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PCGA members:

We hope the New Year finds you and your family doing well. The history books will certainly note 2008 as quite a year for corn producers in Pennsylvania and across the nation. We experienced tremendous market variations, record yields, growing demand for corn ethanol, new production technologies, and record input prices. Now more than ever we need to continue to work together to continue to develop sustained opportunities for corn producers.

We have been and will continue to sponsor activities to help develop our marketing and risk management skills. Last year we sponsored Dewey Strickler at the Crop Producers Conference, who predicted the collapse in the grain markets that occurred in the summer. This year we are bringing in Jody Lawrence, from Strategic Trading Advisors, to the Crop Producers Conference on February 17 and 18 for another market update. We will also be co-sponsoring several "Winning the Game" programs targeting at developing sound grain marketing plans. Last year we sponsored a number of these and they went quite well. We are working again with the PDA to help conduct educational programs on crop insurance with Penn State Extension.

We have sponsored the Five Acre Corn Club again this year and again the club and many producers have shattered previous records. We will be honoring our Corn Club winners at this year's conference. Our parent organization, NCGA, recently announced the results of the National Corn Yield Contest and for the first time ever a Pennsylvania corn producer, David Wolfskill, took first place in a national class with a whopping 296 bu/acre yield.

NCGA has worked hard during the year on many of the national issues that surfaced on food vs. fuel, ethanol and related issues such as distiller's grains. Locally, work is continuing on the Bioenergy International ethanol facility in Clearfield and it may become operational in late 2009, creating a local source of distiller's grains. Locally we have also worked to monitor policy development. We have been at the table with PDA to plan a Feed and Grain Summit that will be held in March, 2009 to discuss grain production and feed demand what local policies are best for our state.

Our board of directors has worked hard this year. They developed a search process and have identified a new executive secretary, H. Grant Troop, who will be helping to lead our organization in the future. We are looking forward to another great year in 2009 and wish the best to you in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Greg Roth  
Executive Secretary

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President