

Fred Yoder

Fred Yoder is a fourth generation farmer who has lived and farmed near Plain City, Ohio, for more than 40 years. Along with his wife, Debbie, and his two children, he grows corn, soybeans and wheat on his farm of 1,800 acres. His family also operates a retail seed and precision planter business, as well as serving as an agronomic consultant to many area farmers.

Fred has served as President of the National Corn Growers Association. He has also served for many years in the Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association in various leadership positions. He also served as Chairman of the NCGA's Biotech Working Group, which helped to develop protocols to ensure that new emerging technologies could be used safely on the farm while protecting other existing crop systems.

Fred has traveled many times to the European Union to speak about co-existence of production systems, where both organic and other production systems can thrive side by side as neighbors. He is spending a great deal of time these days addressing the issues of pending climate policy, conservation, and sustainability concerns. He is a co-chair of the Board of Directors of Solutions from the Land (SfL), a non-profit organization working with the Global Alliance of Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA), enabling developed and developing countries to ramp up global food production and distribution in a sustainable way, and serves as chair of the North American Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance (NACSAA), a regional sector that facilitates the global initiative. He is also active in working with the UN Climate initiative showcasing how agriculture can adapt to changing weather patterns and reducing our carbon footprint.