

President's Letter
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I'd like to start off by thanking everyone who attended our annual convention. I hope the information that was provided in the producer meeting clarified what is potentially coming down the pipe legislatively. I don't think it was really anything we wanted to hear but I hope we all understand it a little better. I would also like to thank allied industry for supporting us by having booths and sponsoring different socials and events. Last but certainly not least I would like to thank the ladies in the office. Without Susan, Kaye and Beverly none of this would have been possible.

As discussed in the producer meeting, the Farm Bill is moving forward legislatively but is running into hurdles and changes along the way. At this point, it seems to be anyone's guess whether we will have a new Farm Bill come September 30. Something else to keep an eye on is going to be the drought disaster relief program that congress is going to try to roll out. It is still too early to know what that will look like or if it will be even worth supporting. By the time you get this newsletter the first crop report for corn will be released and maybe we will have a better idea of where congress is going to take their relief program.

Another option that might be of some assistance to us is the temporary waiver of the ethanol mandate. That would free up corn to be used for feedstuffs and food rather than fuel. Although most of us would prefer a repeal rather than a temporary waiver, at this point it would be a start in the right direction. If you have an opportunity to support this with your representatives, please do.

Once again thank you for your support of DPNM; and if there is anything you need from us, don't hesitate to contact the office or your local director.