



Take Five

five-minute summary of industry activities for members of the largest state agribusiness association in the nation
The Agribusiness Association of Iowa

AAI Takes Leadership Role on 2009 ANSI Standards

AAI TAKES LEADERSHIP ROLE ON 2009 ANSI STANDARDS

Mona Bond will lead one of the teams that is reviewing several of the proposed changes to the 2009 ANSI Standards. If anyone would like to comment on those, please contact the AAI office at 515.262.8323 or 800.383.1682.

Amber Neppel-Carter Fund

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AAI wishes Amber Neppel Carter strength during her battle against cancer. Amber is the daughter of Patrick Neppel, who is the manager for Ryan Co-operative, an AAI member affiliate.

Additional Information Attached

To continue her battle doctors have suggested that Amber travel to Switzerland for further treatment. In order to help fund treatment and travel costs a fund has been set up in her name. Please read the attached flyer for more information on how you can help Amber in her battle against cancer.

Profile of an Up and Coming Leader in Iowa's Agribusiness Industry

PROFILE OF AN UP AND COMING LEADER IN IOWA'S AGRIBUSINESS INDUSTRY

John Harris was selected to participate in the 2008 TAL program, he is an Agronomist for Smith Fertilizer and Grain in Knoxville. Harris has been working for Smith Fertilizer and Grain for two years, and working in the ag industry for eight. Please take a moment to read the attached profile and get to know the work strategies and philosophies that drive this rising leader in the agribusiness industry.

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AAI's Tomorrow's Agribusiness Leaders (TAL) program is designed to identify up and coming leaders in Iowa's agribusiness industry and provide an opportunity for personal and professional development among these leaders. Seven people selected to participate in this year's TAL program. AAI will be highlighting one participant in this and upcoming Take Fives.

Please Submit Changes to the AAI Database by August 29, 2008

2009 AAI DIRECTORY

AAI is beginning to prepare the 2009 Directory. If you have any changes to your company information (address, phone, fax, email, contact person, etc.) please have them submitted to us by Friday, August 29, 2008. Changes made after this date will not be included in the 2009 AAI Directory.

Call the AAI office at 515.262.8323 or 800.383.1682 or email Jeannine, jeannine@agribiz.org, to submit your changes to the database.

An advertising prospectus for the 2009 Directory is posted online at www.agribiz.org. The Agribusiness Association of Iowa's Annual Membership Directory targets your specific agribusiness market. If you would like to become an advertiser in the directory return a completed contract by August 29, 2008. Please call the AAI office with any questions you may have.

Corn Checkoff Rate Increase is Now Official

CORN CHECKOFF REFERENDUM RESULTS CERTIFIED BY IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

Rate Increase Now Official, Will Go into Effect September 1

Iowa Agriculture Secretary Bill Northey and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship have certified the results from the referendum held July 8th to increase the corn checkoff rate by one-fourth of a cent per bushel of corn marketed.

The certified results show the referendum passed decisively with nearly 73 percent of producers in favor of the increase. A simple majority was needed to pass the referendum.

The new rate of three-quarters cents per bushel marketed will go into effect on September 1, 2008.

The corn checkoff is collected on corn that enters commercial channels, but not on grain used on-farm. Producers are able to request a refund of their checkoff contribution and that was not affected by the vote.

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