

Hubler Is Top Pa. Corn Grower

The 1973 Funk's-G Project: 200 high yield corn growing champion for Pennsylvania is Robert B. Hubler of Lewisburg. His authenticated yield of 173.8 bushels per acre was made with Funk's G-4444.

Project:200 is America's largest high yield corn growing contest. It was designed to challenge growers to increase corn yields on their land for greater productivity and profit. More than 15,000 U. S. and Canadian growers submitted Project:200 yields during the past three years. The contest is sponsored by the producers of Funk's G-Hybrids.

Hubler's state championship yield of 173.8 bushels per acre was produced on 2.3 acres.

His fertility program consisted of 119 pounds of nitrogen, 77 pounds of phosphate and 38 pounds of potash per acre. This was applied as preplant and starter.

His contest corn was planted on June 2 in 38-inch rows. A herbicide and an insecticide were applied.

Hubler harvested his corn on October 20. Moisture content at harvest was 27.15 percent. As is the case with all Project:200 entries, this was converted to No. 2 corn in calculating the winning yield of 173.8 bushels per acre.

An engraved plaque will be presented to Hubler in recognition of the winning yield.

To qualify for the contest, Project:200 participants agree to harvest as shelled corn, a minimum of two acres from not less than four adjacent rows running the full length of the field. Information on the area harvested, grain weight and moisture content is verified by a disinterested witness. Final yields are reported on the basis of No. 2 corn.

The 1973 national winner is Orville Montri of LaSalle, Michigan. Montri shattered the world record for corn production with a yield of

306.6 bushels per acre from a measured 4.4 acres. His hybrid was Funk's G-4444. The former record of 304.38 bushels per acre was established in 1955 by Lamar Ratliff an FFA member from Prentiss County, Mississippi, using a Gunk's G-Hybrid.

Each Project:200 participant receives special recognition for his entry State winners, such as Hubler, receive engraved plaques. Regional and national champions are presented with engraved silver trophies. As the national winner, Orville Montri received a 1974 pickup truck in recognition of his world record yield.

Information gained from the 1973 Project:200 shows a larger number of growers spring plowed their contest corn this year. This was due to unusual weather conditions in the fall of 1972. A majority sidedressed nitrogen and applied phosphate and potash as a starter.

Narrow rows continued to increase in popularity. For example, among the state, regional and national winners, only 11 growers used a spacing of 38 inches or more. The largest number, 15, used 30-inch rows. The remainder preferred between 27 and 36-inch rows.

Far more growers used a herbicide than those reporting insecticide use. Over half of the participants cultivated the contest corn after planting.

The contest is educational as well as rewarding. Information regarding Project:200 entries is computerized by Funk Seeds International, Inc. It is then summarized and made available to corn growers everywhere. With this information, producers can compare their growing methods with those used by other top corn growers.

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