

# YOUR MINNESOTA CORN CHECK-OFF INVESTMENT AT WORK



## WHAT IS THE CORN CHECK-OFF?

In 1990, Minnesota's corn farmers passed a statewide referendum that created the Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council. This law provided for 1/2 cent per bushel at the first point of sale, to be collected and used for the promotion, communication and research of Minnesota corn. In 2009, Minnesota corn producers passed a referendum conducted by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to increase the state corn check-off rate from 1/2 cent to 1 cent per bushel.

The Minnesota Corn Research & Promotion Council (MCR&PC) directs Minnesota corn farmers' investment in the corn check-off to enhance quality of life for corn producers. Working alongside the Minnesota Corn Growers Association, MCR&PC invests in:

 **Research**

 **Promotion**

 **Outreach**



**\$2.6 MILLION**

invested annually in research toward **IMPROVING ON-FARM PRACTICES AND IDENTIFYING NEW MARKETS.**

**\$460,000**

in research at the UMN Center for Sustainable Polymers that aims to replace petroleum in plastics with **RENEWABLE SOURCES LIKE CORN.**



UMN Nitrogen Smart program helps farmers become more efficient with their nitrogen use.

**94%** OF ATTENDEES WOULD RECOMMEND THE COURSE.

Stay connected to the many ways your Minnesota corn check-off investment is building a brighter future on the farm.

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Strategic partnerships with organizations like U.S. Grains Council have led to **RECORD ETHANOL EXPORTS** in 2018/2019 - 1.7 billion gallons, equivalent to

**574 million bushels of corn.**

**300% increase**

**IN E15 GALLONS PUMPED SINCE 2017**

driven, in part, by infrastructure investments and outreach efforts by the state's corn farmers.



**225**

**COUNTY-LED INITIATIVES PER YEAR** are supported through County Matching Funds program.

Outreach investments make an impact.

**80%** of Minnesotans have **POSITIVE PERCEPTIONS** of Minnesota farmers.

**92%** of Minnesotans say farming and agriculture are **EXTREMELY/VERY IMPORTANT** to our state.