



**E-MEMBER** program

## NSP ELEVATOR MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### What is E-Membership?

NSP is proud to partner with elevators around the country through its Elevator Membership program. The E-Member Program is a voluntary program for elevators who recognize the importance of legislative representation in Washington, D.C., and state capitols and want the best in sorghum education for their business and customers.

### How does the E-Member Program work?

E-Members collect \$0.0028/cwt and remit it to the National Sorghum Producers and state organizations as membership dues on behalf of their growers for legislative and regulatory support. Elevators may deduct dues from producers or pay membership dues on behalf of their grower customers.

### Benefits of E-Membership

As an E-Member, your staff and farmer customers receive NSP and individual state membership. You may designate all producers who deliver to your facility to receive NSP membership, which includes the following benefits:

- First-class federal and state legislative and regulatory representation for sorghum.
- Subscription to *Sorghum Grower* magazine, the official magazine of NSP and the sorghum industry.
- NSP's weekly policy and industry newsletter, Sorghum Notes.
- Eligibility to enter the NSP Yield Contest. National and state winners are honored at Commodity Classic annually.

### What has NSP done for the industry lately?

E-Membership is an easy way of ensuring the sorghum industry's continued growth and profitability. NSP continues their work to educate leaders on the benefits of sorghum. In addition, NSP works hard to ensure fair policy and legislation on behalf of all sorghum growers and industries utilizing sorghum in their day-to-day operations. Help us help you. Recent examples of NSP's work for the sorghum industry include:

- Ending the China investigations into U.S. sorghum **ended a 178.6% tariff** that caused sorghum trade into China to cease.
- NSP remains engaged in all ongoing trade negotiations.
- When the readopted California Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) took effect in January 2019, sorghum ethanol scored similar to that of corn ethanol, **giving sorghum producers a \$60,000,000 victory** in a key environmental market.
- Worked with legislators on the 2018 Farm Bill; maintained the current **reference price for sorghum at \$3.95 per bushel**, which brought approximately **\$564,000,000 to sorghum producers in 2018 and 2019**.
- Sorghum Producers received \$0.86 per bushel in the initial trade payments totaling roughly **\$313,000,000**. Payments in 2019 were **\$1.69 per bushel**, providing additional assistance.
- National Sorghum Producers secured approximately **\$135,000 in USDA grants to provide risk management education** to sorghum growers.
- NSP is actively involved in assisting FGIS with issues concerning sorghum marketing.
- NSP is actively engaged with the Environmental Protection Agency to maintain registration for herbicides and pesticides essential to U.S. agriculture production.

### More about NSP

NSP is a non-profit organization representing sorghum growers from coast to coast in legislative and regulatory matters. Visit [www.SorghumGrowers.com](http://www.SorghumGrowers.com) for more information, and for questions regarding the E-Membership Program, contact Jesse McCurry ([jesse@ksgrainsorghum.org](mailto:jesse@ksgrainsorghum.org)) and Tim Lust ([tim@sorghumgrowers.com](mailto:tim@sorghumgrowers.com)).