

# Delaware honors top irrigated corn producer

DOVER, Del. — Top achievers in Delaware's 1980 Irrigated Corn Program were recognized during a special ceremony at the state's annual corn irrigation conference November 24 at the Sheraton

Inn in Dover

First prize went to New Castle County farmer Bill Haas of Middletown for his record-breaking 291 bushel yield.

The Carlisle brothers, Keith and Richard, of

Greenwood got the highest Sussex County yield—180 bushels per acre from an irrigated field near Ellendale

Bob and Dave Winkler of Harrington produced the



Middletown farmer Bill Haas accepts silver bowl from Delaware Secretary of Agriculture Alden Hopkins in recognition for his record-setting irrigated corn yield. Award was presented during recent statewide irrigation conference in Dover.

Kent County irrigated high of 163 bushels

State Secretary of Agriculture Alden Hopkins presented silver bowls to each of the winners

Commenting on Haas' achievement of nearly 300 bushels, Hopkins said, "We farmers look up to him and his family with thanksgiving that such a yield can be achieved in Delaware"

About 70 irrigated fields were involved in the extension-sponsored program last summer. Estimated irrigated corn yields this year are about 25 bushels higher than in 1979, according to University of Delaware extension agronomist William Mitchell

# Cozy cat saves energy

DELAWARE — New Castle County 4-H members recently learned that cats are very effective in saving energy, especially if it is a Cozy Cat doorstep! 4-H'ers combined their sewing, crafts and home environment talents & made door stops of calico material in the shape of a cat. Besides a door stop, their 3½ foot long tails can be tucked next to a drafty door to keep out the cold! The cat's base is filled with sand and polyester fiber, its tail is and-filled. The finishing touches were added with felt, ribbon and buttons. Besides having lots of fun, 4-H'ers found an easy way to

help the family save energy. Many friends of program participants will receive these as Christmas presents.

If you are interested in receiving the pattern and directions free for making this energy-saving cat, just call the New Castle County 4-H Office at 738-8965 or send your request to County 4-H Office, 120 Agricultural Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19711.



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