

Agency 092 - GRAIN SORGHUM BOARD

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Grain Sorghum Resources Act was created by LB 11 which was passed by the Nebraska Legislature in 1981. The duties and functions of the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and Marketing Board are outlined in the Revised Statutes of the State of Nebraska, section 2-4001 to 2-4020. The Board has also filed a set of rules with the Office of the Secretary of State.

VISION:

The Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board is committed to securing the future of grain sorghum production in Nebraska by increasing its profit potential and enhancing the economic well-being of producers.

The Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board will heighten the awareness and acceptance of grain sorghum around the world through programs of foreign and domestic market development.

Through programs of research, the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board will unlock and develop the unique characteristics of this versatile crop in order to transfer technology from the laboratory to the field.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The mission of the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board is to develop, carry out, and participate in programs of research, education, market development, promotion, and legislative issues aimed at enhancing the profit potential and economic well-being of sorghum producers in Nebraska.

The Board's principles are grounded on the commitment to teamwork, quality, and excellence in the services and programs delivered to producers, consumers, and policy makers.

GOALS:

1. Market Expansion (Foreign and Domestic)-- Develop, maintain, and increase worldwide demand and market share for U.S. grain sorghum and its by-products.
2. Research--Develop and support a strong research program which contributes to the sustainability of the sorghum industry and the overall profitability of grain sorghum production.
3. Publicity and Producer/Consumer Education--Create a public awareness concerning U.S. grain sorghum exports and related industry issues and develop a program of education for producers and ag leaders about the sorghum checkoff program.
4. Federal Government Affairs--Establish a program to monitor and address issues to federal legislation, trade policy, and administrative rulings that affect the grain sorghum industry.
5. Administration.

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Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	128,215	304,694	304,000	304,000	304,000	304,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	128,215	304,694	304,000	304,000	304,000	304,000
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Program 406 - GRAIN SORGHUM DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Grain Sorghum Program was created in 1981 to fund market development, promotion, education and research programs related to grain sorghum. In 1985, the Board's statutory authority was broadened to allow up to 25% of the budget to be used to influence federal legislation.

A seven-member board has the responsibility to administer, supervise and operate the program. Six of the Board members are appointed by the Governor to three-year terms on a district basis. The seventh member, serving in an at-large capacity, is elected by the Board. The Board is required to meet at least quarterly. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board carries out the duties and responsibilities of the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Resources Act, which was passed by the 1981 Legislature. The Act, which became effective on September 1, 1981, declared it to be in the interest of the public welfare that grain sorghum producers be permitted and encouraged to develop, carry out, and participate in programs of research, education, market development, and federal legislative affairs.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Performance measures are based on programs implemented within the scope of the budget and to their effectiveness in meeting the Board's goals and objectives.

In particular, projects are developed that will:

- Maintain and increase domestic and foreign demand for Nebraska grain sorghum
- Conduct research projects to improve production and quality of sorghum and develop new value-added use for sorghum
- Facilitate producer education on sorghum production and management as well as awareness of the check-off program
- Monitor and respond to federal legislation, trade policy and administrative rulings affecting grain sorghum
- Establishes a program of staff development and awareness.

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