2. 230.68 bu/ac** **3. 204.23 bu/ac**

Winsome Farms
Stanton County, KS
Channel 6B95

Cover Farms
Hartley County, TX
Pioneer 85P75

Ki Gamble
Kiowa County, KS
Pioneer 84G62

1. 203.35 bu/ac

Jeffrey Barlieb
Warren County, NJ
Pioneer 84G62

IRRIGATED EAST

1. 156.87 bu/ac

JnL Farms
Appanoose County, IA
Richardson G37

FOOD GRADE

DRYLAND-TILLAGE WEST

1. 209.32 bu/ac **2. 153.24 bu/ac** **3. 130.42 bu/ac**

Dylan Knoll
Charles Mix County, SD
Pioneer 89Y79

Matthew Bloss
Pawnee County, NE
Pioneer 85Z11

Lee Linnell
Charles Mix County, SD
Pioneer 88P71

1. 184.21 bu/ac **2. 183.86 bu/ac** **3. 180.11 bu/ac**

Walters Farms
Clark County, IL
Dekalb DKS38-16

Santino Santini Jr.
Warren County, NJ
Pioneer 84G62

Andrew Cummins
Audrain County, MO
Pioneer 85P75

DRYLAND-TILLAGE EAST

DRYLAND-NO TILL WEST

1.

180.19 bu/ac

Duever Farms
Marshall County, KS
Pioneer 84G62
2.

167.40 bu/ac

Robison Brothers & Joe Schnuerle
Harlan County, NE
Pioneer 85Y88
3.

159.23 bu/ac

Mark Bloss
Pawnee County, NE
Pioneer 84P72

1.

218.20 bu/ac

Billy H Bowers Farm Trust
Davidson County, NC
Pioneer 84G62
2.

196.12 bu/ac

Harry Johnston
Fulton County, PA
Pioneer 84G62
3.

194.39 bu/ac

Steven Halter
Daviess County, IN
Pioneer 84G62

DRYLAND-NO TILL EAST

STATEWinners						
PLACE	STATE	COUNTY	NAME	YIELD (BU/AC)	SEED BRAND	VARIETY

IRRIGATED WEST

1st	Colorado	Weld County	Marc Arnusch	122.29	Dynagro	M59GB57
1st	Kansas	Stanton County	Winsome Farms, Brant & Amy Peterson	245.80	Channel	6B95
2nd	Kansas	Kiowa County	Ki Gamble	204.23	Pioneer	84G62
3rd	Kansas	Sheridan County	Daniel Schultz	195.76	Channel	6B95
1st	Nebraska	Clay County	SC Farms Partnership/Chad Dane	194.91	Pioneer	84P72
2nd	Nebraska	Harlan County	Scott Jewett	192.21	Pioneer	85P75
3rd	Nebraska	Harlan County	Rope Creek Ranch	184.61	Pioneer	84P72
1st	Texas	Hartley County	Cover Farms	230.68	Pioneer	85P75
2nd	Texas	Dallam County	Four Way Farms	167.58	Pioneer	84G62

IRRIGATED EAST

1st	New Jersey	Warren County	Jeffrey Barlieb	203.35	Pioneer	84G62
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DRYLAND-TILLAGE WEST

1st	Nebraska	Pawnee County	Matthew Bloss	153.24	Pioneer	85Z11
1st	Oklahoma	Texas County	Roger & Marilyn Fischer	67.18	Sorghum Partners	43M80
1st	South Dakota	Charles Mix County	Dylan Knoll	209.32	Pioneer	89Y79
2nd	South Dakota	Charles Mix County	Lee Linnell	130.42	Pioneer	88P71

STATEWinnersCONTINUED

PLACE	STATE	COUNTY	NAME	YIELD (BU/AC)	SEED BRAND	VARIETY
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DRYLAND-TILLAGE EAST

1st	Illinois	Clark County	Walters Farms	184.21	Dekalb	DKS38-16
1st	Missouri	Audrain County	Andrew Cummins	180.11	Pioneer	85P75
2nd	Missouri	Audrain County	Atlasta Farms	176.78	Pioneer	84P72
3rd	Missouri	Monroe County	Aime Cummins	168.87	Pioneer	85P44
1st	New Jersey	Warren County	Santino Santini, Jr.	183.86	Pioneer	84G62
2nd	New Jersey	Warren County	Promise Land Farms	140.78	Pioneer	84G62
1st	New York	Oneida County	Bob Pawlowski	134.15	Channel	5R45
1st	North Carolina	Davidson County	Billy H Bowers Farm Trust	195.23	Pioneer	84G62
2nd	North Carolina	Perquimans County	Laurence Chappell	128.11	Pioneer	84G62

DRYLAND-NO TILL WEST

1st	Colorado	Kit Carson County	Farms S Inc	77.62	Dekalb	DKS29-28
2nd	Colorado	Kit Carson County	Livingston Farms	66.57	Pioneer	86P20
1st	Kansas	Marshall County	Duever Farms	180.19	Pioneer	84G62
2nd	Kansas	Ottawa County	Came Farms Inc	138.47	Pioneer	85P58
3rd	Kansas	Norton County	Dallas McMullen	122.24	Alta	ADV G2168 IG
1st	Nebraska	Harlan County	Robison Brothers & Joe Schnuerle	167.40	Pioneer	85Y88
2nd	Nebraska	Pawnee County	Mark Bloss	159.23	Pioneer	84P72
3rd	Nebraska	Pawnee County	Matthew J Bloss	131.07	Pioneer	85P58
1st	South Dakota	Charles Mix County	Curtis Soulek	132.57	Pioneer	88P68
2nd	South Dakota	Charles Mix County	Lee Linnell	107.93	Pioneer	88P68
1st	Texas	Gray County	Kelvin Ollinger	122.77	Dekalb	DKS37-07
2nd	Texas	Ochiltree County	Tregellas Family Farms	93.66	Pioneer	85Y34

DRYLAND-NO TILL EAST

1st	Indiana	Daviess County	Steven Halter	194.39	Pioneer	84G62
2nd	Indiana	Jasper County	Wilson Farms Inc	142.54	Pioneer	86P20
1st	Missouri	Livingston County	HRB Farming Partnership	171.26	Pioneer	84P72
1st	New Jersey	Warren County	New Village Farms	185.60	Pioneer	84G62
2nd	New Jersey	Warren County	Chris Santini	157.90	Pioneer	84G62
3rd	New Jersey	Warren County	New Village Farms	110.68	Pioneer	84G62
1st	New York	Oneida Country	Bob Pawlowski	129.74	Channel	6B02
1st	North Carolina	Davidson County	Billy H Bowers Farm Trust	218.20	Pioneer	84G62
1st	Pennsylvania	Fulton County	Harry Johnston	196.12	Pioneer	84G62
1st	Virginia	Hanover County	John N Mills III	90.05	Pioneer	83P11

Making the Case for Sorghum in 2023

By Sorghum Checkoff Agronomy Director Brent Bean, Ph.D.

For growers in the central and southern Great Plains, 2022 will go down as one of the toughest years in recent memory. Drought, high temperatures, supply issues and out of control input costs – especially fertilizer – made profits hard to come by regardless of the crop being grown. As we move into 2023, a positive note is NOAA's long term forecast is currently predicting a shift back to more normal precipitation, although temperature remains above normal.

As growers plan their crop mix for 2023, grain sorghum should be considered for its resource conserving qualities, along with its ability to withstand short periods of drought and respond to timely rainfall or irrigation.

Seed costs are considerably less than most other crops. Depending on the seeding rate and desired seed treatments, cost of seed generally ranges from \$5 to \$18 an acre for most growers. For those who have not grown grain sorghum recently, the seed that is purchased will likely be a new variety because seed companies have done a great job developing new hybrids with increased yield potential and better standability within the last three to four years. Most of these new hybrids will also have improved sugarcane aphid tolerance. From a visibility stand-

point, seed companies have all but eliminated the tall off-types in many of their hybrids, producing uniformity in height resulting in an attractive table top appearance that also aids in harvest.

Grass control has long been one of the reasons for growers electing to not plant sorghum. Today we have three, non-GMO technologies – Double Team from S&W Seeds, igrowth from Advanta Seeds and Inzen from Corteva that allow growers to use herbicides that will effectively control grass, including volunteer corn.

When sorghum is grown in rotation with cotton, it provides numerous benefits including increased soil moisture storage, protecting emerging cotton seedlings from wind damage and breaking disease cycles. In a 2017 trial conducted by researchers at Texas A&M University, cotton following sorghum produced a 26 percent higher yield than continuous cotton. In Nebraska, a multi-year trial showed an increase in soybean yield of 16.6 percent when following sorghum. Surprisingly, there also appears to be a benefit to corn yield when rotated with sorghum. A five-year trial from Kansas State demonstrated an 8.4 percent increase in corn yield following sorghum compared to continuous corn.

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Although most grain sorghum is planted as a dryland crop, it will respond well to timely limited irrigation. Splitting a circle of corn or cotton with sorghum allows growers to concentrate more of

their water on these crops at critical times knowing that sorghum can wait a few days without a significant drop off in yield before getting its allocation of water.

Sorghum Checkoff Swears in New Board Member Zack Rendel, Elects Adam Schindler as Chairman



The Sorghum Checkoff Board of Directors elected new leadership and swore in a new director at its December meeting. Pictured from left to right is Adam Schindler - chairman, Norma Ritz Johnson - executive director, Tim Lust - CEO, Jeffry Zortman - Treasurer, Ethan Miller - Secretary, Kendall Hodgson - Vice Chairman, Zack Rendel - newly appointed director, and Jason Julian - USDA Agricultural Marketing Specialist.

At the annual board of directors meeting this past December, the United Sorghum Checkoff Program (USCP) swore in a new director—Zack Rendel of Miami, Oklahoma, who was appointed by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. The board also elected officers, selecting Adam Schindler of Reliance, South Dakota, as its new chairman.

"There are exciting opportunities on the horizon for the sorghum industry, including globally expanding markets and innovative end uses in consumer and industrial products," newly elected USCP chairman Adam Schindler said. "The 2022 crop year has been one of the toughest in history due to the drought; however, as The Resource Conserving Crop™, sorghum is a robust and resilient crop that will bounce back. We have so many opportunities on the horizon that have the potential to revolutionize the industry where the things that we are developing now will be discussed 10-20 years from now."

In addition to Rendel, Jeffry Zortman of Fowler, Kansas; Kendall Hodgson of Little, River, Kansas; and

Joshua Birdwell of Malone, Texas, were reappointed to serve a second three-year term starting in December 2022. Additional officers elected include Hodgson as Vice Chairman, Ethan Miller of Columbia, Missouri, as Secretary, and Zortman as Treasurer.

Zack Rendel is a sixth-generation, row-crop producer from Miami, Oklahoma, where he farms 6,500 acres of sorghum, corn, wheat and soybeans alongside his father and uncle on their family land that was homesteaded in 1893 in Indian Territory before Oklahoma became a state in 1907. Before returning to the family farm, Rendel obtained his degree in welding from Northeast Tech Center and started his career as a pipeline welder. Rendel is a member of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, the American Farmers and Ranchers Cooperative, National Sorghum Producers and National Corn Growers Association. Rendel is also a graduate of Leadership Sorghum Class III. He has served on the Ottawa County Fair Board for six years, Vice President of the Ottawa County Farmers Union Local 67 for three years and a member of NEO A&M College's Crop Research

Committee since its inception. Zack, his wife Kristi, their two children and nephew reside on the family farm in northeast Oklahoma.

"We are beaming with excitement for this group of producers to lead the industry over the course of the next year," USCP Executive Director, Norma Ritz Johnson said. "It's been a tough year all around due to the widespread drought but there is no doubt there are tremendous opportunities that are on the cusp of

transforming the sorghum industry for the better." The 13-member USCP board is composed of nine sorghum farmers who represent the three states with the largest sorghum production – Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas – and four at-large national representatives. More information about the board is available on the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) United Sorghum Checkoff Program webpage and the board's website, sorghumcheckoff.com.



Kent Martin Completes Sorghum Checkoff Board Term

The Sorghum Checkoff would like to thank Kent Martin for his years of commitment and hard work in the sorghum industry. Kent Martin, a sixth-generation farmer and rancher from Alva, Oklahoma, served two terms on the board and was a member of Leadership Sorghum Class II. He also lead the USCP board as Chairman from 2020-2021 and served as Past Chairman from 2021-2022. "We are deeply appreciative of Kent's leadership," Sorghum Checkoff Executive Director Norma Ritz Johnson said. "His hard work and dedication will generate opportunity for sorghum farmers and the industry."

Texas Precision Ag & Conservation Specialist Now Assisting Panhandle Producers

Quail Forever announced the hiring of Joshua Michna as the new Precision Agriculture & Conservation Specialist to support growers in the Texas High Plains region this past November. This new role is made possible by the collaboration of Quail Forever, Cotton Incorporated, BASF Agricultural Solutions, and the United Sorghum Checkoff Program to boost farm profitability and deliver tangible environmental benefits.

Michna's new role will help landowners make best use of cutting-edge technology and voluntary wildlife conservation practices to identify acres of farmland opportunity. He will work with farmers to develop a Precision Ag Business Plan suited to their operation. By targeting return on investment at a sub-field scale, Michna will help define areas to explore alternative agricultural practices, voluntary conservation programs, cost-share and other funding opportunities to increase profits and success for a producer's operation. The end goal of this position is to offer habitat-based solutions including

soil health, water quality, carbon sequestration and rural economic development while maintaining high farm revenues.

"The Habitat Organization is excited and proud to collaborate with the great programs and people at Cotton Incorporated, United Sorghum Checkoff Program, and BASF Agricultural Solutions in this effort to promote farm profitability along with conservation initiatives," Director of Sustainability Partnerships for Quail Forever Brent Rudolph said. "Texas Panhandle cotton and sorghum growers are committed to supporting a healthy environment and bright economic future for their families and communities, and quail, pheasants, and other wildlife will benefit from our efforts to work together here."

The addition of a Texas-based precision specialist adds further momentum to Quail Forever's collaborative agricultural initiatives to deliver sustainability outcomes. Starting in 2019, the Cotton Sustainability & Quail Recovery Project in coopera-

tion with Cotton Incorporated set the table for innovation in the commodity sector. Since that time, the Sorghum for Birds initiative with the United Sorghum Checkoff Program and the recent national sponsorship announcement with BASF Agricultural Solutions have positively transformed Quail Forever's grower relationships in focal regions for upland birds.

"This program is a great opportunity for sorghum and cotton producers in Texas. The collaboration aims to help farmers apply production data and precision ag technologies to identify less profitable acres and create biodiverse habitats," Chief Sustainability Officer and Vice President for Cotton Incorporated Jesse Daystar said. "The project outcomes will benefit the environment and native bird species surrounding cotton farmland while helping producers increase profitability."

"This expanded, multi-commodity conservation collaboration—built upon the strong foundations of ongoing coordination between our industry organizations and Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever—will further enhance sorghum's recognition as The Resource Conserving Crop™ through targeted conservation delivery in sorghum and cotton rotation systems in West Texas," Director of Sustainability for the United Sorghum Checkoff Program Adam York said. "We look forward to increasing the sustainability of both industries through the shared on-farm impacts of our new Precision Agriculture Conservation Specialist in Lubbock."

"We are excited to collaborate with Quail Forever, Cotton Incorporated, and the United Sorghum Checkoff Program to further the cause of conser-

vation and agricultural sustainability in West Texas," Sustainability Manager for BASF's North American Seeds Ray Daniels said. "This program provides the opportunity for growers to identify alternatives for lower yielding acres that are both environmentally sustainable and economically viable. With access to the resources provided by the Precision Ag and Conservation Specialist, growers will have more options to consider when planning how to maximize their land use in 2023 and beyond."

Growing up on the outdoor traditions of hunting and fishing in South Texas, Joshua Michna has a proud farming and ranching background with experience in all aspects of agriculture including the processing of cotton and sorghum, as well as the maintenance of farming equipment. After receiving a bachelor's degree in wildlife and fisheries management from Texas Tech University, he has worked in precision agriculture as a field technician for South Plains Precision Ag since 2019. Michna was previously employed as a farm technician for Heinrich Brothers Farms and Brushy Branch Ranch since 2009 where he gained firsthand experience with irrigation systems, combine and stripper harvesting, team management, and other ranch duties.

Michna will work closely with ag retailers such as implement dealers, software companies, grain cooperatives, certified crop advisors, ag lenders, and others to support sustainability practices throughout the Panhandle. For more information about precision agriculture and conservation solutions in Texas, contact Joshua Michna at jmichna@quailforever.org or (806) 696-9422.

SORGHUM INDUSTRY EVENTS

- Jan 24-26** International Production & Processing Expo
Atlanta, GA
- Jan 26** Nebraska Sorghum Symposium
Curtis, Nebraska
- Jan 27** Kansas Association Annual Meeting
Salina, Kansas

For more events, visit sorghumcheckoff.com/calendar

USCP MISSION

The Sorghum Checkoff commits to reveal the potential and versatility of sorghum through increased shared value.



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Kansas Grain Sorghum To Host Winter Board Meetings

By Maddy Meier

Kansas Sorghum will host meetings in conjunction with the Kansas Commodity Classic in Salina January 26-27. Meetings will start with a joint board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 26. The Kansas Commodity Classic takes place Jan. 27, and immediately following that event, Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association will host its annual meeting at the Hilton-Garden Inn in Salina in the afternoon at approximately 2:30 p.m.

During the annual meeting, staff will provide updates on market development, policy, research and updating membership tactics. Statistics from the 2022 annual report will also be shared. The association board will reorganize and hold elections.

Elections for three seats on the KGSPA board of directors will be held. The positions include the North region, currently held by Shane Ohlde, Palmer; the Central region, currently held by Kelsey Baker, Scott City; and the South region, currently held by Tom Willis, Liberal. If there is

anyone interested in running for either of these positions, please contact the Kansas Grain Sorghum office at 785-477-9474.

For more information and registration for the Kansas Commodity Classic, visit kansascommodityclassic.com.

Kansas Sorghum staff would also like to recognize the diligence of growers across the state. While the presence of drought may have been present this growing season, we appreciate your hard work as stewards of the land and of this mighty crop. The outlook of the sorghum industry in Kansas is bright in 2023, as sorghum further gains a position in the spotlight as The Resource Conserving Crop™ in part from support from USDA's Partnership for Climate-Smart Commodities grant awarded to National Sorghum Producers and announced this past fall. A big thank you is in order for those who invest in our organizations, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023!



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NAT'L PLACE	WINNER	COUNTY, STATE	PIONEER® HYBRID/ BRAND	YIELD (BU/A)
DRYLAND-NO TILL EAST				
1	BILLY H BOWERS FARM TRUST	DAVIDSON, NC	84G62	218.20
2	HARRY JOHNSTON	FULTON, PA	84G62	196.12
3	STEVEN HALTER	DAVIESS, IN	84G62	194.39
DRYLAND-NO TILL WEST				
1	DUEVER FARMS	MARSHAL, KS	84G62	180.19
2	ROBISON BROTHERS & JOE SCHNUERLE	HARLAN, NE	85Y88	167.40
3	MARK BLOSS	PAWNEE, NE	84P72	159.23
DRYLAND-TILLAGE EAST				
2	SANTINO SANTINI JR.	WARREN, NJ	84G62	183.86
3	ANDREW CUMMINS	AUDRAIN, MO	85P75	180.11
DRYLAND-TILLAGE WEST				
1	DYLAN KNOLL	CHARLES MIX, SD	89Y79	209.32
2	MATTHEW BLOSS	PAWNEE, NE	85Z11	153.24
3	LEE LINNELL	CHARLES MIX, SD	88P71	130.42
IRRIGATED TILLAGE EAST				
1	JEFFREY BARLIEB	WARREN, NJ	84G62	203.35
IRRIGATED TILLAGE WEST				
2	COVER FARMS	HARTLEY, TX	85P75	230.68
3	KI GAMBLE	KIOWA, KS	84G62	204.23



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