



# AGRIBUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF IOWA

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A five-minute summary of industry activities for members of the largest state agribusiness association in the nation.

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### Official Notice: AAI Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Agribusiness Association of Iowa will begin at 6:00 pm on February 9, 2010 at Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino in Altoona, Iowa.

The meeting will take place in conjunction with the Agribusiness Showcase & Conference. For more information and to register, go to [www.agribiz.org/showcase](http://www.agribiz.org/showcase).

### AAI Announces Elected and Re-elected Board Members

Congratulations to the eight newly elected and five re-elected AAI Board Members. Larry Arndt, Art Halstead, Robert Haney, Steve Meyerholz, Chris Pearson, Travis Stallkamp, Jeffrey Stoburg, and Dave Tierney were elected to serve on the AAI Board of Directors. Steve Cummings, Mike Maranell, Rick Petersen, James Russmann, and Craig Struve were re-elected to serve on the Board.

Eldon C. Stutsman Inc. He has held this position for nearly 30 years. Currently Meyerholz is on the Board of Directors for the Fluid Fertilizer Foundation and served as President of the Foundation from 2006-2007.

**Chris Pearson** works for Farmer's Cooperative (FC) in Ames, Iowa as the Senior Vice President in charge of Agronomy and Feed. Pearson holds a Bachelors Degree from Iowa State University and has been with FC for nine years.

Larry Arndt, Art Halstead, Chris Pearson, Travis Stallkamp, Jeffrey Stoburg, and Dave Tierney were elected to At-Large positions. Steve Meyerholz will represent District 6 on the Board, and Robert Haney will sit in the Affiliate position.

**Travis Stallkamp** leads a team of 57 employees as the Business Development Manager for Hagie Manufacturing. Hagie is a direct-to-customer manufacturer and producer of the world's first self-propelled crop sprayer. Before joining Hagie in 2007, Stallkamp was employed by McCormick International USA, a tractor manufacturer based out of Norcross, Georgia.

Get to know the newest AAI Board members:

**Larry Arndt** is the Sales and Marketing Team Leader for MaxYield Cooperative. The company has 16 different locations spotted along the Highway 18 corridor of North central and North West Iowa. Arndt has worked in retail for both the cooperative and independent side of the industry for most of his 40 years in agribusiness.

**Jeffrey Stoburg** serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of West Central Cooperative, as well as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Renewable Energy Group, Inc. West Central is a diversified grain handling and soybean-processing cooperative. Renewable Energy Group, Inc. is the biodiesel industry leader of B100 sales.

**Art Halstead** manages 200 contract grow out hog production producers in Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois as the Manager of Grow/Finish for Cargill Pork. Halstead graduated from Iowa State University in 1990 with a BS in Animal Sciences and began working with Cargill Pork's contract sow operation in Arkansas.

**Dave Tierney** is the Regional Director of Government Affairs for Monsanto. His responsibilities include oversight of all state legislative and regulatory activities across the upper Midwest. Besides his role with Monsanto, Tierney has also served on numerous committees/board of directors for multiple associations with interests in agriculture across Iowa.

**Robert Haney** was elected the President of Rain and Hail L.L.C. and Rain and Hail Insurance Service Inc. in 2009. Haney's responsibilities at Rain and Hail include the leadership and oversight of eight U.S. crop division offices, the agribusiness property and casualty operation, as well as the international operations.

Thank you to everyone who voted for the AAI Board of Directors. AAI staff and the Board look forward to serving the membership and Iowa agriculture in 2010.

**Steve Meyerholz** is the Agronomy Manager for

### Tier 2 Reports for Hazardous Substances due in March

The DNR is reminding facilities and businesses required to complete Tier 2 chemical inventory reports that the reports are due by close of business on March 1, 2010.

Planning and Community Right to Know Act.

The DNR is using an online reporting tool for facilities to submit their Tier 2 forms at [www.iowadnr.gov/epcra/tier2.html](http://www.iowadnr.gov/epcra/tier2.html).

Facilities are required to submit reports if they store hazardous substances at or above certain threshold levels. The reports are required by the Emergency

Contact Elonda Bacon, EPCRA Coordinator, at (515) 725-0302 or [Elonda.Bacon@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Elonda.Bacon@dnr.iowa.gov) with any questions.



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## DOT Targets Nurse Tank Owners and Operators

2009 resulted in a significant number of Department of Transportation (DOT) inspections at anhydrous ammonia sites with nurse tanks. The inspections were focused on the level of compliance regarding nurse tanks, especially those with illegible or missing ASME dataplates. The DOT also came under pressure in 2009 for their handling of the Special Permit program.

AAI was also informed that many companies are unknowingly sending nurse tanks onto the roads with noncompliant placards. The issue stems from a border that was painted white by the retailer

supplying the placards. This white border blends in with the nurse tank, making the placard appear smaller than it is and violates regulations.

The combination of increased awareness with a renewed motivation by the agency to prove they are adequately capable of administering these special programs will result in increased enforcement. If you are currently operating nurse tanks that have missing or illegible ASME data plates, you must take immediate action or risk being put out of service when the DOT visits.

### Non-Compliant

The following nurse tank is not in compliance because the border surrounding its placard is white and blends in with the tank. **Please note:** if your nurse tank is not white and your tanks have this placard you are in compliance. The key is for the border of the placard and the tank to be a different color.



### Compliant

The following nurse tank is in compliance. There is a clear border on the placard that is a different color than the nurse tank.

## EPA Reminder for Anhydrous Ammonia Facilities

In 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established an online system to receive corrections and re-submittals of Risk Management Plans (RMP). As of January 1, 2010, the EPA Risk Management Plan Reporting Center will no longer accept the old RMP Submit 2004 disks.

streamline the submittal process once the facility has set up an account in RMP eSubmit. The one time account setup can be done at any time, but should be initiated at least one month prior to the actual five-year anniversary date. The reporting center will continue to accept paper forms for the few facilities that certify that they do not have access to a computer. For further information contact George Hess, EPA Region 7 environmental scientist at 913.551.7540 or [hess.george@epa.gov](mailto:hess.george@epa.gov).

The online system has many enhancements which should

### Upcoming AAI Committee Meetings & Events

- Showcase & Conference Committee Meeting: Jan. 19, 2010, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Agronomy Committee Meeting: Jan. 25, 2010, 10:00 - 2:00, AAI
- AAI Board Meeting: Feb. 9, 2010, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, AAI

For additional information and to view more upcoming events, go to the AAI website at [www.agribiz.org](http://www.agribiz.org) for.

### AAI Membership Value

#### 2010 Agribusiness Showcase & Conference

**Attend for a Chance to Win \$10,000 in Shotguns from Bass Pro Shop!**

Registration forms for the 2010 Agribusiness Showcase and Conference are now available. This conference will showcase industry innovation and technology through featured speakers, presentations, and exhibitors.

The 2010 Agribusiness Showcase and Conference will feature innovative opportunities for Certified Crop Advisers (CCAs) to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Two days of CEUs will offer CCAs up to 14 credit hours. The first day of the convention is the Ag Industry and Crop Management Conference where CCAs will have the chance to earn CEUs by attending various workshops and seminars. Speakers were chosen with the input and assistance of the Iowa Certified Crop Advisers; they are specialists from industry, academia, and regulatory bodies.

On the evening of the first day, February 9, the All

Industry Reception, AAI Annual Meeting and CCA Awards Banquet will take place at Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino in Altoona. During the Banquet Former U.S. Trade Ambassador, Allen Johnson will be presenting.

The second day of the 2010 Agribusiness Showcase and Conference will offer CEU credit hours as part of the innovative "indoor field day." The indoor field-day is a CEU event that will allow CCAs to visit with vendors about emerging technologies, innovative applications, and cutting edge stewardship practices. The Showcase floor is also open to any industry professional wishing to view the latest innovations and technology.

For additional information and to register, go to: <https://agribiz.org/content/category/11/48/140/>.