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Help for West River Ranchers Affected by Drought

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President's Report

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president of the South Dakota Corn Utilization Council. As my term is ending, I can look back and see how far South Dakota has come. The Council has been working non-stop on in-state market development, research and promotion and education.

During the past six years we have seen South Dakota corn producers invest in ethanol plants across the state. We have seven plants producing ethanol, two plants in the final phase of construction, and three plants in development. We have more than 8000 South Dakota farm families invested in ethanol plants.

This year South Dakota will produce more than 340 million gallons of ethanol.

This means that for every three rows of corn planted, one will be used for ethanol production. South Dakota Corn producers will notice a significant change in basis over the next nine months.

Which brings me to our current hurdle as producers: with over 8,000 farm families invested and over 340 million gallons of ethanol produced in South Dakota, we need to encourage producers to utilize distiller's grain as livestock feed. South Dakota will produce more than one million tons of dried distiller's grain. Because we must find a way to capture the value of the distiller's grain on a local level, we have started to tell the livestock story on the airwaves. We need a viable livestock industry to utilize our product.

We continue to work closely with South Dakota State University to find new uses for corn, including utilizing the co-products of ethanol, environmental issues of developing the livestock industry and further research production agriculture.

Having the opportunity to sit on the Council's Board of Directors for my district has been a tremendous experience, just as serving the past two years as president has been very rewarding. I am proud of the work the Council has done, and I know we have made a difference in the profitability of all corn producers. I am excited for what the future holds. Sincerely,
Gary Duffy
President, SD Corn Utilization Council

Cover Story

SDCUC, Ethanol Plants Team Up to Assist West River Ranchers

The South Dakota Corn Utilization Council (SDCUC), Dakota Ethanol and Northern Lights Ethanol have worked together with Hands Across South Dakota to help West River ranchers that were hit hard from the drought.

The SDCUC has donated \$15,000 to Hands Across South Dakota to purchase Dried Distiller's Grain (DDG). A co-product from our South Dakota ethanol plants, DDG is a highly digestible, low starch, energy-dense feed that provides key nutrients at an economical cost.

"The SDCUC wanted to show their support for the West River ranchers during these tough times, so what a better way to help than to send the best feed available," said Craig Swanson, Chairman of the Market Development Committee.

Dakota Commodities, the marketing division of Broin Enterprises, Inc., of Scotland is excited to announce two plants in their marketing group — Dakota Ethanol of Wentworth and Northern Lights Ethanol of Big Stone City — are joining forces with the SDCUC and Hands Across South Dakota. The plants are donating 50 tons each of Dakota Gold Distiller's Grain valued at \$8,000. In addition, the plants are discounting Dakota Gold purchases by the SDCUC.

As a result, a shipment of 616,000 pounds of DDG — enough to feed more than 5100 head of cattle for one month — will make its way to West River ranchers.

"It's nice to see South Dakotans pull together and help each other. Currently we have had over 300 applications turned in for feed assistance," said Wayne Soren, chairman of



Donations from the SDCUC, Dakota Ethanol and Northern Lights Ethanol will help West River cattle ranchers hit hard by the drought. Delegates of the groups who worked together to make it happen are (left to right): Brad Bonhorst, SDCUC, Henry Bender, Dakota Commodities, Craig Swanson, SDCUC, and Peter Funch and Wayne Soren, Hands Across South Dakota.

the feed committee for Hands Across South Dakota. "Organizations like South Dakota Corn, Dakota Ethanol and Northern Lights Ethanol make it possible to make it through tough times like this."

2 New Directors Elected to Board

District 1 • Reid Jensen



Reid Jensen lives in Burbank where he farms 1500 acres of corn and soybeans along with 85 head of stock cows with the calves being sold to a drug- and hormone-free market. Reid is a graduate of the University of South Dakota with a degree in Business Administration.

Reid got his start in farming by helping his dad. He recalls, "I traded my labor for his machinery. My first year of farming was 1977 and I farmed 110 acres."

Reid also says that he chose farming as a profession because of the independence it offers.

In addition to serving on the SDCUC board, Reid serves as SDCGA treasurer and is active on the Clay County Extension Board.

Reid believes the most important issue facing today's corn producer is "creating demand for our product, and trying to add value to our corn before it leaves the state of South Dakota."

Reid and his wife Marilyn have four sons: Troy, Trent, Tony and Taylor. When he's not spending time with his family, Reid enjoys bowling and golf.

District 5 • Jake Volkert



Jake Volkert lives and farms 2 miles west of Brookings. The Volkert operation consists of corn, soybeans and wheat. Jake also is a Federal Crop adjuster and a field assistant for the Brookings County FSA office.

He got his start in 1972, farming with his father. Together they raised and corn, soybeans, wheat and 30 head of dairy cattle. Deciding that farming was the career for him, Jake bought out his father and took over the third-generation farm.

In 1977, Jake and his brother-in-law Marvin expanded the dairy operation. Last year, Jake and his family retired from the dairy business.

Newly elected to the SDCUC, Jake has held several leadership positions in the ag industry. He has served as a district director and leadership council director for Land-O-Lakes and is a past president of the East Central Holstein Association.

Jake believes the most important issue facing corn producers is developing the livestock industry so that we can utilize the by-product (DDG) from our ethanol plants.

Jake and his wife Roberta have three children: Kristen, Jason and Matthew. When Jake isn't busy farming he enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

Calendar of Events

MARCH 2003

- Grand Opening
Great Plains Ethanol
Chancellor, SD **15**
- Ethanol Plant
Board Members Workshop
Watertown, SD **19**
- Corn Board Meeting
Washington, DC **19-21**
- Capitol Hill Visits
Washington, DC **20**

JUNE 2003

- International Fuel
Ethanol Workshop
Sioux Falls, SD **18-19**

Elevator Manager of the Year



SDCUC President Gary Duffy presents the Elevator Manager of the Year award to Chris Miller of Lake Norden. Miller has been with Badger Farmers Elevator for 26 of his 33 years in the grain and feed industry. He also serves as president of the South Dakota Grain and Feed Association and is an active board member of the National Grain and Feed Association. In addition, Miller has served as president for the Northeast Elevator Manager Association. He actively supports his community by serving on his church council and the Lake Norden Town Council. Miller and his wife Barb have been married for 36 years and have two sons, Darin and Dean.

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GROW

Current Approval Status of Biotech Corn Hybrids

The SDCUC remains committed to the principle that U.S.-grown biotech hybrids yet to be approved in major export markets should **not** be placed into export channels. To this end, SDCUC advises its members to *Know Before You Grow* to minimize potential trade disruption with our export customers. Read your grower agreement. Talk to your seed company representative. Get the facts.

If the biotech hybrid you plant isn't approved for export, take the necessary steps to keep harvested grain in the domestic distribution chain and out of export channels.

Rest assured, there is ample market for your biotech corn. More than 60 percent of all U.S.-grown corn is fed to U.S.-raised livestock.

To help you *Know Before You Grow*, SDCUC will cooperate with technology providers to give you regular updates on the approval status of these events. Below is a list of biotech seed products available for the 2003 planting season. For more information and due to annual fluctuations in marketing plans, consult your seed provider for the most up-to-date information.

| EVENT | CHARACTERISTIC | PRODUCT REGISTRANT TRADE NAME | APPROVED? | | |
|------------------|---|---|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | | | U.S. | JAPAN* | EU |
| Bt11 | Cry1Ab corn borer resistance + Glufosinate herbicide tolerance | Syngenta YieldGard/ Liberty Link | YES | YES | YES |
| Bt176 | Cry1Ab corn borer resistance | Syngenta Knockout/ Mycogen NatureGard | YES | YES | YES |
| Cry1F | Corn borer, black cutworm and armyworm resistance + Glufosinate herbicide tolerance | Dow Herculex I | YES | YES | NO |
| Mon810 | Cry1Ab corn borer resistance | Dekalb YieldGard | YES | YES | YES |
| Mon810 +GA21 | Cry1Ab corn borer resistance + Glyphosate herbicide tolerance | Dekalb YieldGard/ Roundup Ready | YES | YES | NO |
| Mon810 +Nk603 | Cry1Ab corn borer resistance + Glyphosate herbicide tolerance | Dekalb YieldGard/ Roundup Ready | YES | YES | NO |
| Mon810 +T25 | Cry1Ab corn borer resistance + Glyphosate herbicide tolerance | Dekalb YieldGard/ Aventis Liberty Link | YES | YES | NO |
| MonGA21 | Glyphosate herbicide tolerance | Dekalb Roundup Ready | YES | YES | NO |
| Nk603 | Glyphosate herbicide tolerance | Dekalb Roundup Ready corn | YES | YES | NO |
| T25 | Glufosinate herbicide tolerance | Aventis LibertyLink | YES | YES | YES |

* All Japan safety assessments pending review under new regulation.