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Texas corn farmers take action as national leaders

LUBBOCK, Texas (October 3, 2017) – Six Texas farmers were recently slated to serve in key advising positions for the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA.) These farmers will help mold the future of their industry by guiding programs, and carrying out the policies and priorities that drive the organization.

NCGA relies on a strong group of farmer leaders for the organization to thrive and serve its purpose as a nationwide representation of one of the largest agricultural segments of the United States. The NCGA Corn Board recently determined the farmers who will serve as the core influencers for the association by announcing the members and leaders of its action teams, committees and working groups for the 2017 fiscal year, which begins next month.

The group selected five Texas farmers for various positions within these groups:

- **Lindsey Bowers** of Inez, Texas - Consumer Engagement Action Team
- **Aaron Martinka** of Bickholts, Texas - Risk Management Action Team
- **Jim Sugarek** of Beeville, Texas - Corn Productivity & Quality Action Team
- **Charles Ring** of Sinton, Texas - Corn Productivity & Quality Action Team Participant
- **Chad Wetzel** of Tom Bean, Texas - Freedom to Operate Action Team

Wesley Spurlock, current NCGA president and Texas Corn Producers (TCP) director from Stratford, Texas, will serve as chairman of the organization, transitioning from his current role as president. In addition to this role, he will be chairman of the NCGA Foundation, serve on the BNSF Railway Ag Business Council, as well as the Monsanto Grower Advisory Committee.

"We can't wait to see what these eager and enthusiastic Texas farmers do while serving at the national level through these action teams and committees," Texas Corn Producers Executive Director David Gibson said. "We had other applicants willing to serve, but were not placed this year. We are fortunate to have Texas leaders willing to step up and serve the corn growers on the local, state and national levels."

Access the complete list of NCGA action team and committee appointments [HERE](#).

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Texas Corn Producers serves the state's corn farmers through two organizations, the Texas Corn Producers Board and the Corn Producers Association of Texas. TCPB is a statewide board funded by a voluntary checkoff program. Checkoff funds are used for research, education and promotion to further the corn industry in Texas, and to create better marketing opportunities for farmers. CPAT is the advocacy arm of Texas corn farmer representation on both a state and national level. CPAT's mission is to build a strong organizational support system for corn that will represent the interests and concerns of farmers from all regions of Texas. For more information, visit www.TexasCorn.org.