

# Coble, Bomberger top 5-Acre Corn Clubs

HERSHEY — The winners of the 5-Acre Corn Club for Dauphin and Lebanon Counties were announced Thursday during the Corn and Soybean Day, held here at Founders Hall.

The top grower in Dauphin County was David Coble, R1 Hershey with his 136.5 bushel per acre yield of ear corn. Coble planted Pioneer Brand 3382 at the rate of 22,626 plants per acre with an 8 7 inch spacing. His three-year average was 135.1 bushels per acre.

Cyrus Bomberger, R5 Lebanon, received a blue ribbon for his winning 165.7 bushels per acre of shelled Pioneer Brand 3382. He planted at a rate of 21,944 plants per acre with 9 5 inch spacing. Bomberger's three year average was 148 bushels per acre.

These top yields were attained despite the drought conditions that plagued the two counties last summer.

Milton Hershey School Farm came in second in Dauphin County with a 126.1 bushels per acre yield on Pioneer Brand 3184 shelled corn for 1980. However, they did take a blue ribbon for their three-year average of 162.7 bushels per acre.

Other Lebanon County winners included

— Galen Boyd, 160.2 bushels per acre of 897 Schlessman SX802 ear corn, with a three-year average of 157.4 bushels per acre,

— Mark Hitz, 149.9 bushels per acre of Pioneer Brand 3382 shelled corn;

— Henry Royer, 146.1 bushels per acre of Pioneer Brand 3184 ear corn,

— Daryl Alger, 138.5 bushels per acre of DeKalb XL55A shelled corn, with a three-year average of 145 bushels per acre;

— Mark and J. Richard Bomberger, 136.6 bushels per acre of O's Gold 5500AB ear corn, with a three-year average of 139 bushels per acre;

— Gerald Hoffer, 131.5 bushels per acre of DeKalb XL53 shelled corn;

— Amos Balsbaugh, Jr., 125.4 bushels per acre of Pioneer Brand 3382 ear corn;

— Floyd Moore, 121.1 bushels per acre of DeKalb 55A ear corn; and

— Richard Kreider, 118.9 bushels per acre of Pioneer Brand 3382 ear corn.

Farmers attending the conference heard from various experts in the fields of crops and soils.

Ray Shupp, Penn State Extension  
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Receiving their awards for Lebanon County's 5-Acre Corn Club during the Corn and Soybean Day held Thursday are: from left, Richard Kreider, Lebanon; Galen Boyd,

Lebanon; Floyd Moore, Lebanon; Richard Bomberger, Lebanon; Gerald Hoffer, R1 Annaville; Mark Hitz, Lebanon; and Cyrus Bomberger, R5 Lebanon.



David Coble, left, of R1 Hershey and Al Dugan of the Milton Hershey School Farms were the top two corn growers in last year's 5-Acre Corn Club in Dauphin County.

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