

Sarah Delbecq, DeKalb County

Sarah Delbecq is the sixth generation to grow corn, soybeans and wheat on her family's farm in DeKalb county. Brechbill Farms has been in her family since 1864. She and her husband, Benoit, have been farming in the Auburn, Ind. area since 2014. In addition to adopting a number of new technologies on the farm, they use conservation practices such as no-till, cover crops, and nutrient management.

Delbecq currently serves on boards for Indiana Corn Marketing Council, Indiana Corn Growers Association, DeKalb County Farm Bureau, DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District, DeKalb County Plan Commission, and Beacon Credit Union.

Prior to returning to the farm, Delbecq worked in Washington, DC for the Economic Research Service at the US Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Economic Analysis at the US Department of Commerce.

"I hope to see increased membership among Indiana corn farmers," Delbecq said of her goals as ICGA president. "We need more grassroots engagement to reach policymakers. We need thorough explanations of policies, including how those policies will impact Indiana farmers."

Delbecq has earned a bachelor's degree in government from Georgetown University, a master's degree in agricultural economics from Purdue University and another master's degree in public policy from the University of Chicago.

"I would like to provide a young and diverse viewpoint to the board," Delbecq said. "I want to contribute to the responsible management of checkoff dollars and help develop and maintain markets and uses for Indiana corn."

