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NSP Urges Renewable Fuels Investment Act Passage

NSP joined the Renewable Fuels Association signing a letter this week in support of the domestic biofuels industry and the bipartisan Renewable Fuels Reinvestment Act. This legislation, introduced by Representatives Pomeroy (D-N.D.) and Shimkus (R- Ill.), provides needed long-term extensions for the major federal tax incentives helping provide for the continued growth and evolution of America's ethanol industry. These tax incentives are vital to the success of the industry.

The legislature extends through 2015 four of the most important tax incentives for all ethanol producers and blenders, regardless of feedstock, providing stability for the ethanol industry, especially in the area of cellulosic ethanol production. This extension would help to ensure that American taxpayers are not subsidizing ethanol production in foreign countries.

Together with the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS), the tax incentives for ethanol provide the necessary public policy framework to ensure America's domestic renewable fuels industry is allowed to be successful," the letter states. "Likewise, it allows current ethanol producers to invest with confidence in new efficiencies to further improve upon ethanol's economic and environmental benefits."

For more information, read a short [summary of the bill](#).

Mid South Elevators to Take Sorghum

Despite some reports, export elevators along the Mississippi River in the Mid South including Bunge, ADM, Consolidated Grain and Barge and Cargill are planning to accept new crop bids for grain sorghum. The Sorghum Checkoff encourages sorghum farmers to contact their local elevator for specific bid information and elevator locations.

"Sorghum farmers in the Mid South region have had a great relationship with the export houses as they provide an excellent market for our crop," said Stewart Weaver, Sorghum Checkoff board member and Arkansas producer. "Currently, more than 30 percent of our crop is exported and I am extremely optimistic that through our partnership with the U.S. Grains Council, the multi-national grain companies and the Sorghum Checkoff programming, we can continue to increase our export demand through the center gulf."

For information on the Sorghum Checkoff, visit www.sorghumcheckoff.com.

New Ad Campaign Promotes American Ethanol

POET, the largest ethanol producer in the world, launched a national advertising campaign this week aimed at highlighting the hard work done by Americans to wean our nation off foreign oil through the production of clean, homegrown ethanol.

The campaign includes three ads, each representing a different aspect of ethanol production. A farmer, a scientist and a plant manager recite free-verse poetry explaining their role in helping solve our nation's fuel crisis. In "Fuel Field," a farmer talks about agriculture's role in ethanol production and how our nation gets more fuel from American ethanol than from foreign oil fields.

The ads portray ordinary people using common ingredients and creativity to create something powerful and vital to our nation. The farmer describes using sun and rain to produce crops for food and fuel, the scientist talks about making fuel out of waste and the plant manager shows the importance of creating jobs here in America.

"POET and the ethanol industry as a whole have a great story to tell," said Greg Breukelman, POET Senior Vice President of Communications. "It's time we took our message to a broader audience, and this campaign allows us to do that."

The ads air on Fox News, MSNBC, CNBC, NBC, CNN and HLN. You can find more information about the campaign and view each of the ads on POET's Web site: www.poetenergy.com.

Grain Sorghum Board Directorships Open

Two Nebraska Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and Marketing Board Directorships are open for appointment by Governor Dave Heineman this July. The deadline for submitting candidacy petitions to be considered for appointment is Wednesday, June 2, 2010. The first Directorship position is from Lancaster, Cass, and Otoe counties, and the second is from Jefferson, Saline, and Thayer counties. Any grain sorghum producer interested in appointment may place his or her name on the candidacy list for the respective districts by filing a petition with the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board.

The Member-at-Large directorship is also open for election by the Board. The Member-at-Large will be elected by the Board at the first meeting following July 17, 2010, when the current term expires. Potential candidates may submit a statement of interest to the Board.

For more information, contact the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board: (402) 471-4276, or sorghum.board@nebraska.gov.

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-- *Henry Ford*

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