



## Phillip “Chip” Councell



Phillip “Chip” Councell currently serves as President of MAIZALL. Founded in 2013, MAIZALL is an alliance of the main corn producers and exporters associations of the Americas – Argentina, Brazil and the United States. MAIZALL’s objective is to communicate from a farmer’s perspective the benefits of modern agriculture to policy-makers and stakeholders around the world, and to address trade barriers to the introduction of agricultural technologies that are needed to ensure food security today and in the future.

Councell’s family farm is located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and consists of 2,850 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, fresh market vegetables and timber. The farm includes an agri-tourism operation offering a fruit and vegetable stand, an annual straw maze, and a pick-your-own-pumpkin patch.

Councell’s family includes his wife, Jo Ann, and two children, Melissa and Jason. His entire family is actively involved on the farm. He and his family were inducted into the Maryland governor’s Agriculture Hall of Farm in 2014 for undertaking significant work on behalf of Maryland’s farming community. In addition, the Tri-County Ruritan club, which is a community service organization, presented the Councell family with a citizen of the year award for community support and involvement in 2010. The Talbot Soil Conservation District also named Councell Farms the 2010 cooperator of the year for its conservation practices. He was recognized in 2016 by the Maryland Grain Producers Association with the Dr. James R. Miller Award, given annually for exceptional and long-term contributions to the grain industry.

Phillip “Chip” Councell is also a past chairman of the U.S. Grains Council, a non-profit organization that promotes the global use of U.S. barley, corn, sorghum and related products including ethanol and distiller’s dried grains with solubles (DDGS).