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Nebraska Wheat Growers Association elects new president

Nebraska Wheat Growers Association (NWGA) members elected Michael Thomas Jr. of Ogallala, Neb. as the new association president during their annual meeting, December 11, 2013. He succeeds Dayton Christensen of Big Springs, Neb.

Thomas was elected to the NWGA Board of Directors in 2009. Since then he has served as a Nebraska delegate to the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), has served on the NAWG Biotechnology and Research Committee and participated in several NAWG research fly-ins in Washington, DC. He has also been active in several NWGA Mobile Baking Lab events.

Thomas and his family farm wheat, corn and edible beans in Keith, Perkins and Deuel counties. Thomas is also a graduate of the Nebraska LEAD Program.

"I am excited about serving Nebraska's wheat farmers in this new capacity," Thomas said. "Our industry faces many challenges including biotechnology, the gluten-free diet trend and a growing gap of knowledge between producers and consumers. I look forward to working with our state's wheat farmers and our association members in addressing those issues."

The Nebraska Wheat Growers Association is a non-profit, membership-based organization that works to improve and stabilize the profitability of the Nebraska wheat producer. NWGA works to do this by representing Nebraska's wheat producers in state and national policy and providing educational opportunities to producers and consumers.

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