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2007-08

(session year)

Assembly

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on ... Agriculture (AC-Ag)

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Vote Record Committee on Agriculture

Date: 5/30/07

Moved by: Williams

Seconded by: Vruwink

AB 304

SB _____

Clearinghouse Rule _____

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Testimony on AB 306

Before the Assembly Committee on Agriculture

**Submitted by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer
Protection**

Will Hughes

May 17, 2007

I am Will Hughes, Administrator of the Division of Agricultural Development. I am testifying for informational purposes.

The Department currently oversees the 8 marketing orders that were developed under Chapter 96. The Department strongly supports the use of marketing orders as self help tools for producers to promote and develop their commodity sectors. In short, we believe that strong marketing orders help make a strong agriculture.

The department's main responsibility is to help the marketing boards comply with Chapter 96. This involves oversight of budgets, elections, assessment collections, and administrative changes to marketing orders. Because of our oversight duties, it is important that the department be neutral on specific marketing order changes.

The legal framework of Chapter 96 provides checks and balances to ensure accountability and transparency to producers and to the general public once a marketing order is established. The Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board was established as the first marketing order under Chapter 96 in 1983. It has maintained good compliance and relations with the Department in administering the corn marketing order (ATCP 143). The Corn Board has a limited budget compared to other commodities of its size and as compared to surrounding states. With the advancement of biofuels in Wisconsin, never has the need for research, education and promotion been more important for the corn industry.

AB 306 maintains the current marketing order while it adds to the existing assessment rate. Therefore, AB 306 also retains the ability of producers to obtain refunds of any assessments paid and allows for them to petition for changes in the marketing order in the future if they choose to do so. These facts leave the program in control of producers which is the way the system is designed to work.

I would be pleased to answer any questions you might have about the workings of Chapter 96 or the department's oversight of the corn marketing order.

Thank you.

State Corn Promotion Check Off

<u>STATE</u>	<u>2005 Production in Bushels</u>	<u>RATE/Bu</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
Iowa	2,162,500,000	½ cent	\$8,000,000
Illinois	1,708,850,000	¼ cent	4,000,000
Nebraska	1,270,500,000	¼ cent	2,600,000
Minnesota	1,191,900,000	½ cent	4,000,000
Indiana	888,850,000	-----	-----
Kansas	465,700,000	½ cent	1,400,000
Ohio	464,750,000	½ cent	1,900,000
South Dakota	470,050,000	1 cent	3,000,000
<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>429,200,000</u>	<u>1/10 cent</u>	<u>180,000</u>
Missouri	329,670,000	½ cent	1,500,000
Michigan	288,860,000	1 cent	1,800,000
Texas	210,900,000	½ cent	700,000
Kentucky	155,760,000	¼% of price	700,000
North Dakota	154,800,000	¼ cent	550,000
Colorado	140,600,000	1 cent	850,000
Pennsylvania	117,120,000		
North Carolina	84,000,000	½ cent	300,000
Tennessee	77,350,000		
New York	57,040,000		
Maryland	54,000,000	?	
Mississippi	47,085,000	?	
Louisiana	44,880,000	?	
Virginia	42,480,000	?	
South Carolina	33,060,000		
Georgia	29,600,000	?	
Oklahoma	28,750,000		
Alabama	23,800,000	?	
TOTAL	<u>10,846,910,000</u>		
TOTAL US PROD.	<u>11,112,072,000</u>		(non NCGA states 265,162,000)





Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association

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414.359.1310

To: Chairman Al Ott
Members, Assembly Agriculture Committee

Fr: Kevin La Mere, President
Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association

Da: May 17, 2007

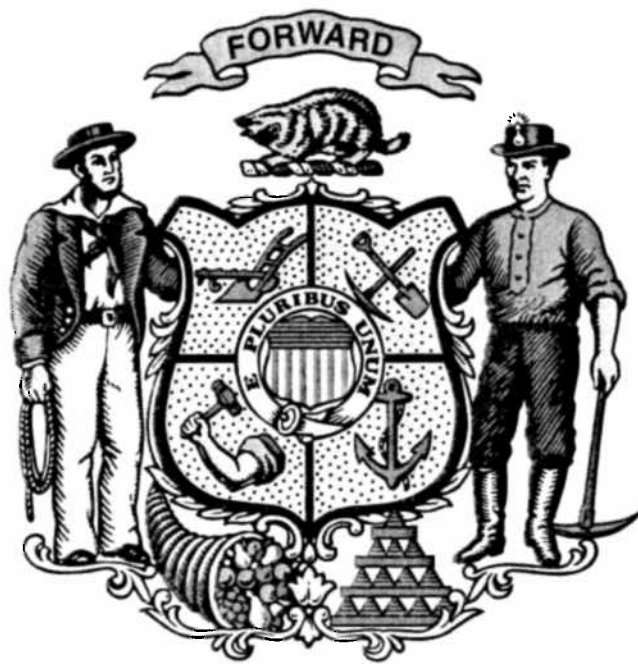
Re: Support for AB 306, Corn check off legislation

The Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association (WPTA) respectfully requests your support for Assembly Bill 306, legislation that will change the corn check off level from 1/10 of a cent per bushel to 1/2 of a cent per bushel. Not only will this bring Wisconsin in line with other corn growing states, but it will ultimately help expand the use of ethanol and other biofuels.

Wisconsin's current corn check off is the lowest of any corn growing state. Increasing the level to 1/2 of a cent per bushel will generate revenue that will be allocated to the Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board. The revenue will be used to promote products made from corn, including ethanol or biodegradable packaging.

The Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association enthusiastically supports the expansion of ethanol in this state. Wisconsin farmers, workers and communities all benefit from the production of ethanol. For the WPTA, we employ nearly 100 members during the construction of a new ethanol plant.

Wisconsin can be a leader in ethanol production and therefore energy independence. This proposal is a step in that direction. We urge your support of this legislation. Thank you.





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State Representative • 3rd Assembly District

AB 306

Wisconsin's Voluntary Corn Check Off

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

May 17, 2007

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Assembly Bill 306 (AB 306), which increases Wisconsin's voluntary corn check off.

AB 306 – introduced at the request of the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association – increases Wisconsin's voluntary corn check off by 0.4 cent, from 0.1 cent to 0.5 cent per bushel.

Under current law, the Wisconsin Corn Promotions Board administers the state's marketing order for corn. The Board aims to maintain and expand sales of corn with the ultimate goal of increasing the value of Wisconsin corn.

The current marketing order provides for an assessment of 0.1 cent per bushel of corn, which is the lowest of the 21 states with corn promotion check offs. The assessment applies only to corn sold for commercial use. Producers who do not sell their corn, but instead feed it to livestock, are exempt from the check off. Further, the check off is voluntary, as any grower can obtain a full refund of their assessment. Refund requests have totaled only about one-tenth of one percent of assessment revenue in recent years.

According to the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association, the current assessment does not provide sufficient resources for the Board to meet the advocacy, promotional and research needs of the corn industry. At 0.1 cent per bushel, the check off generates about \$180,000 per year, which is about \$50,000 more than when collections began 24 years ago.

As stated, AB 306 will increase the voluntary corn check off from 0.1 cent to 0.5 cent per bushel. The proceeds are to be used by the Board for the purposes of the current marketing order, which include: research; development of new markets; improving production methods; marketing and promotion; and educational efforts relating to the quality and nutritional value of corn and corn products.

The bill maintains a producer's right to receive a refund of their assessment, and does not change assessment applicability.

Finally, AB 306 allows the increased assessment to sunset on June 20, 2012 if corn producers approve a referendum to end the assessment. To initiate the referendum, 10% of the producers subject to the assessment must petition the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection between July 1 and December 31, 2011. If approved, the check off would revert back to 0.1 cent per bushel.

This proposal received unanimous support from the membership of the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association at the organization's February annual meeting.

Thank you for your time. I would be happy to take any questions you may have on AB 306.





WISCONSIN CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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AB 306?
Date?

The Wisconsin Corn Growers Association is asking that the Wisconsin corn check off be raised from 1/10th cent per bushel to 1/2 cent per bushel.

Our organization instigated the check off 24 years ago and has seen the benefits that have come from the money spent on promotion, education and research. The nine farmer elected board members of the Wisconsin Corn Promotion Board would administer the funds, just as they have in the past.

Wisconsin was the third state to have a corn check off and the rate has never been raised. There are now 21 states with a corn check off, and ours is the lowest rate. Compared to our surrounding states, Iowa and Minnesota have 1/2 cent rate, Illinois has just raised from 1/4 to 3/8ths cent and Michigan is one of several states that collect 1 cent per bushel.

Our members have seen the benefits that the ethanol business has brought to Wisconsin. The Corn Promotion Board did feasibility studies for the original plants, promoted ethanol and has done some research on feeding distillers grain to dairy cattle with their very limited funds.

The Promotion Board needs to be able to promote other new products coming from corn. There are new forms of distillers grain, for example, which will be a better fit in dairy rations, other new products coming from the ethanol plants, and, most exciting, whole new industries and processes and with entirely new products made from corn.