Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board

Outline of Activities

MARKET DEVELOPMENT
♦ Member of U.S. Grains Council—Have been members since 1981 & have a long-standing history of active involvement & leadership
♦ Current delegate is Duane Sugden of Sterling, NE.
♦ Host foreign trade teams & receive and respond to numerous trade leads

RESEARCH
Projects currently funded:
♦ Breeding—Early Selection for Cold Temperature Germination and Seedling Vigor—$15,000
♦ Comparison of Consumptive Water Use Among Sorghum, Corn & Soybeans—$2,685

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
Important Note: Only State checkoff funds can be used to address federal legislative issues.
♦ National Sorghum Producers—$5,000
   To address Farm Bill issues, Crop Insurance, Renewable Fuels Standard, EPA issues, Funding for foreign market development, etc.

PRODUCER & CONSUMER EDUCATION
♦ Sorghum Seminars
♦ Annual Hybrid Demonstration Plot and Field Day Program
♦ Nebraska LEAD Program
♦ Husker Harvest Days
♦ Nebraska Ag Youth Institute & Ag Safety Camps
♦ A-FAN, Nebraska FFA, Nebraska Ag Classic, NDA Ag Literacy Project
♦ Nebraska State Fair—Cooking Demonstrations, Development distribution of cookbook
♦ Youth education—Word Fun Booklet

ADMINISTRATION
♦ Contract with Department of Agriculture for accounting, fee collection & auditing services
♦ Employ one staff person at .85 FTE

Key components of Board ‘s Program of Work:
- Market Development
- Research
- Producer/Consumer Education
- Federal Legislative Affairs
- Administration

Annual Budget:
FY 2012/2013
Comprised of funds from State Checkoff and National Sorghum Checkoff Passback funds.
State Funds: $61,815—43%
Passback: $83,114—57%
Total Budget: $114,929