

MICHIGAN CORN

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REPORT**



Letter from the President of the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan

First and foremost, I want to recognize Michigan’s corn growers for everything you do to provide feed, fuel and other products to the world. As a fellow grower, I know it hasn’t been easy. With rising input costs, falling corn prices and a constantly shifting market outlook - we’ve seen multiple tough economic years in a row.

CMPM is committed to building future profitability for Michigan’s farmers, their families, and rural communities. We know that corn farmers want stable and growing markets where they can sell their corn and the products it gets made into - and we’re investing your checkoff dollars in programs and research aimed at expanding those markets.

Here at home, we’re working to increase the use of ethanol fuel in our automobiles and looking at future uses for that fuel like sustainable aviation fuel and sustainable marine fuel made from corn. We also know that agriculture is an interconnected industry, and we continue to work with our livestock partners to bring high quality corn and DDGS into the supply chain.

While our biggest uses for corn remain feed and fuel, we’re also looking into new and innovative uses for corn, including new technology to turn corn into acrylics.

Internationally, there are huge opportunities to increase demand for our products in markets around the world. Working through the U.S. Grains and BioProducts Council, we are building relationships and helping remove barriers to the export of corn, ethanol and DDGS around the world. We also partner with the U.S. Meat Export Federation to help build demand for corn by exporting more meat products.

There are bright and promising things on the horizon for Michigan’s corn growers, and CMPM will be your partner in building a brighter future for Michigan’s farmers.



Scott Miller
President, CMPM

Letter from the President of the Michigan Corn Growers Association

It has been a tumultuous year for corn growers when it comes to policy, both at the state and national levels. With rapidly shifting realities on everything from ethanol, to tax policy, to international trade - it’s more important than ever for Michigan’s corn farmers to be vocal and active in the policy discussions shaping our future.

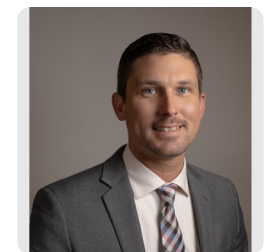
While we can’t win every battle, our work to keep the interests of Michigan farmers top of mind for our legislators has paid off in many ways and will continue to be important in the future.

This year, we worked with our national partners to push for legislation allowing year-round access to E15, which could increase corn demand by billions of bushels a year. We advocated for the renewal of the USMCA, which has been a foundational trade agreement with big impacts on our corn and ethanol markets. We pushed back when the Make America Healthy Again commission questioned the safety of important crop protection tools. We also successfully pushed the Administration to include corn and ethanol in several of the President’s international trade deals.

At the state level, we’ve worked with both parties to advance bipartisan legislation to help bring sustainable aviation fuel production to the state and will continue pushing to get that across the finish line. We’ve also been active in advocating for continued research funding for important agriculture priorities.

With the current environments in Lansing and Washington, D.C., it doesn’t look like the policy world will be slowing down anytime soon. It’s more important than ever that we speak with a loud and unified voice in support of our industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president, and I look forward to what we can accomplish together in the future.



John Delmotte
President, MCGA



STANDING UP FOR MICHIGAN'S CORN FARMERS

2025 was a tumultuous period for policymaking. At the federal level, we started with a new administration in the White House and a historically slim majority in Congress. We saw numerous unprecedented events, including a record number of executive orders and a government shutdown. In Lansing, we experienced the fewest public acts of a regular session since our state's founding. Despite these challenges, MCGA members actively advocated for their interests. As a result, we have achieved numerous victories, including:

Michigan Farmer Matt Frostic Elected to Serve as NCGA First Vice President

The National Corn Growers Association Board elected Matt Frostic, of Applegate, Michigan, as the organization's first vice president.

"I'm honored to be elected by my peers to serve in this new leadership role," Frostic said. "This is a pivotal time for agriculture, and I'm excited to contribute to NCGA's efforts to advocate for corn growers and advance innovation across the industry. I look forward to working alongside dedicated grower leaders and staff to help shape a strong future for U.S. corn."

On October 1, Jed Bower, of Ohio becomes NCGA president. In October 2026, Bower becomes board chair and Frostic becomes president.

Defending Farmer Tools in Response to MAHA Report

In 2025, the Make America Healthy Again Commission signaled policy positions that would compromise farmer access to key crop protection tools. These concerns became more acute after the Commission released a draft assessment that specifically questioned the safety of atrazine and glyphosate.

NCGA spearheaded advocacy efforts to ensure the final MAHA report was science-based. We made our voices heard and worked closely with the administration, and, as a result, the commission's final recommendations in September reflected a major shift in tone and substance related to pesticide use and crop production, removing any specific claims about pesticides.

Expanding International Markets

NCGA has encouraged the Trump administration as it has brokered new bilateral trade agreements. We have welcomed the administration's efforts to make corn and corn byproducts a centerpiece of these agreements.

Though there is more to be done on the trade front, we have been able to secure new deals with the UK, Japan and other countries that will help increase corn demand in the U.S. during a very difficult economic time for growers.

Reauthorizing MAEAP

MCGA, along with many agricultural partners, successfully advocated for renewed funding to support the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program. MAEAP is a nationally recognized, voluntary, and confidential program that helps Michigan farmers adopt effective, science-based practices to reduce environmental risks and protect natural resources.

Protecting Market Access to Mexico

After a hard-fought campaign in 2023 and 2024 by the National Corn Growers Association and the MCGA that resulted in the U.S. winning a dispute settlement under the U.S. Mexico-Canada Agreement, this year Mexico officially rescinded its decree that banned GM corn imports from the U.S. Given that over 90 percent of U.S. corn is genetically modified, this was a significant win for our growers.

Shaping Tax Policy to Benefit Farmers

As Congress and the White House worked on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, NCGA and MCGA worked hard to ensure key tax provisions, like the estate tax exemption and bonus depreciation, were permanently extended. The budget reconciliation bill also became an avenue to update several major farm bill priorities important to corn growers. We worked to ensure there was increased funding for domestic programs and for the U.S. to promote agricultural goods abroad. Thanks to the efforts of corn growers and allied advocates, the law also extended a tax credit that will be important if corn growers are to eventually sell ethanol in the aviation sector.

1,225
MCGA Members
6
County Chapters



INCREASING ETHANOL USE

The push to grow demand for corn-based ethanol is gaining momentum. Whether it's through advancing higher blends in automobiles or unlocking new fuel markets through sustainable aviation fuel Michigan corn growers are helping shape a more sustainable, corn-fueled future.

NCGA Putting Corn in Tractor Tanks

NCGA's Biofuels Action Team has partnered with New Century FS to provide a fuel trailer supplying E98/ethanol for limited fall field demonstrations of John Deere's prototype ethanol-powered tractor. This early-stage collaboration is part of NCGA's broader effort to explore the technical feasibility and potential of ethanol as a fuel source in agricultural equipment, with the long-term goal of assessing opportunities for future market development for corn-based ethanol.

Michigan Growers Speak Up for E15

Regulatory relief within EPA to allow year-round marketing of E15 has been a long-held priority for our market development efforts. We know the importance of the ethanol market to farmer profitability, with one-third of all corn produced nationally tied to ethanol demand.

Michigan Corn participated in an NCGA-led national campaign to show Congress that farmers understand the importance of this issue through a written petition. In just three weeks, 9,000 farmers signed a letter to House and Senate leadership.

A big thank you to the Michigan farmers who participated. Your voices make us stronger as we continue to advocate for this important priority.



Michigan Focus on Biofuels

Michigan Corn continues to see energy and biofuels as major opportunities for expanding corn utilization.

Here are some of the exciting investments from 2025:

- Supporting legislation to advance E-15 utilization in Michigan through at the pump promotions.
- Supporting legislation to create a Sustainable Aviation Fuel blenders tax credit in Michigan.
- Partnering with USGBC to promote international trade opportunities for ethanol in Great Britain, Canada, and other areas around the world.
- Supporting NCGA to advance E-15 legislation in Congress.
- A research review of bioeconomic policy and development opportunities and challenges for Michigan.
- Representing growers at the US Sustainable Aviation Fuel Conference in Houston, TX.
- Supported and monitored the impacts of the 45Z provisions of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.



INVESTING IN RESEARCH

The Corn Marketing Program of Michigan is investing in research that improves profitability for Michigan's corn farmers. From innovations in on-farm management practices, to finding new uses and markets for corn - our partnerships and investments are aimed at improving farmers' bottom line.

Research Projects By Category

In 2025, CPMF funded five research projects totaling \$129,540 across the following topics:

- Production - 3
63% of research funds
- New and Expanded Markets - 1
22% of research funds
- Biofuels - 1
15% of research funds

The Production category investigated mycotoxin mitigation strategies, weed control, and the impact of tillage on carbon intensity scores. The New and Expanded Market category analyzed the strengths and weaknesses of the state of Michigan in terms of attracting corn-based biotechnology industries to locate here. The Biofuels project was a collaboration with Midwest corn states investigating whether a Book and Claim accounting system for commodities produced using conservation agriculture practices offers benefits when compared to a mass balance accounting approach for marketing both commodities and carbon in the biofuels marketplace.

National Corn Growers Association Research Programs

In addition to state-based funding, CPMF supports national research efforts aiming to encourage development of corn-based products. The National Corn Growers Association's Consider Corn Challenge is an industry competition for early-stage companies aimed at finding new uses for corn as a feedstock. Similarly, the Radicle Corn Value Chain Challenge takes investment of corn-based products to the next level. Radicle seeks innovative technologies for long-term sustainable new uses of corn.



Project GREEN

Michigan State University AgBioResearch's Project GREEN offers grants to MSU researchers for priorities that align with Michigan's plant commodities.

These investments have direct benefits, but also help CPMF to increase its impact by leveraging that money to secure additional funding.

Since 2020,, CPMF has supported \$143,123 in research to MSU faculty, who then went on to leverage those funds for larger grants totaling \$487,604.

Research Spotlight

Bio-Based Acrylics Made from Corn

CPMF supported Lakril Technologies, a company who produces bio-based acrylic acid from corn, with \$190,500 from 2022-2024. Lakril went on to win both the Consider Corn Challenge and the Radicle Corn Value Chain Challenge, receiving a \$750,000 equity investment from the Radicle Challenge, and was recently named a top-10 start up to watch by Chemical and Engineering News.





Creating Educational Opportunities for Farmers and the Public

Whether it's helping farmers access resources to improve their operations or helping connect consumers with farmers to build a more informed and supportive public, education is a core tenet of what the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan does.

“Nourish the Future has been an amazing and immersive experience that will impact my ability to teach the future generations of agriculturalists.”
 - Nourish the Future Teacher Participant

◀ Nourish the Future

CMPM brought Nourish the Future's Feeding and Fueling the World Workshop to Michigan for the third time in 2025.

Nourish the Future is a national education initiative aimed at providing high school general science teachers the curriculum and materials they need to use agriculture examples in their classrooms. In 2025, 29 teachers attended a two-day workshop, including an on-farm dinner experience where they got up close to agricultural equipment.

If the 29 participating Michigan educators use the content for the average curriculum shelf life, the potential reach is

37,659 students

Nourish the Future will be bringing this workshop back to Michigan in 2026.

Community Events

Through our presence at events like Project RED, county fairs and other local events, we reached

>18,000

people across the state with pro-agriculture messages.

Michigan Ag Council

CMPM is a member of the Michigan Ag Council, a coalition of commodity groups that work together to tell the story of modern agriculture by connecting consumers and farmers.

Through its brand, Michigan Grown, Michigan Great, the council reaches consumers across the state through a variety of events and communications tactics including:

- A robust online presence that includes an informative website, social media outreach, and an enewsletter
- In-person events including the Down on MI Farm dinners, which connect social media influencers, farmers, and community leaders to have meaningful conversations about food and agriculture
- Presence at farm markets and food events across the state
- An Ag Ambassador program that trains young folks to be the future voices of Michigan's agriculture industry

Bringing High Quality Educational and Networking Resources to Farmers

Michigan Corn is dedicated to helping our farmers be the best they can be, and so we strive to provide resources and opportunities for farmers to expand their knowledge and network with other farmers and industry leaders.

Some of CMPM's flagship programming in this area includes:

- The annual Great Lakes Crop Summit, hosted in partnership with the Michigan Soybean Committee and Michigan Wheat Program - the event includes high-quality speakers from across the US and draws more than 1,000 people annually
- Our annual Between the Rows Tour, which brings an evening of educational speakers and networking to farms spread across the state - In 2025, we hosted 7 on-farm events where we shared yield data, and heard speakers on agronomy and marketing topics
- The Coffee with Corn winter webinar series that brings a variety of topics to farmers wherever they are, whether at home, in the shop, or even in the tractor



EXPANDING GLOBAL MARKETS

More than 95% of the world's consumers live outside the United States, which means that competing for global market access is critical for the future profitability of Michigan's corn farmers. Through our partnerships with the U.S. Grains and BioProducts Council, the National Corn Growers Association, and the U.S. Meat Export Federation, we are fighting to grow existing markets and open new markets to our products around the world.

Building Global Demand for Michigan Corn

Following the U.S. Grains and BioProducts Council's Ethanol Summit, Michigan Corn hosted a group from the Middle East and North Africa for an up-close look at the ethanol supply chain in Michigan.

The group consisted of private business and government officials in the energy, oil, and biofuels sectors.

The team visited Don Morse's farm in Birch Run, POET in Caro, Cooperative Elevator in Akron, a Sheetz fuel retailer, and finished with a meeting with General Motors. We also arranged for the group to meet with representatives from Delta in DC to discuss sustainable aviation fuel.

Exports of grain and grain products added \$1.05 billion in value to the Michigan economy in 2023, according to a ComplEat Analytics study commissioned by the U.S. Grains & BioProducts Council and the National Corn Growers Association.

In 2023, Michigan grain and grain product exports were valued at \$499 Million. The value of these exports created additional revenue for the state with ripple effects throughout the entire economy, positively impacting jobs and the state's total economic output.



THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF GRAIN AND GRAIN PRODUCT EXPORTS IN MICHIGAN



2023 ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION ¹ PROVIDED BY SELECT GRAIN AND GRAIN PRODUCTS EXPORTS				
Commodity	Jobs	Gross State Product (\$ millions)	Output (\$ millions)	Export Value (\$ millions)
Corn	2,807	237.2	533.3	284.7
Sorghum	-	-	-	-
Ethanol	727	59.8	184.4	81.1
Ethanol Coproducts	861	74.4	216.5	73.1
Corn Equivalent of Meat	585	49.4	111.2	59.3
Total	4,983	421	1,046	499

¹Economic contribution here is the summation of direct, indirect and induced impacts. ComplEat Analytics conducted this study utilizing IMPLAN economic input-output software. Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding. | Source: U.S. Grains & BioProducts Council, ComplEat Analytics

US Corn and Ethanol Exports Break Records

U.S. corn exports in marketing year (MY) 2024/2025 rose to 2.855 billion bushels, valued at more than \$16.35 billion, setting a new record for export volume and value. Mexico led the way as U.S. corn's top buyer, setting its best year on record by purchasing more than 1 billion bushels. Corn sales to Mexico accounted for 35 percent of all U.S. corn exports in MY 2024/2025.

U.S. ethanol exports reached a record 2.1 billion gallons, valued at more than \$4.6 billion, an increase of 23.3 percent from the previous year. Canada remained the top year-over-year market for U.S. ethanol, purchasing approximately 35.5 percent of all U.S. ethanol exports in MY 2024/2025. U.S. ethanol exports there increased by 16.8 percent to more than 757 million gallons valued at over \$1.6 billion.

MICHIGAN CORN Two Organizations Working Together

About the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan

The purpose of the CMPM is to enhance the economic position of Michigan corn growers by providing for the growth and expansion of the corn industry in Michigan through foreign and domestic market development, promotion, and research that will stimulate the demand for corn.

The checkoff receives one penny for every bushel of corn grown and sold in Michigan which can be used for research, education, and market development.

About the Michigan Corn Growers Association

MCGA is a grassroots organization of growers dedicated to increasing the profitability of corn production. MCGA focuses on policy work both in Lansing and in Washington D.C. that will enhance the economic viability of corn farmers through fair and just regulations, trade agreements and legislation.

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Income

Net Checkoff Income	\$3,014,218
Administration Fees	\$77,250
Grant Income	\$98,460
Investment Income	\$92,340
Rental Income	\$130,873
Total Income	\$3,413,141

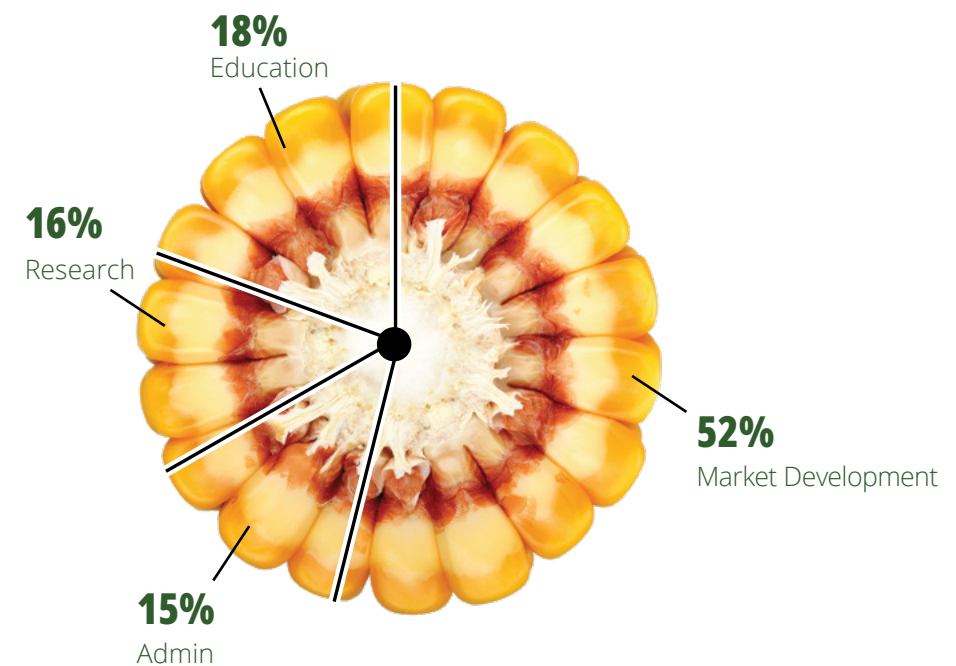
Expenses

Operating Expenses	\$692,617
Project Expenses	\$2,490,007
Total Expenses	\$3,182,624
Carryover	\$230,517

Project Expenditures

National Corn Growers Association	\$456,000
U.S. Grains and Bioproducts Council	\$250,760
U.S. Meat Export Federation	\$8,600
Sustainable Aviation Fuel Projects	\$10,000
Research Projects	\$250,916
Education	\$410,954
State Initiated Market Development	\$591,192
Michigan Ag Council	\$35,000
Nourish the Future Support	\$15,000

Distribution of Expenditures



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