



The North Dakota Corn Growers Association played an instrumental role in advancing key issues and Legislators were responsive and approved rural investments and agriculture initiatives.

### **Legislative Highlights**

- **Value-added Agriculture and Energy**
  - \$80 million value-added loan guarantee program (SB 2230)
  - \$10 million agriculture diversification and development fund (HB 1475)
- **Rural Infrastructure**
  - \$750,000 to assist townships with FEMA match dollars for emergency repairs (SB 2012 DOT)
  - \$60 million for township roads and bridges (\$30 million of state and potentially \$30 million of federal money) (HB 1015 OMB)
- **Renewable Energy**
  - DOT to use Unleaded 88 (E15) and biodiesel in the state motor fleet (SB 2012 DOT)
  - \$25 million clean sustainable energy fund (HB 1452)
- **Agriculture Research and Extension**
  - Strong appropriations for NDSU Research, NDSU Extension, and Northern Crops Institute. Restored potential budget cuts and funded animal agriculture, data, and NDAWN initiatives.
- **Water Management**
  - Permitting for drain tile projects will be streamlined. The State Water Commission can cost-share for widening or deepening activities for drains. (HB 1437)

THANK YOU to all members who reached out to local legislators on important ag-related issues and thank you to legislators for their support.