



Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board

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



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