

South Dakota Corn Utilization Council (SDCUC) will fund \$450,000 in research at South Dakota State University for the 2008–09 fiscal year that starts July 1, 2008.

SDCUC funding for those projects comes entirely from the one-cent per bushel checkoff that farmers pay on corn sold through local elevators in South Dakota. Here's a look at the projects funded for the 2008–09 fiscal year:

- **\$250,000 for a project defining sustainable, site-specific production guidelines for corn stover harvesting in South Dakota.** This multi-discipline project funding is the second year of a five-year study that incorporates plant science, economics, engineering and animal sciences to discover the impacts of corn stover harvesting and corn-on-corn farming. Components of this project are highlighted in the following articles below and on the facing page.
- **\$100,000 was awarded for ongoing Biofuels Research, headed by professor Bill Gibbons.** The goal of the project is to improve the energy efficiency of ethanol production, enhance the quality of distillers grains, and facilitate recovery and recycling of process water.
- **\$75,000 for Economics of Biotechnology in South Dakota agriculture.** SDCUC earmarked \$75,000 for biotechnology economics research, which details the advances, economic and environmental improvements South Dakota producers have made through biotechnology usage.
- **\$25,000 for Farming Systems Initiative.** SDCUC collaborates with other state commodity organizations to fund research on areas of common interest to all South Dakota producers.