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Rick Tolman serves as chief executive officer of the National Corn Growers Association, a farmer-led trade association with offices in St. Louis and Washington.

Tolman joined NCGA in September 2000. He previously served as executive director for the U.S. Grains Council, a non-profit organization that promotes the use of U.S. barley, corn, sorghum and related products worldwide. In addition, Tolman has served as marketing planning manager for the Advanced Harvesting Systems Group at International Harvester Company, market research analyst for the Gehl Company, an equipment manufacturer, and a graduate research assistant at Purdue University.



Tolman has chaired the CEO Advisory Committee of the U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance, which he helped found in 2010, and has served on the USDA Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee for grains and oilseeds. Tolman is a member of the Society of Industrial Leaders and is an expert on agriculture for the Gerson Lehrman Group Councils. He also has served as a guest researcher with the Japan Science and Technology Agency.

Tolman was recognized as the 2008 Agribusiness Leader of the Year by the National Agri-Marketing Association. The award honors outstanding leaders in agribusiness, education, government service or other agribusiness related areas who exemplify excellence in agribusiness by their significant contributions to the industry.

Tolman is a graduate of Brigham Young University and received his master's degree in agricultural economics from Purdue University. He and his wife, Linda, have five children and reside in Ballwin, Mo.

Founded in 1957, the National Corn Growers Association represents 38,000 dues-paying corn growers and the interests of more than 300,000 farmers who contribute through corn checkoff programs in their states. NCGA and its 48 affiliated state associations and checkoff organizations work together to help protect and advance corn growers' interests.