

## ASA Elects New Officers for 2012

The Board of Directors of the American Soybean Association (ASA) has confirmed Steve Wellman from Syracuse, Nebraska, as President and Alan Kemper from Lafayette, Indiana, as Chairman. Board members also elected Danny Murphy from Canton, Mississippi, to serve as First Vice President, an office that places Murphy in line to be ASA President in 2013.

Also elected were Randy Mann from Auburn, Kentucky, as Secretary, and Bob Henry from Robinson, Kansas, as Treasurer. Four Vice Presidents were also elected: Ray Gaesser from Corning, Iowa; Bob Worth from Lake Benton, Minnesota; Richard Wilkins from Greenwood, Delaware; and Wade Cowan from Brownfield, Texas. These soybean farmer-leaders form the nine-member ASA Executive Committee. Elections were held on Wednesday, Dec. 7, during ASA's winter Board of Director's meeting in Saint Louis, Mo.

"My goals include increasing demand for soybeans and soybean products, addressing regulatory issues to keep farmers competitive globally, seeking fair farm bill provisions for growers, promoting more ag trade and continuing ASA's leadership development programs," Wellman said. "Global demand for soy has increased 145 percent since 1990 and it is anticipated demand will continue to increase. Policy including a sound crop insurance program complemented by a revenue program that does not distort planting decisions is needed to help ensure the U.S. soybean farmer can manage production and price risk while producing soybeans to meet the needs of our consumers domestically and internationally."

The ASA Board of Directors is made up of 45 Directors representing 26 affiliated state and multi-state soybean associations and Canada. ASA represents all U.S. soybean farmers on domestic and international issues of importance to the soybean industry. ASA's advocacy efforts are made possible through voluntary membership in ASA by over 21,000 farmers in 30 states where soybeans are grown.

More information about ASA programs and policy issues can be found on the web at SoyGrowers.com, where an application for membership can also be submitted online.

### American Soybean Association 2012 Executive Committee



Steve Wellman (NE)  
President



Alan Kemper (IN)  
Chairman



Danny Murphy (MS)  
First Vice President



Randy Mann (KY)  
Secretary



Bob Henry (KS)  
Treasurer



Ray Gaesser (IA)  
Vice President



Bob Worth (MN)  
Vice President



Richard Wilkins (DE)  
Vice President



Wade Cowan (TX)  
Vice President