Corn Growers Association of North Carolina, Inc.

**1. Why is the referendum held?** North Carolina law declares it to be in the public interest that the farmers engaged in the production of corn may have the opportunity and privilege to act jointly in raising reasonable and necessary funds to promote all phases of marketing, production and use.

**2. Under what question does the corn producer vote?** The producers vote for, or against, an assessment of .30% of settlement of corn marketed.

**3. Who will conduct the referendum?** The Corn Growers Association of North Carolina, Incorporated, has been designated by the State Board of Agriculture under authority of the law to conduct this referendum.

**4. Who is eligible to vote in the referendum?** All farmers currently engaged in the production of #2 yellow dent corn intended for livestock feed, including tenants, sharecroppers or other persons sharing in production income of corn.

**5. Where will the polling places be located?** Polling places will be set up in one or more places in each corn producing county. Your County Extension Director or agent will have the information as to the exact polling place(s) in your county.

**6. If a person cannot be present on the date of the referendum, is there any way he can vote?** No, he must vote at the places and times designated in the referendum. It is not possible to vote by mail, proxy, or agent during this referendum.

**7. What time can I vote?** During regular business hours of your County Cooperative Extension Office.

**8. May a person who has more than one farm producing corn vote for each farm.** No farmer, whether an individual, partnership or corporation firm, association or other legal entity, will be entitled to more than one vote.

**9. What number of favorable votes are required to carry the referendum?** Two-thirds of the votes cast must be in favor of the assessment for it to pass.

**10. Can I get a refund?** Yes, the law provides that any producer who does not wish to support the program may apply for a refund of any money collected by the buyer under the assessment program by writing within 30 days directly to the Corn Growers Association Treasurer, at P. O. Box 1655, Elizabethtown, NC 28337.

**13. Who will administer the program after the referendum carries?** The Association’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee formulate a budget to be used in promotion and market development programs, funding research and education. The Association is also actively working on funding an endowed chair position at NC State University to ensure that the NC State Cropping Specialist for Corn is filled with the most qualified candidates available, in perpetuity.

**12. Will the corn producers know how much money is collected as a result of the assessment?** The Corn Growers Association of N. C. will make an annual report at its scheduled Annual Meeting as required by law. At this time the report will be available for anyone to review.

**13. Where can I get further information regarding the referendum?** From your County Extension Office, Rhonda Garrison with the Corn Growers Association, (919) 803-4778 and Karla Frizzell of N. C. State University (919) 515-3252.

**14. How long will the assessment be in effect?** For a six-year period beginning with the 2023 crop harvest season and continuing through the 2028.