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NCGA Corn Board Elects Kevin Skunes as Next Farmer to Help Lead Organization

The National Corn Growers Association's Corn Board has elected Kevin Skunes of Arthur, North Dakota to become the organization's first vice president for the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

"I am deeply honored that my colleagues on the board chose to place their trust in my capability and commitment to leading our association forward as we work to create greater opportunities for corn growers across the country," said Skunes. "We understand our farmers face a growing number of challenges. Working together as an industry and with regulators and legislators in Washington, we must grow markets through trade agreements, a return to statutory RVO levels outlined in the RFS while combatting the proliferation of regulations impacting U.S. farmers. I look forward to working with our grower leadership over the coming years to find innovative, impactful ways to grow the demand for our growing crop."

Skunes, his wife, Betty, and their two sons farm 4,900 acres of corn and soybeans in Cass County, N.D.

Carson Klosterman, president of the North Dakota Corn Growers comments on the Skunes appointment: "The North Dakota Corn Growers Association is proud to have one of our own members move into leadership on the NCGA. Kevin has provided great leadership in his time with the ND Corn Council and now as a director with both the North Dakota and National Corn Growers boards. Corn and ethanol production has shown significant growth with the due diligence put into these organizations by Kevin." Skunes joins two other past presidents of NCGA that hail from North Dakota - Bart Schott and Wallie Hardie.

On the national level, Skunes serves as the board liaison to NCGA's Grower Service Action Team and as the association's representations to the National Pork Producers Council. Previously, he served as the Corn Board liaison to NCGA's Trade Policy and Biotechnology Action Team, on the Association Relations Committee and on the Finance Committee. He served as a member of NCGA's Ethanol and Finance Committees prior to election to the Corn Board.

"NCGA's success can be attributed, in large part, to the quality of farmers who have stepped forward to lead the organization, and we strongly believe that Kevin will continue this fine tradition," said NCGA President Chip Bowling. "Our Corn Board appreciates the energy he brings to our work and the thoughtful insights he contributes to our discussions. Skunes continually demonstrates his dedication to farmers and his willingness to work tirelessly on their behalf."

On Oct. 1, Bowling, of Maryland, becomes chairman and the current first vice president, Wesley Spurlock of Texas, becomes NCGA president. In October 2017, Spurlock becomes chairman and Skunes becomes president.

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