

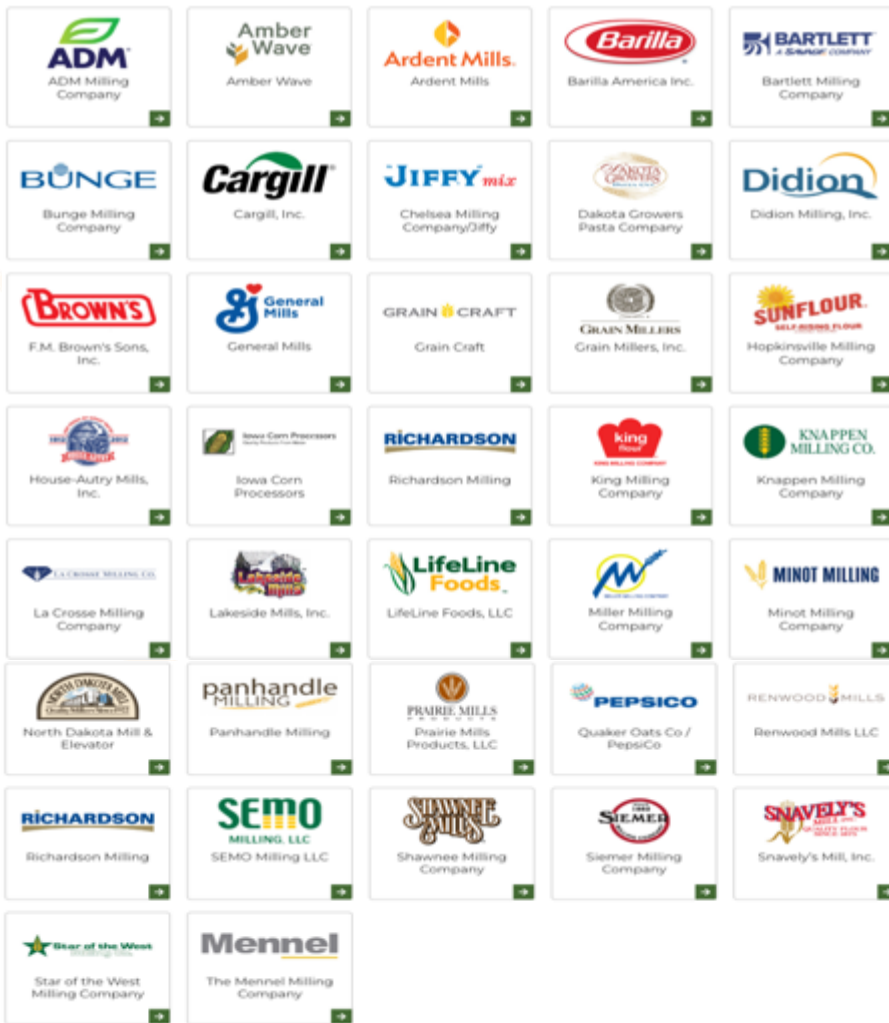


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## Presentation to CNMA

Jane DeMarchi  
President





**NAMA's member companies operate mills in 32 states, Puerto Rico, and Canada.**

# U.S. Politics - State of Play

- Dynamics
  - House - Republican control - slim majority
  - Senate - Democrats control - slim majority
  - Executive Branch - Democrats control
- Presidential/congressional 2024 politics on the rise
- Government fiscal year begins October 1- Shutdown extremely likely
- Farm Bill
  - Authorizes farm safety net programs, food assistance programs, research
  - Set to expire September 30 - Delayed
  - No significant impact until January

# Farm Bill Outlook

- Huge ideological differences
  - Spending
  - Domestic & international food aid
  - Conservation
  - Regional differences
- Committee Leadership
  - House Ag: Chair GT Thompson (R-PA)/RM David Scott (D-GA)
  - Senate Ag: Chair Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)/RM John Boozman (R-AR)

# NAMA Farm Bill Priorities

- Food Aid
- Nutrition
- Sustainability
- Research



# Sustainability

- Voluntary programs on working lands
- Recognition of benefits of crop rotation
- Technical assistance for farmers



North American Millers' Association

Published by Sarah Hubbard · April 29

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The Senate Agriculture Committee hosted its first #farmbill field hearing today in Michigan. North American Millers' Association member Star of the West Milling Company's testimony discussed how technology can deliver quantifiable environmental benefits – while nourishing communities.

Read the full testimony and watch a video archive of the hearing:

<https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/.../growing-jobs-and-...>

Learn about NAMA's #sustainability priorities: <https://namamillers.org/priority/sustainability/>.

"The **farm bill** can support regional food processors and markets, and help institutional buyers like schools and hospitals access locally grown grains, legumes, and other food items.

This will help **bolster markets** for new and emerging crops, and **nourish** some of our most vulnerable populations."

- Lisa Woodke,  
Star of the West  
Sustainability Director



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# Research



U.S. Wheat and Barley  
Scab Initiative

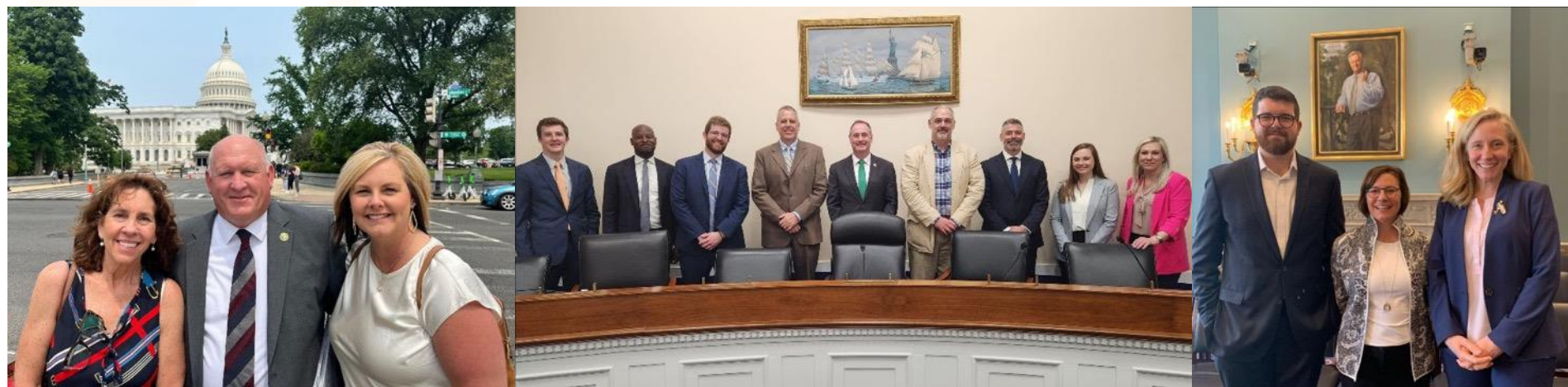
Funding for Oat Research

Various ag research  
initiatives/facilities



# Advocacy

- In May 2023, NAMA welcomed representatives from 11 NAMA member companies who participated in 56 meetings with congressional offices,





# Members of Congress Visit Mills



# Current Regulatory Issues

- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
  - Inspections - 50% new inspectors in last 3 years
    - Recent emphasis on mycotoxins
    - NAMA research on aflatoxin in wheat
  - “Closer to Zero”: reducing heavy metals in foods

# Milling Industry Work Plan on Pathogens

Educating Regulators

Consumer education

- Labeling on package
- Partnering with others

Evaluating prevalence in wheat

- Multiple studies show low incidence

Evaluating pathogen reduction technologies

# Education for Regulators



*June 2022 FDA Wheat and Mill Tour*



# Food Safety - Consumer Resources

- Available online at:  
[namamillers.org/consumer-resources/consumer-food-safety/](http://namamillers.org/consumer-resources/consumer-food-safety/)
- Focused on raising awareness that flour is a raw ingredient and correcting misconceptions, such as the safety of heat treating flour at home

# Collaboration: National Food Safety Education Month

HEALTHY LIVING

## DON'T FORGET ABOUT FLOUR WHEN IT COMES TO FOOD SAFETY

September 11, 2023 By Meghan Grebner Filed Under: Healthy Living



- Issued press release and created social media toolkit with flour food safety messages to share throughout September 2023
- Amplified resources from FDA, CDC, and the Partnership For Food Safety Education





# Next Generation of Millers



**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

**HOMETOWN:** *Grace Young*

- Osawatomie, Kansas

**MAJOR:**

- Milling Science & Management, Bakery Science & Management, & Global Food Systems Leadership

**PAST INTERNSHIPS:**

- She is participating in undergraduate research at K-State and will intern with Grain Craft in Idaho this summer

**WHY A DEGREE IN MILLING?**

- It's a perfect combo of her interests in agriculture, plants, & science - plus, the people who work in milling are very kind and willing to help each other

**ADVICE FOR FUTURE MILLING STUDENTS:**

- Take advantage of every opportunity

**FAVE MILLED GRAIN PRODUCT:**

- Any type of pasta



- Partnership with Kansas State University



Celebrate scholarship winners

# NAMA D.C. Experience 2023

The **NAMA D.C. Experience** provides interns and early career professionals an opportunity to learn about how policy is made.





# Global Center for Grain and Food Innovation





# K-State Ag Innovation Initiative Grain Science & Industry Specific

1. Facility Reimagining (GCGFI) – Interdisciplinary Approach
2. Re-engagement with Industry
3. Enhancements of Non-Resident Scholarships –  
[Wildcat Nonresident Award](#) (out of state/country)
4. Hiring of a Dedicated Recruiter

Casey Doyle  
Admissions Representative  
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785-410-9641  
[cdoyle27@ksu.edu](mailto:cdoyle27@ksu.edu)



# Upcoming Events



- **2024 Spring Conference:** March 9-12, 2024
- **2025 Spring Conference:** March 8-11, 2025

# Learn More

- Visit [namamillers.org](https://namamillers.org) to learn more about NAMA's priorities and access technical resources



Allergens ^

Chemicals ^

Mycotoxins ^

Outbreak Prevention ^

Pathogens ^

Microbiological Research ^

Pest Management ^

Physical Hazards ^

Sanitation ^





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