

## McPherson tops York corn contest

YORK — In a year beset with drought, New Park R1 fruit and grain grower Paul McPherson topped other contenders for the top yield in the 1980 corn growing contest.

He and other competitors were honored during York County's annual corn clinic, held last week at the York 4-H Center.

McPherson's five-acre test plot grew an average of 170.1 bushels per acre from Pioneer 3184 seed. That plot had the lowest estimated population of the county's two dozen contest entries, with an average of 14.4-inch spacing and 14,562 plants per acre.

Total available plant nutrients, from applied fertilizer and soil carryover, was an estimated 212 pounds nitrogen, 469 pounds phosphorus and 533 pounds

potassium.

Second high yield was on the plot entered by Harold Miller, Jr., with a 165.7 bushel per acre yield of DeKalb XL23. Miller's was a narrow-row planting of 20,278 plants per acre, with 8.6 inches spacing and available fertilizer of 365 nitrogen, 479 phosphorus and 575 potassium.

Kevin Holtzinger, Windsor, took a close third place, with a yield of 164.3 bushels on a stand of 25,349 plants per acre. Nutrient levels were estimated at 83 pounds of nitrogen, 263 phosphorus and 48 pounds potassium. Holtzinger planted Pioneer 3382.

Other top-ten yield winners were: Hughes Manifold, Stewartstown, 159.4 bushels of P-A-G SX98; Donald Meckley, Brodbeck's, 157.8 bushels of Doebler's

70XSS; Lester Luckenbaugh, Spring Grove, 155.6 of DeKalb XL71; John Marsteller, Sr., Stewartstown, 153.6 bushels of DeKalb XL55; Robert Ragland, Stewartstown, 147.0 bushels of

DeKalb XL61; Druck Farms, York, 143.9 bushels of DeKalb XL72B; and Richard Townsend, 142.8 bushels of Pioneer 3184.

Blue ribbons for outstanding three-year yield averages were

also presented to Hughes Manifold and Lester Luckenbaugh. Manifold averaged 158.3 bushels per acre on the past three years to testing, while Luckenbaugh averaged 151.7 on the program.—JB



Top York corn growers, from left, are Paul McPherson, Harold Miller, Hughes Manifold, Donald Meckley, Richard Luckenbaugh, and John Marsteller.

## Penn Stater's looking for experience on farms

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"We have an increasing number of students in our agriculture program who lack farm experience. Many of these students

would be most appreciative of any opportunity to work on a farm in the summer with little regard to pay. In other words, experience is much more important than pay," he said.

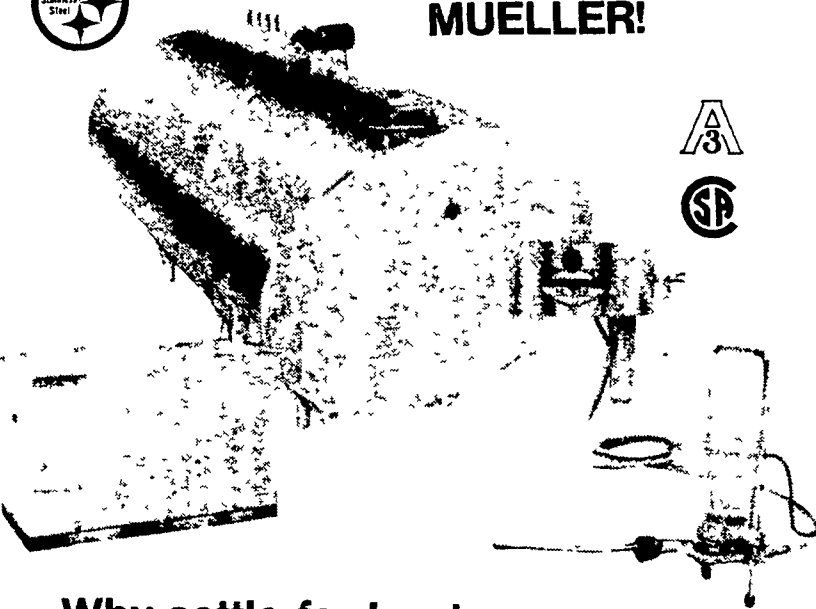
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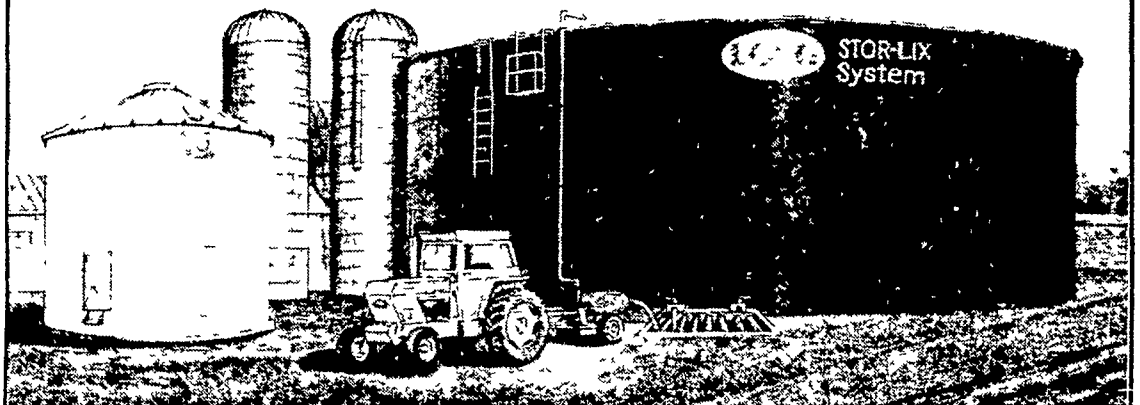
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