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THE KID WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

Riceville 2nd graders learned a little bit about Norman Borlaug. I read the book "The Kid Who Changed the World". This book is about how Norman was a simple boy who grew up playing in Iowa cornfields but had the desire to feed hungry people. Norman was able to save billions of lives, but he couldn't have done it without the help of Vice President Henry Wallace, who was influenced by inventor George Washington Carver, who in turn was rescued by farmers Moses and Susan Carver. The story tells of how each life is interwoven by decisions, both big and small of others. The decisions

you make today truly can change the world. After we read the book, we discussed how wheat was one of the crops Norman had researched and learned how to make it a better plant to produce more wheat so it would then feed more people. I brought in some wheat, had the students rub it between their hands to find the seeds, and then we used a grinder to grind wheat into flour. Each student got an opportunity to grind some wheat. I made homemade whole wheat bread for the students to taste, and each student got the recipe to take home and try.

MCFB TO PROMOTE PORK

Mitchell County Farm Bureau will be holding a pork drawing in October to promote the pork industry and our local pork farmers. A bucket will be placed at Food Center in St. Ansgar; County Line Locker, Riceville; Randy's Neighborhood Market and S&S Meats and Spirits in Osage. Participants can sign up during the month of October at above locations and one name per location will be drawn out for \$50 in Pork Certificates.

Watch for Spokesman stories and MCFB Facebook page for more details.

Calendar

Office hours
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, noon
Deadline for the following week's Spokesman.

Reminder
Like us on Facebook! Facebook.com/MitchellCoFarmBureau.

September
National Chicken Month, National Honey Month, National Potato Month, National Teach Agriculture Day (Sept. 18), National Farm & Ranch Safety Health Week (Sept. 22-27)



MCFB staff

MCFB HOSTS ANNUAL MEETING

Mitchell County Farm Bureau held their annual meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the American Legion in Osage.

Katie Elgin, MCFB President called the meeting to order and introduced board, staff and special guest IFBF President Brent Johnson and his wife Luann.

The previous year's minutes were reviewed, and 2024 financial report was given. Nick Thorson presented the Nomination Ballot, all positions but secretary will

remain the same, except for the secretary position Kayla Groff will replace Marcus Uthe as secretary.

Holly Merritt, Region 5 Manager and Andy Hill, District Director, gave brief updates before Brent Johnson, IFBF President took the floor to update attendees what Iowa Farm Bureau has been actively doing the past year and thanked Mitchell County Farm Bureau for staying active in the county, state and federal level to keep their members informed.

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NCGA EXPANDS NATIONAL MYCOTOXIN EFFORT TO PROTECT CORN QUALITY, MARKET ACCESS

Corn growers are stepping up efforts to stay ahead of rising mycotoxin risks by expanding a proven research model that has delivered results for more than a decade.

The Aflatoxin Mitigation Center of Excellence (AMCOE) is now becoming the Mycotoxin Mitigation Center of Excellence, broadening its focus to address a full spectrum of mycotoxins, including aflatoxin, fumonisins, vomitoxin and others, before they create bigger problems for corn producers.

Mycotoxins are toxic compounds produced by mold that can lead to rejected loads, reduced prices and lost market access. They are a significant

threat to U.S. corn crops, serving up an estimated \$1 billion in losses every year.

And with changing weather patterns and growing buyer sensitivity, NCGA, along with state corn associations, are taking a proactive approach to help protect crop quality, value and profitability.

MORE FUNDING REQUESTED

The Center will continue to be grower-led and research-driven, building on partnerships with USDA, university researchers and state corn organizations.

For perspective, corn growers have invested over \$5 million in private funding toward aflatoxin

research since 2012. NCGA has asked for and received Federal appropriations to support this research. So far, NCGA has recruited \$1.5 million in Federal funds and are advocating for more to maximize the center's work.

ENGAGING THE VALUE CHAIN

Because mycotoxins can cause such devastating loss across the entirety of the corn value chain, NCGA has also helped rally the whole industry by launching a national coalition.

This group brings together seed companies, ethanol producers, millers, technical service providers and others

to align efforts, share data and speak with one voice. This group demonstrates the fact that mycotoxins affect not only corn producers but many other value chain stakeholders as well.

This national coalition is working on a comprehensive economic impact study to demonstrate the full impact beyond the farm gate. The coalition is also collaborating on exploring potential solutions to address tools and traits for prevention, strategies to limit DDGS and feed contamination, testing inconsistencies and load rejections, and both on & off farm mitigation strategies.

How does this coalition bene-

fit corn growers? It means:

- Research focused on real-world, field-level risks
- Better testing, resistance traits and management tools
- Industry-wide coordination to protect corn's value
- Engagement and investment of the whole value chain in solutions

LOOKING AHEAD

The Center will release new research priorities and engagement opportunities in the coming months. Growers are encouraged to stay informed through their state associations or visit the NCGA's Mycotoxin Center of Excellence page for updates.

